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HAWAII SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE RECEIVES PURSUIT OF JUSTICE AWARD

CHICAGO, July 13, 2006— The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section today announced that it will honor Ronald Moon, Chief Justice of the Hawaii State Supreme Court, with a Pursuit of Justice Award. The award will be presented during the 2006 ABA Annual Meeting at the Task Force for Plaintiff's Involvement Reception, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm on Aug. 4, in the Niihau Room of the Sheraton Waikiki, Hawaii.

The Pursuit of Justice Award is awarded quarterly to recognize civil litigation lawyers who have shown outstanding merit and excelled at ensuring access to justice.

Moon has served on the Supreme Court of Hawaii since 1990, and became Chief Justice in 1993. Prior to this appointment, he served as a Circuit Court Judge and was a partner in Libkuman, Ventura, Moon, and Ayabe until 1982. Moon has worked diligently to improve the public's trust and confidence in the courts and ensure access to justice. He established Hawaii's Judicial Performance Program in 1993 to improve judicial performance, increase the efficiency of judicial management, and provide the Judicial Selection Commission with information for retention and promotion decisions. Moon also established the Hawaii Committee on Jury Innovations for the 21st Century, in order to make both the civil and criminal jury system in Hawaii more effective and efficient. He has served as chair of the Conference of Chief Justice's Access to and Fairness in the Courts Committee, and the Americans with Disability Act Resource Center Advisory Committee.

Moon is a graduate of the University of Iowa School of Law. He served as law clerk for then-Chief Judge Martin Pence at the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, and was subsequently employed with the prosecutor's office. Moon is a third-generation Korean-American whose grandparents were among the first wave of Korean immigrants who arrived in Hawaii in the early 1900s.

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