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PHILADELPHIA ATTORNEY PETER J. NEESON APPOINTED CHAIR OF ABA TORT TRIAL & INSURANCE PRACTICE SECTION

CHICAGO, August 18, 2006— Philadelphia attorney Peter J. Neeson has been appointed chair of The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS).

Neeson is Chair of Rawle & Henderson's Environmental, Toxic and Mass Torts Department. He has been involved in the defense of numerous toxic tort matters in multi-district and class action cases in both state and federal courts, including formaldehyde, multiple chemical sensitivity, benzene, underground storage tanks, and pharmaceutical and asbestos litigation. A member of the Defense Research Institute and the Pennsylvania Defense Institute, and a past member of the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Association of the Defense Counsel, Neeson is also a frequent lecturer and author. He spearheaded the development of TIPS National Trial Academy at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nev. Utilizing state of the art technology, TIPS National Trial Academy is widely recognized as the premier forum for training lawyers to try jury trials.

Neeson graduated from the University of Notre Dame and received his J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law. He has served on TIPS' Council and as chair of the Products, General Liability and Consumer Law Committee. He has been a leader in both the legal profession and his community, serving as Vice Chairman of the U.S. Olympic Committee for Eastern Pennsylvania, on the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Sports Congress, and as past President of the Philadelphia Amateur Sports Corporation. Neeson also served as General Counsel and Executive Committee member for the Philadelphia Women's Basketball 2000, an organizing committee for the NCAA Women's Final Four basketball tournament.

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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