

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
TORT TRIAL & INSURANCE PRACTICE SECTION**

TIPS NOW! 2008-2009 FELLOWS

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION

The Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association (TIPS) is pleased to announce the **TIPS NOW!** Fellowship program that provides leadership opportunities for young lawyers. As a leader within the YLD, we recognize that you have many opportunities to become involved in bar-related organizations and activities. Your participation in the Young Lawyers Division evidences your commitment to professional development and your desire to network with other attorneys, who share your enthusiasm, interests and goals. We encourage you to apply for this scholarship. **TIPS NOW !** will provide young lawyers with key appointments in TIPS, as well as mentoring and other programs that assist with the integration of young lawyers into TIPS.

What Is TIPS NOW! ?

TIPS NOW! is a leadership initiative that brings young leaders into TIPS. Six to ten Fellows will be chosen to fill the **TIPS NOW!** class of 2008-09. The Fellows will be appointed to funded positions on TIPS standing committees, such as Membership and Long-Range Planning. The Fellows will help with membership initiatives and will also serve on the TIPS Task Force on Outreach to Young Lawyers. Additionally, the **TIPS NOW!** Fellows will work together as a committee to produce a tangible work product for TIPS during the course of the year. The Fellows will be required to attend meetings held in conjunction with the ABA Midyear and Annual Meetings, as well as a Fall Conference, typically held in October, and a Spring Conference, typically held in May.

The **TIPS NOW!** Class of 2008-09 will be diverse in terms of practice area (plaintiff, defense and corporate counsel), gender and race, and will have demonstrated involvement in bar association and non-bar related activities. There is no requirement that the applicant presently be a member of TIPS. However, any person chosen as a scholarship recipient must be an ABA member and join the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section.

An application for the fellowship is attached. Although letters of recommendation are not required, an applicant may submit up to two, if so desired. Winners will be notified in April, 2008. For additional information, please contact David Faulkner at 205-250-6604 (e-mail dlfaulkner@csattorneys.com).

Please return the completed application to Linda Wiley, TIPS Membership Specialist, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, 321 North Clark Ave., Chicago IL 60610, 312-988-6230 (fax) or (e-mail: lmwiley@staff.abanet.org) by February 24, 2008.

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2008-09 TIPS NOW! FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
City State Zip

Gender _____ Race and/or Ethnic Heritage _____

Telephone and Fax Numbers: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Firm/Employer: _____

Please identify your area(s) of practice: _____

Year you passed the Bar: _____

Are you a member of the American Bar Association? _____ ABA# _____

Please list the other bar associations of which you are a member: _____

Are you actively involved in any bar association programs or projects? If so, please name them and briefly describe your involvement, including any positions held. _____

Please look at the list of eligible TIPS Standing Committees on the next page. Please write your preference of committees in order of importance **

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

4th Choice _____

**Please note that Special Standing Committees appointments are limited and made by the incoming Chair of TIPS. We will make every effort to get you appointed to your first choice.

Please list "pro bono" participation and/or activities: _____

Do you participate in any charitable (non-legal) work? If so, please list and/or describe your involvement.

Are you currently a member of the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section? _____ Yes _____
No. If so, how long _____.

Have you ever served on a TIPS Committee? _____ Yes _____ No

If you answered affirmatively, please state what committee, what position you held on the committee, and the approximate dates of service.

Have you ever attended a TIPS sponsored event? (Social, CLE) _____ Yes _____ No

If you answered affirmatively, please state the event(s) you attended and their approximate date.

Does your firm/employer support bar activities? _____ Yes _____ No

Please attach a written statement (200 words or less) describing why you are interested in a TIPS NOW! Fellowship. You may attach a maximum of two recommendations supporting your application. Recommendations are optional.

If awarded a fellowship through this program, you will receive reimbursement for your supersaver round-trip airfare, plus two to three days' per diem at a maximum of \$100.00/day and \$75 towards a social event. You will receive the reimbursement after each conference.

TIPS Eligible Special Standing Committees

CLE Board
Committee on Diversity in the Profession
Communications – *E-Dicta* Editorial Board
Communications – *The Brief* Editorial Board
Communications – *The TIPS Law Journal* Editorial Board
Communications – *Tort Source* Editorial Board
Communications – Publications Editorial Board
Emerging Issues

Governmental Affairs
Law in Public Service
Long Range Planning
Membership
Professionalism
Public Relations
Technology
Task Force on Outreach to State and Local Bars

Task Force on Plaintiffs' Involvement

Task Force on Strategic Alliances