

ABA to Honor Dan Dobbs with Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award

CHICAGO, July 27, 2010 — The [American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section](#) will honor Dan B. Dobbs of Tucson, Ariz., with the [Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award](#), which was created to honor attorneys committed to the advancement of justice, scholarship and the legal profession, as demonstrated by their contributions to the fields of tort and insurance law.

The award will be presented to Dobbs at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8 at San Francisco City Hall, during the section's Leadership and Awards Dinner of the 2010 ABA Annual Meeting.

"Dan is extremely deserving of this honor for his contributions and service in academia and the fields of tort and insurance law. He had dedicated his career to education and scholarship, and we are honored to present him with this prestigious award," said Section Chair John Tarpley of Nashville, Tenn.

Dobbs is a Regents & Rosentiel Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Law at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. He was named a Rosentiel Professor of Law in 1978, and in 1992 became a regents professor, the university's highest academic distinction. Over the course of his career, Dobbs was a visiting professor of law at the University of Arizona College of Law (1974), the University of Virginia School of Law (1968 to 1969) and Cornell Law School (1968 to 1969); and the University of Minnesota Law School (1966 to 1967). He was a visiting assistant professor at the University of Texas School of Law in 1962. Between 1961 and 1977, Dobbs held a number of positions at the University of North Carolina, where he was named the Aubrey L. Brooks Professor.

He was admitted to practice in Arkansas in 1956 and he practiced at the law firm of Dobbs, Pryor & Dobbs in Fort Smith, Ark., until 1960. In 1958, he served as a law clerk for Judge John E. Nfiller in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas.

Dobbs earned his Doctor of Juridical Science in 1966 and his Master of Laws in 1960 from the University of Illinois. He earned both his Bachelor of Laws and his Bachelor of Arts in 1956 from the University of Arkansas.

He has authored and co-authored a number of leading publications including *Torts and Compensation: Personal Accountability and Social Responsibility for Injury*; *Cases and Materials on Advanced Torts: Economic and Dignitary Torts - Business, Commercial and Intangible Harms*; *The Law of Torts*; *The Law of Remedies: Damages, Equity, Restitution*; and *Problems in Remedies: Damages--Equity—Restitution*.

Dobbs has delivered presentations to many judge, lawyer, faculty and student groups, and was an invited commencement speaker at the University of Arizona College of Law. He is a past chair of the Association of American Law Schools' torts and remedies sections, and continues to be an active member of the American Law Institute.

His work has been cited in thousands of U.S. court cases, including nearly 100 Supreme Court of the United States opinions. His contributions to the international community include work as an American participant in the European Group on Tort Law, which is the group responsible for harmonizing the tort law of the countries in the European Union.

The Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award is named in honor of Robert B. McKay, a professor at New York University Law School who devoted himself to the profession and led by example. He served a number of roles within the ABA including chair of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, chair of the ABA Action Commission to Improve the Tort Liability System, member of the ABA Board of Governors, and chair of other numerous association programs and projects. The McKay Commission was named in his honor and completed work on professional

disciplinary enforcement after his death in 1990. McKay was well known and respected for his commitment to public service, including chairing the commission that studied the uprising at Attica prison.

The ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section unites plaintiff, defense, insurance, and corporate counsel to advance the civil justice system. TIPS is a national source of expertise in tort, trial and insurance practice and brings lawyers together to share information and speak out on issues of importance. The section has about 30,000 members and 32 general committees that focus on substantive and procedural matters in areas across the broad spectrum of civil law and practice. For more information about the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section visit the TIPS website, www.abanet.org/tips.

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