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RICHARD TURBIN RECEIVES PURSUIT OF JUSTICE AWARD

CHICAGO, July 13, 2006— The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section today announced that it will honor Richard Turbin, founder and president of the Law Offices of Richard Turbin, 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.

Turbin is a past-president of the Hawaii Bar Association and a former chair of the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section. After completing law school, he served in the Peace Corp. in Western Samoa as the Assistant Attorney General. Upon his relocation to Hawaii, Turbin served as a State Deputy Public Defender before founding the Kaneohe office for the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. He began his private practice in 1975, specializing in personal injury, wrongful death and malpractice. Turbin has served in numerous leadership positions in Hawaii, including a term as a commissioner on the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, a member of the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union's Hawaii Chapter, and chair of the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board. He was elected to the Hawaii Academy of Plaintiffs Attorneys, and served as a vice president of the Association of Plaintiffs Lawyers of Hawaii and past president of the Consumer Lawyers of Hawaii.

Turbin is a graduate of Cornell University and earned his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, where he was recently named a Traphagen Distinguished Alumni. At Harvard, he served as editor of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Review and interned with the Boston Metropolitan Education Council, which supported the integration of Boston area public schools. He currently serves on the advisory board for the 2005-2006 Asia Law Initiative of the American Bar Association.

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