

## ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Welcomes Students to the 2017 Spring Term

Welcome to another term and for those new students, congratulations on entering law school and starting your legal career. Your experience in law school will be exciting, challenging, and rewarding. One of the few “free” things you get as a law student is free membership into the American Bar Association (ABA). Along with that free membership is free membership in up to 5 ABA sections. I would like to take a minute to encourage you to choose the **Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)** as one of those 5 sections.

TIPS is an all-inclusive section with our focus on balance and diversity, bringing together plaintiffs, defense, corporate and in-house counsel to tackle key issues that affect our profession. TIPS practice areas are extremely diverse, with [committees](#) focusing on topics ranging from Admiralty and Animal Law to Toxic Torts and Workers Compensation. We focus not only preparing cases for trial but actually trying cases in court and through the appellate process. In the past TIPS has sponsored CLE seminars on anatomy of a trial, anatomy of an appeal, depositions 101, and mediations 101, just to name a few. Any or all of these are great seminars to help new attorneys learn the nuances of litigation.

So what do you get with a TIPS membership? A lot. First, TIPS is committed to engaging law students and young lawyers. Each TIPS substantive committee has a law student vice-chair position and a [scholarship program](#) to help defray travel expenses to TIPS meetings. This enables law students, such as yourself, to attend TIPS conferences, get to know TIPS members, network with hiring partners at law firms around the country and get involved in TIPS leadership while still in law school. The [vice chair application](#) process for these positions begins today and a new set of vice-chairs will be appointed at the end of the ABA annual meeting in New York in August 2017.

In addition to the vice-chair position, TIPS has so much more to offer law students. TIPS provides Members' Monday's free CLE programming, various publications, seminars, webinars and other programming throughout the year, and so much more. TIPS members are friendly and welcoming and interested in helping new members of our profession succeed. Finally, TIPS sponsors an [annual writing competition](#). This year's competition first place winner will win a trip to New York City, hotel accommodations for three nights and a \$1,500 cash prize.

Read what our Student Co-Chair of the TIPS Committee on Outreach to Law Students, and past Vice-Chair to our Government Law Committee, Amber Busby, has to say about her membership in TIPS:

*Serving as a Law Student Vice-Chair has been one of the best experiences in law school. TIPS members, including lawyers, staff, and law students, are always welcoming. I have gained friends and mentors by participating in the vice chair program, and I am thankful for this experience. I have made professional connections that I expect to last a lifetime. I encourage you to join TIPS and apply for a Vice Chair position. If you have any questions, feel free to email me, [amber.busby@law.ua.edu](mailto:amber.busby@law.ua.edu).*

Please consider using one of your 5 free memberships in an ABA section to [join TIPS](#). If you would like further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Wiley at [linda.wiley@americanbar.org](mailto:linda.wiley@americanbar.org).