



*...Bringing Together Plaintiffs' Attorneys, Defense Attorneys
and Insurance and Corporate Counsel for the
Exchange of Information and Ideas*

Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section **a section of the American Bar Association**

Section Spring Meeting
Eden Roc, a Renaissance Resort & Spa, Miami, FL
May 17-21, 2006

Schedule of Events

Updated 4/24/06

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

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| 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM | Finance Committee Meeting
<i>Rivo Alto Room, Lower Level</i> |
| 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM | Council Meeting
<i>Mona Lisa Room, Lobby Level</i> |
| 6:30 PM -10:00 PM | Council Dinner |
| 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM | Section Hospitality
<i>Chair's Suite</i> |

Thursday, May 18, 2006

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| 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | TIPS Registration
<i>Cotillion Court Room, Lobby Level</i> |
| 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM | Administrative Committee Meeting
<i>Rivo Alto Room, Lower level</i> |
| 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM | Technology Committee Meeting
<i>Fisher A Room (West), Lower Level</i> |
| 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM | Scope and Correlation Committee Meeting
<i>San Marco Room, Lower Level</i> |
| 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM | Continental Breakfast for CLE Attendees
<i>Cotillion Court Room, Lobby Level</i> |
| 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM | History Committee Meeting
<i>Executive Boardroom, Lower Level</i> |
| 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Ethical Issues in Insurance Defense Litigation
ETHICS CREDIT
<i>Cotillion Court Room, Lobby Level</i>
Using hypothetical scenarios, this program will tackle various ethical issues insurance defense litigators wrestle with on a daily basis.
Arlene Zalayet, Liberty Mutual Group, Boston, MA |

Thursday, May 18, 2006 (continued)

Topics covered include the scope of representation, informed consent, communication with insured and related issues. Our speakers will also address practical applications of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Program Chairs:

James A. Young, Allstate Insurance Company, Tampa, FL
Arlene Zalayet, Liberty Mutual Group, Boston, MA

Moderator:

Speakers:

Katherine E. Giddings, Akerman Senterfitt, Tallahassee, FL

Peter Hersha, Nationwide Insurance, Columbus, OH

Barbara Delgross, St. Paul Travelers Companies Inc., Buffalo, NY

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Program with Lunch

Contempt of Court: A Lesson in Legal History

ETHICS CREDIT*

Mona Lisa Room, Lobby Level

Presented by Mark Curriden, Attorney/Senior Communications Counsel, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. and Author of *Contempt of Court: A Turn of the Century Lynching That Launched 100 Years of Federalism*

In 1906, a young black man from Chattanooga, Tennessee, was falsely accused of raping a white woman. He was railroaded by the courts, abandoned by his own lawyers, and wrongly convicted and sentenced to death. A pair of courageous African-American lawyers stepped forward to handle his appeal, filing the first ever federal habeas petition in a state criminal case. To everyone's surprise, they convinced the U.S. Supreme Court to issue its first ever stay of an execution in a state criminal case. But days before the justices were scheduled to hear oral arguments, a lynch mob, led by the sheriff and his deputies, snatched the defendant from his jail cell and hung him on the county bridge. What followed was a historic case in which the Supreme Court justices ordered the arrest of the sheriff, his deputies and members of the lynch mob on charges of contempt of the Supreme Court of the United States -- the only such case of its type in U.S. history.

This case, from a century ago, exemplifies why lawyers, as advocates for the poor and downtrodden, are best positioned to take the steps necessary to uphold the rule of law. It serves as an example of how lawyers should use the law and the courts for the protection of individual rights - even when the court itself is part of the problem. It goes to the heart of the need to protect of the rule of law.

Copies of Contempt of Court: A Turn-of-the-Century Lynching That Launched 100 Years of Federalism will be available at the presentation for \$15. Proceeds go to Tuskegee University in Alabama. *Contempt of Court* was a national bestseller and won numerous journalism and legal honors.

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

The Legal Landscape of Same Sex Marriage and Domestic Partner Benefits, Rights and Responsibilities

Cotillion Ballroom, Lobby Level

Sponsoring Committees: Employment Law Litigation, Employee Benefits. Co-sponsored by the Joint Committee on Employee Benefits (JCEB).

Thursday, May 18, 2006 (continued)

With the recent expansion of domestic partner rights in Massachusetts, California and others, application of the often conflicting state and federal laws leave employee benefits, retirement planning and other rights and benefits of domestic partners unclear. Although state laws may recognize domestic partners, federal laws like ERISA do not recognize them for the purpose of retirement and other federally regulated benefit plans. While Connecticut and Vermont are the only states allowing same-sex civil unions, only Vermont requires they receive the same insurance benefits as married couples - unless a federal law (such as ERISA) prohibits such participation. The mounting confusion over state and federal law is creating new and significant hurdles for employee benefits and employment lawyers.

Our panel of employee benefits and employment experts will examine the current status of gay marriage, civil unions and the rights and benefits of domestic partners. They will also explore family and estate planning and the significant issue of how federal laws affect state laws that grant benefits to domestic partners.

