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**PORTLAND, MAINE ATTORNEY PETER BENNETT TO ADDRESS
COALITION OF BAR ASSOCIATIONS OF COLOR ANNUAL DINNER IN
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

PETER BENNETT, a Portland, Maine attorney will address the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color Annual Dinner in Washington, D.C. on May 12, 2006. Bennett's invitation to speak is due to his role as Vice Chair of the American Bar Association's Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section. Bennett's remarks to this nationwide group of minority bar leaders will focus on the advancement of minority lawyers within the profession and within bar leadership generally.

Mr. Bennett is the Vice Chair of the Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) the Trial Bar of the American Bar Association. The TIPS Section has more than 37,000 members and is the only trial bar association that is dedicated to representing the balanced interests of plaintiffs, defendants and industry. Mr. Bennett will serve as Chair of the TIPS Section in 2007-2008. In addition, he is a former member of the Executive Committee of the ABA's Section Officers Conference and a frequent speaker and author for ABA Continuing Legal Education programming.

Mr. Bennett is a Director of the International Society of Primerus Law Firms and is a member of the Board of Visitors of the Boston University School of Law. In addition to his law practice, Mr. Bennett teaches at the University of Southern Maine's Department of Continuing Education for Business and serves on the Board of Directors of Ingraham, a social services agency and Portland Stage Company, a regional equity theatre in Portland, Maine.

Mr. Bennett is a labor and employment lawyer, representing management, whose practice extends through the Northeastern United States. Mr. Bennett lives in Cumberland Foreside, Maine with his wife Sandy and daughter Haley.