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MICHELLE WORRALL TILTON RECEIVES KIRSTEN CHRISTOPHE MEMORIAL AWARD

CHICAGO, July 17, 2006— The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section today announced that it will honor Michelle Worrall Tilton, of Kansas, with the Kirsten Christophe Memorial Award for Excellence in Trial and Insurance Law.

The award will be presented during the 2006 ABA Annual Meeting at the TIPS Leadership Dinner, Sunday, Aug. 6, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel, Luau Garden on Oahu, Hawaii.

The award is named in honor of Kirsten Christophe, a former member of the TIPS Council who lost her life in the World Trade Center on September 11th. Christophe was Vice President and Director of Risk Management Services for Aon Corporation and a nationally recognized expert in risk management, the author of several papers and books, an active member of the New York Junior League, and an active TIPS member for more than 15 years. A Chicago native, Christophe was a new mother, and an inspiration to her colleagues. The award was created to honor her dedication to the legal profession and pay tribute to her ability to balance career, philanthropy, and family life. The section will present the award annually to recognize a Section member or members who demonstrate expertise in an area of trial practice or insurance law, and who personify Christophe's exemplary attributes.

"No one in our section better personifies the exemplary attributes of Kirsten Christophe in balancing career, profession, and family than Michelle Worrall Tilton," said Section Chair Sandra McCandless. "Michelle's obvious dedication to her family, demonstrated by the frequent attendance of her children and her mother with her at professional meetings, makes it all the more admirable that she is the President of First Media. Michelle's outstanding personal qualities – enthusiasm, energy, and compassion – make her a role model for all of us."

President and Claims Counsel for First Media, a Division of OneBeacon Professional Partners, Tilton supervises the defense of defamation, invasion of privacy and intellectual property litigation on a national and international basis on behalf of policyholders, as well as assisting underwriters on risk selection and

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containment. A frequent speaker and author, Tilton has been active in TIPS for a number of years. She has served as TIPS Revenue Officer, on the TIPS council, and chaired the Task Force on Outreach to Young Lawyers, the General Committee Board, and the Media, Privacy and Defamation Law Committee. She is also a Fellow of the ABA Young Lawyers Division and was a founding co-chair of the ABA Forum on Communications' Women in Communications Law Committee. In addition to her many ABA activities, she has been active in the Missouri Bar Association and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, and served as a Missouri Bar Foundation Trustee. She has received President's Awards from both the Missouri Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Section of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, for her significant contributions to the organization and leadership.

Tilton earned her law and undergraduate degrees from the University of Kansas. She balances her many professional responsibilities, the needs of her two young boys, and still finds time to co-chair the Missouri Insurance Programs Committee, which supervises the personal insurance products for Missouri Bar Members and helps them with various insurance needs, i.e., health, life, disability. An ardent animal lover, Tilton also introduced Pets for Life to her local bar association, which allows attorneys to bring their pets to nursing homes to offer comfort and pet therapy to the disabled and elderly.

For more information about the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section visit the TIPS Web site, www.abanet.org/tips.

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.

With more than 400,000 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.

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