Program Chair:
Marlene Heyser

Moderator:
Kay Hodge, Stoneman, Chandler & Miller, LLP, Boston, MA

Speakers:
Domestic Partner Benefits and the Growing Divide Between State and Federal Law
Julie Burbank, Trucker & Huss, San Francisco, CA

The Current State of Marriage and Civil Unions for Domestic Partners
Michael Clarkson, Morgan Brown & Joy LLP, Boston, MA

Alternative Family and Estate Planning For Domestic Partners
Richard C. Milstein, Akerman Senterfitt, Miami, FL

The California Domestic Partner Act and related case law
Julius M. Turman, Haight Brown & Bonesteel, San Francisco, CA

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Web Site Editorial Board Meeting
Fischer B Room (East), Lower Level

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Medicine and Law Committee Business Meeting
La Gorce Room, Lower Level

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Emerging Issues Committee Meeting
Rivo Alto Room, Lower Level

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

National Trial Academy Meeting
Hibiscus Room, Lower Level (Meeting not funded)

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
Key Biscayne Room, Lower Level

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Task Force on Plaintiff's Involvement Meeting
San Marco Room, Lower Level

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3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Glass Ceilings to Open Doors: Minority Advancement in the Legal Profession

Cotillion Ballroom, Lobby Level

Many believe that lawyers of color will never achieve a level of deserved success without economic power. This seminar will explore and expound upon the business case for diversity, the ABA's commitment to diversity, TIPS' commitment to diversity and the corporate commitment to diversity. Our faculty will delve into all aspects of economic power and how outside lawyers of color in both majority and minority firms succeed and examine what other minority bar associations are doing to encourage economic success for lawyers of color and how we can build upon these efforts.

Moderators:

Janice P. Brown – Founder of Brown Law Group
(a minority/woman owned firm)

Pam Carter – Partner, Baker & Donelson
(Minority Partner of major law firm)

Speakers:

Rick Palmore – General Counsel - Sara Lee/ACCA Board Member
Frank Urtasun – Director of Diverse Business Enterprises – Sempra
Michael Daugherty – Vice President of the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies

Marcus Brown – Assistant General Counsel of Commercial Litigation
Entergy Services, Inc.

Kim Phillips – First Vice Chair – National Bar Association
Janet Kloenhamer – General Counsel - Fireman's Fund/TIPS Council Member

Phillip Shin – President Elect - NAPABA (The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association)

Stephanie Franklin Suber – Chair of the ABA's Minority Counsel Program

5:30 pm – 6:30 PM

Joint Reception for the Diversity in the Profession, Corporate Counsel and Staff Counsel

Pompeii Ballroom, Lower level

6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Welcome Reception and Dinner

Bongos Cuban Café, 420 Jefferson Avenue

This event is sponsored by the generous support of Garden City Group, Inc.
International superstars Gloria and Emilio Estefan introduce BONGOS CUBAN CAFÉ, a unique blend of authentic Cuban cuisine and the nostalgia of Havana during 1950's glory days. Presented in a setting of tropical deco architectural design.

Ticketed Event: \$75 per person, \$90 after 5/5

Transportation provided and busses depart at 6pm

10:00 PM - 11:00 PM

TIPS Section Hospitality

Chair's Suite

Friday, May 19, 2006

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Staff Counsel Business Meeting

Executive Boardroom, Lower Level

8:00 AM– 8:45 PM

Trial Techniques Committee Business Meeting

San Marco Room, Lower Level (This Meeting is not funded)

Friday, May 19, 2006 (continued)

- 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM **Task Force On Strategic Alliances Meeting**
Key Biscayne Room A, Lower Level
- 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Ethics & Professionalism Committee Meeting**
Hibiscus Room, Lower Level
- 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM **TIPS and West Advisory Meeting**
Rivo Alto Room, Lower Level
- 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Business Litigation Committee Business Meeting**
Palladium Room, Lower Level
- 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Appellate Advocacy Committee Business Meeting**
Fisher B Room (East), Lower Level
- 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM **TIPS Registration**
Cotillion Court Room, Lobby Level
- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM **Continental Breakfast for CLE Attendees**
Cotillion Court Room, Lobby Level
- 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM **Task Force on Outreach to Young Lawyers Meeting**
Fisher Room A (West), Lower Level
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Employment Law and Litigation Committee Business Meeting**
Key Biscayne B Room, Lower Level (Meeting not funded)
- 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM **Winning Your Case – What's Voir Dire Got To Do With It?**
Cotillion Ballroom, Lobby Level
Going beyond mere speculation and generalized examples of what works and what doesn't work in voir dire, this interactive program will give you a rare glimpse into the mind of a jury. In this simulated voir dire, potential jurors will share their reactions to questioning in real-time using electronic devices that will show you their reactions as they occur.
- Go beyond simply picking a jury and learn how to use voir dire to your advantage. Learn how jurors respond, not only to what questions are being asked, but to how the questions are being asked.
- Our expert jury consultant will walk you through a post-voir dire critique and expound upon the tactics that worked and strategies for those that didn't work. The presiding Judge, the plaintiff and defense attorneys in this mock-voir dire will also offer strategies and pointers for an effective voir dire. A question and answer session will follow.
- Program Chair**, Alice G. Hector, Akerman Senterfitt, Miami, FL
- Moderator**, Janice Brown, Brown Law Group, San Diego, CA
- Judge**, Judge Michael B. Chavies, Akerman Senterfitt, Miami, FL
- Plaintiff's Attorney**, Ervin Gonzalez, Colson Hicks, Coral Gables, FL
- Defense Attorney**, John B. Buckley, Ungaretti & Harris, Chicago, IL
- Jury Consultant**, Ron Kurzman, Trial Alliance, New York, NY

