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**JUANITA B. LUIS TO RECEIVE 2007
KIRSTEN CHRISTOPHE MEMORIAL AWARD**

CHICAGO, July 9, 2007 — The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section will honor Juanita Bolland Luis of Little Canada, Minnesota with the Kirsten Christophe Memorial Award for Excellence in Tort Trial and Insurance Law. The award will be presented during the 2007 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco at the Section Annual Awards Luncheon, on Aug. 11, at the Westin St. Francis Hotel. The luncheon will be held from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the California West Room on the second floor.

The Kirsten Christophe Memorial Award for Excellence in Tort Trial and Insurance Law is named for Kirsten Christophe, a former TIPS Council member who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, in the World Trade Center attack. This award is given annually to recognize a section member who demonstrates expertise in the areas of insurance law or trial practice, and who personifies the exemplary attributes of Kirsten - balancing career, profession and family, in both life and practice.

Section Chair Peter Neeson of Philadelphia said: "Nita Luis' dedication to the profession and her strong sense of commitment to the ABA and TIPS makes her an excellent candidate for this award. Nita has shown the legal community and her peers that through perseverance and dedication you can have it all, a successful career and loving family."

Luis, Associate General Counsel for UnitedHealth Group in Minnetonka, MN, has been a long-time member of the ABA and TIPS and has held various leadership positions within TIPS. Luis received her J.D. cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1977. She completed her B.A. magna cum laude in 1972 from the University of Minnesota.

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Luis began her legal career with The St. Paul Companies, Inc. (now Traveler's) in 1978 and advanced to Group General Counsel. She founded Luis Legal Services in 1995 and worked as a legal consultant on corporate transactions and insurance regulation until joining UnitedHealth Group.

Currently, Luis serves as Chair of the TIPS Corporate Counsel Committee and on the Corporate Governance Task Force and Website Editorial Board and is the incoming Chair of the Professionals', Officers' & Directors' Liability General Committee. Luis has served as a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight and previously chaired the TIPS Communications Coordinating Group, Publications Editorial Board, and *TortSource* publication, of which she was a founder.

Luis' commitment to excellence extends beyond the ABA. She serves as a University Senate Honors Committee member for the University of Minnesota. She is a past member of a number of committees, including the University Senate Advisory Committee on Athletics and the national board of directors for the University of Minnesota Alumni Association and was president of the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts alumni chapter. She is a member and past-chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association Publications Committee. Luis also previously served as Chair of the board of directors of CommonHealth Clinic.

The ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section is the only national professional group to bring together plaintiffs' lawyers, defense lawyers and insurance and corporate counsel for the exchange of information and ideas. The Section's more than 36,000 members and 34 General Committees focus on substantive and procedural matters in areas including aviation and space

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Editors Note: Reporters are invited to attend the luncheon at the TIPS Meeting. Media credentials can be obtained at the ABA Press Room in the Moscone Center during the ABA Annual Meeting Aug. 8-14 or by contacting Deborah Weixl, ABA Division for Media Relations and Communication Services, at 312/988-6126 or e-mail weixld@staff.abanet.org. On site call 847/902-9019.

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