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Brooklyn Law School Professor Aaron Twerski to Receive Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award

CHICAGO, July 9, 2007 — The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section will present the 2007 Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award to Aaron Twerski of Brooklyn Law School. The award will be presented during the 2007 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco at the Section Leadership Dinner, on Aug. 12, at the Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin Street. The dinner will be held from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award is awarded annually to recognize law professors who are committed to the advancement of justice, scholarship and the legal profession. This is demonstrated by their outstanding contributions to the fields of tort and insurance law.

Section Chair Peter Neeson of Philadelphia said of Professor Twerski, "His commitment to excellence in education is nothing less than inspiring. He has made significant contributions to product liability and mass tort legislation and has forever changed the face of the legal system."

Twerski, a preeminent authority in the areas of product liability and tort law, has enjoyed a distinguished career. He served as a professor of law at Hofstra University School of Law from 1972 to 1986 and served as interim dean from 1977 to 1978. He also taught at Brooklyn Law School from 1986 to 2005 and at Duquesne University School of Law. Twerski was a visiting professor at Cornell, Boston University and the University of Michigan Law schools. His background includes a teaching fellowship at Harvard Law School and work as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in its Civil Rights Division. In 2005, Twerski returned to Hofstra to serve as its seventh dean, until February 2007. He has since returned to teaching at

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Brooklyn Law School. Twerski also serves as special counsel to the law firm of Herzfeld & Rubin, of New York City.

Twerski received his J.D. cum laude from Marquette University School of Law in 1965. He has an A.B. in Talmudic Law from the Beth Medrash Elyon Talmudic Research Institute. Among his many accomplishments, Twerski has published dozens of law review articles and books on torts and product liability law. His most recent articles include those published in the *Yale Law Journal*, *Cornell Law Review* and the *Georgetown Law Journal*. He is also co-author of the leading textbook, *Products Liability: Problems and Process* (5th ed. 2004) and *Torts, Cases and Materials* (1st ed. 2003) with J. Henderson, Jr.

Twerski was named the R. Ammi Cutter Reporter for his outstanding work as co-reporter for the *American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law (Third) Torts: Products Liability*, published in 1998.

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 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.

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