Friday, May 19, 2006 (continued)

Perception Analyzer Consultant, Bruce Beal, MSInteractive, LLC,
Portland, OR

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Task Force on Federal Involvement in Insurance
Regulation Modernization**
Palm Room, Lower Level

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Diversity in the Profession Committee Meeting**
Hibiscus Room, Lower Level

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Task Force on Leadership and Diversity Meeting**
Executive Boardroom, Lower Level

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Scholarship Fund Board Meeting**
Bayshore Room, Lower Level

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM **CLE Board Meeting**
Fisher Room A (West), Lower Level

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM **TIPS Law Journal Editorial Board Meeting**
Rivo Alto Room, Lower Level

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Solo and Small Firm Practitioners Committee Business Meeting**
Palm Room, Lower Level

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Animal Law Committee Business Meeting**
San Marco Room, Lower Level

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Self-Insurer & Risk Managers Committee Business Meeting**
Fisher Room B (East), Lower Level

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Toxic Torts Environmental Committee Business Meeting**
Key Biscayne Room A, Lower Level

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM **2006 Hawaii Program Planning Meeting**
Key Biscayne Room B, Lower Level

1:30 PM **Golf Event**
Miami Beach Golf Club, 2301 Alton Road
Ticketed Event: \$110 per person, \$120 after 5/5 – Lunch included,
transportation on your own

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM **2007 Annual Meeting Program Planning**
Executive Boardroom, Lower Level

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM **ABA/TIPS Committee Meeting**
Palladium Room, Lower Level

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM **Task Force on Plaintiff's Involvement Reception
and Pursuit of Justice Award**
Mona Lisa Room, Lobby Level

10:00 PM – 11:00 PM **TIPS Section Hospitality**
Chair's Suite

Saturday, May 20, 2006

6:00 AM	Fun Run/Walk Ticketed Event: \$25 per person
7:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Business Division Working Group
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Law In Public Service Committee Meeting <i>Fisher Room, Lower Level</i>
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	TIPS Registration <i>Cotillion Court, Lobby Level</i>
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Publications Editorial Board Meeting <i>Bayshore Room, Lower Level</i>
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Membership Committee Meeting <i>Executive Boardroom, Lower Level</i>
8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	General Committee Chair, Chair-Elect & Designee Orientation <i>Hibiscus Room, Lower Level</i>
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Task Force On Outreach To State and Local Bars Meeting <i>Hibiscus Room, Lower Level</i>
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	The Brief Editorial Board Meeting <i>San Marco Room, Lower Level</i>
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Section Council Meeting <i>Palladium Room, Lower Level</i>
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Public Relations Committee Meeting <i>Star Room, Lower Level</i>
1:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Task Force on Revenue Enhancement Meeting <i>Rivo Alto Room, Lower Level</i>
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	TortSource Editorial Board Meeting <i>La Gorce Room, Lower Level</i>
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Task Force on the Contingent Fee Meeting <i>Belle Room, Lower Level</i>
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	eCommerce Committee Meeting Business Meeting <i>Palladium Room, Lower Level</i>
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Products General Liability and Consumer Law Committee Business Meeting <i>Bayshore Room, Lower Level</i>
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee Business Meeting <i>Hibiscus Room, Lower Level</i>
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Worker's Compensation Committee Business Meeting <i>San Marco Room, Lower Level</i>
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Task Force on Corporate Governance Meeting <i>Executive Boardroom, Lower Level</i>

Saturday, May 20, 2006, (continued)

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

2006-2007 Section Meetings Planning and Orientation Committee Meeting
Fisher Room, Lower Level

6:30 PM -10:00 PM

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**“TIPS Swing”
Reception**
Ocean Terrace Lounge

7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Dinner & Dancing
Ocean Lawn, Lower Level
*This event is sponsored by the generous support of JAMS,
The Resolution Experts.*

You will be welcomed by Lucy and Ricky for the first hour during the reception. Dinner is at 7:45pm and the DJ will get us started on the dance floor at 8:45pm until 10pm or later if the crowd desires.

Eden Roc Hotel

Ticketed Events: \$80 per person, \$95 after 5/5

10:00 PM – 11:00 PM

TIPS Section Hospitality
Chair’s Suite

Sunday, May 21, 2006

8:00 AM –10:00 AM

Section Council Meeting
Mona Lisa Room, Lobby Level

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

General Committee Board Meeting
Cotillion Ballroom, Lobby Level

MEETING ADJOURNED