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MAINE ATTORNEY PETER BENNETT APPOINTED CHAIR-ELECT OF ABA TORT TRIAL & INSURANCE PRACTICE SECTION

CHICAGO, Sept. 8, 2006— Attorney Peter Bennett of Portland, Maine, has been appointed chair-elect of the American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS).

Bennett is President of the Bennett Law Firm, which specializes in employment and labor law. A frequent author and lecturer, he has taught at the University of Southern Maine's Department of Continuing Education on Personnel Law and Employee Labor Relations. He is a Vice President and Director of the International Society of Primerus Law Firms and Past President of the Alumni Association for Boston University School of Law. Bennett has held numerous leadership positions within TIPS, serving as section secretary, TIPS Council member, and chair of the Public Relations and Membership Committees. In addition to his involvement with the ABA, Bennett has also been active in the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Maine Trial Lawyers Association, and the Defense Research Institute.

Bennett graduated from Harvard University and received his J.D. from Boston University School of Law. In addition to his involvement in the legal field he has also been a leader in the community, working with St. Joseph's Manor and Junior Achievement of Maine, Inc. He is a Trustee of Ingraham, a social service organization, and the Portland Stage Company.

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.

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