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FLORIDA ATTORNEY LEWIS S. EIDSON JR. RECEIVES PURSUIT OF JUSTICE AWARD

CHICAGO, May 1, 2006— The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section today announced that it will honor Lewis S. “Mike” Eidson, Jr., president and senior partner of Colson Hicks Eidson, with a Pursuit of Justice Award. The award will be presented during the 2006 TIPS Spring meeting at the Task Force for Plaintiff’s Involvement Reception, from 5 to 6:30 pm on May 19, in the Mona Lisa Room at the Eden Roc Renaissance Resort & Spa, Miami Beach.

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.

Eidson is a nationally acclaimed trial lawyer whose experience includes trying the first Ford Pinto Case in 1975. He currently serves as co-lead counsel for all federal cases in the Firestone/Ford Multi-District Litigation. His practice is concentrated in products liability, medical and legal malpractice, aviation litigation, and class action and multi-district litigation. Eidson is President-Elect of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, where he also serves on the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee and the Judicial Independence Committee. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Trial Advocates and has served as President of the Miami Chapter. He is a Past-President of the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers. Eidson is a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, and an active ABA and TIPS member. A frequent lecturer, Eidson received the AFTL Masterson Award for Professionalism in 1999 and the ATLA Stephen Sharpe Award in 2001 for his work in the field of consumer safety.

Eidson earned his J.D. from Emory University Law School, his B.A. from the University of South Carolina, and also attended Warwick University in Coventry, England. He is a founding member and past chairman of the Institute for Injury Reduction, a national organization dedicated to the reduction of injuries caused by defective products. In addition to his many leadership positions in the legal community, Eidson is also an ardent supporter of the arts. He serves on the Miami Performing Arts Center’s Board of Directors and is President of the Miami City Ballet. In 2002 Eidson received the Lott Award from the Miami-Dade County Cultural Alliance for his work supporting the arts.

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