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ROBERT M. MONTGOMERY JR. TO RECEIVE AWARD

CHICAGO, September 18, 2007 — The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section will present a Pursuit of Justice Award to Robert M. Montgomery Jr., principal of Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. & Associates, P.L., West Palm Beach, Florida, at a reception during the TIPS 2007 Fall Meeting at The Breakers in Palm Beach. The reception will take place Thursday, Oct. 4, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

TIPS presents its Pursuit of Justice Award periodically to recognize those who have worked to ensure access to justice for all.

“Throughout his career, Bob Montgomery has been a dedicated advocate for justice. He strives to make a difference both in the legal profession and in the community he serves. Bob exemplifies the finest of attributes; he is a hardworking and caring individual who gives back tenfold. We are proud to have him as a member of TIPS,” said Section Chair Peter Bennett of Maine.

Montgomery has been a distinguished member of the Florida legal community for over 50 years. He graduated from the University of Florida Law School in 1957 and began his legal career specializing in insurance defense work. Building his reputation as one of the best trial attorneys in the region, he put his talents to use by representing personal injury victims. He began his own practice in Palm Beach County in 1975. Montgomery specializes in trial practice, personal injury, wrongful death and commercial litigation.

Over the past 25 years, Montgomery has handled many high profile cases. He was lead attorney in the State of Florida’s lawsuit against the “Big Tobacco” companies that resulted in a \$13.5 billion settlement to benefit the citizens of the State of Florida. Montgomery’s cases have led to about 65 verdicts and settlements exceeding one million dollars each.

Each year, Montgomery returns a large part of his firm’s profits to the community and gives much of the firm’s valuable time to charitable and artistic causes such as the Children’s Place at Home Safe, West Palm Beach’s Armory Art Center, the American Cancer Society, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the American Heart Association.

Montgomery’s civic affiliations are numerous. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in Palm Beach; a member of the Board of Trustees, National Public Radio; and Chair of the Florida Philanthropy Board of Directors,

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TIPS Fall Meeting • October 4-7, 2007 • Palm Beach, FL
ABA Midyear Meeting • February 6-12, 2008 • Los Angeles, CA
TIPS Spring Meeting • May 1-4, 2008 • Las Vegas, NV
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Leaders in Furthering Education. Montgomery has served his community throughout his legal career and has been honored multiple times for his commitment to public service. Some of his recent awards include the NAACP, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Distinguished Award in 2004; Urban League of Palm Beach County, 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award; the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the Palm Beach United Way, “Distinguished Community Service Award,” 2006; and the Palm Beach County Cultural Council “Muse” Award in 2007.

Montgomery’s professional associations and memberships include the Palm Beach County Bar Association; the American Bar Association; American Association for Justice; American Judicature Society; Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers; American Arbitration Association; National Board of Trial Attorneys; and the Inner Circle of Advocates – whose membership is limited to the top 100 plaintiff lawyers in the country. Montgomery’s reputation is not only national, but international, as well.

The ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section is the only national professional group that brings together plaintiffs’ lawyers, defense lawyers and insurance and corporate counsel for the exchange of information and ideas. The Section’s more than 35,000 members and 34 general committees focus on substantive and procedural matters in areas including aviation and space law, fidelity and surety law, medical malpractice, transportation law and others. For more information about the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section visit the TIPS Web site, www.abanet.org/tips.

With more than 413,700 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law in a democratic society.

Editor’s Note: Reporters are invited to attend the reception at the TIPS Fall Meeting. Media credentials can be obtained 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.