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*The Brief* is the American Bar Association's (ABA's) magazine for lawyers practicing tort and insurance law. It is published quarterly by ABA Publishing for the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) of the ABA. TIPS brings together plaintiff's attorneys, defense attorneys, and insurance and corporate counsel for the exchange of information and ideas. *The Brief* facilitates these goals by exploring all aspects of tort and insurance law, including the many facets of trial practice essential to our profession.

As tort and insurance lawyers, we have an obligation to understand and improve all aspects of our liability and adversary systems. Increasing concerns about their efficacy and validity challenge us to respond. We must evaluate and improve these processes in order to provide all who deal with our legal system an effective means of resolving their problems.

Through publication of articles relating to important developments in tort and insurance law and practice, *The Brief* seeks to enhance the quality of law delivered by its readers as well as to stimulate thought, discussion, and action to improve the basic tort and insurance systems that are at the heart of our way of law.

The ideas expressed in *The Brief's* articles do not necessarily reflect the official policy of TIPS or the ABA and should not be so construed. The editorial board encourages expression of the considered opinions of our contributors, some of which are controversial and will not necessarily meet with agreement from all of our readers. We do, however, strive for balance and always attempt to cover all sides of an issue or provide the opportunity for a timely response.

We seek to publish articles that are lively, insightful, and pertinent to our readers. We encourage the submission of original manuscripts, outlines for proposed articles, suggestions and comments on developments in tort and insurance law, and other material of interest to both plaintiff's and defense lawyers who practice and litigate in the areas of tort and insurance law and to insurance professionals. We also publish "Practice Tips" and "Trial Tips," which give practical, how-to advice on practice and litigation matters.

A complete manuscript (or an outline of a proposed article) should be forwarded to the editor in chief, with a copy to the ABA managing editor. Members of *The Brief's* editorial board review suitable proposals. If a manuscript is accepted for publication, it will be edited by the ABA. Please send manuscripts to **Peter J. Biging**, Editor in Chief, [pbiging@goldbergsegalla.com](mailto:pbiging@goldbergsegalla.com); and to **Melissa Vasich**, Managing Editor, [melissa.vasich@americanbar.org](mailto:melissa.vasich@americanbar.org).

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# Profile

## Appellate Advocacy Committee

By Carol Rooney

**A**ppellate advocacy is a specialty. The Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) Appellate Advocacy Committee is made up of appellate specialists, judges, and litigators, as well as those with an interest in appellate practice and advocacy. The goal of the committee is to bring together a diverse group of lawyers, judges, students, and individuals interested in appellate advocacy and the appellate function of the civil justice system.

We meet this goal in a number of ways. The committee hosts monthly Zoom business meetings where members discuss a wide range of hot topics impacting appellate advocates and jurists. Monthly guest speakers will be featured in the upcoming bar year. All TIPS members are invited to attend our monthly committee meetings, generally scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (EST).

The committee also cosponsors appellate webinars with the ABA Judicial Division Council of Appellate Lawyers. The appellate webinar series, *Traps for Appellate Out-of-Towners*, is a 90-minute panel discussion featuring appellate specialists from adjoining states who discuss the ins and outs of appellate practice in a particular state and how practitioners can avoid identifying themselves as an “out-of-towner.” To date, four editions of the webinar have aired to much acclaim and success: “West Coast Edition,” “Mountain State Edition,” “Southwest Edition,” and “New England Edition (Part One).” All are now available on demand. Stay tuned for the latest iteration to issue by the fall of 2025.

The committee regularly publishes newsletters filled with articles on trending appellate topics. A spotlight on a committee member is typically included. The Fall 2024 edition profiled the Honorable Louise Dove Bjorkman, a committee vice-chair. Recent articles include “Understanding the Table of Authorities Feature in Microsoft Word” by vice-chair Brian Miller, and “Reading for Appellate Lawyers” by committee member Thomas Boyd. United States Supreme Court decisions that are significant to TIPS members are frequently highlighted. Our newsletter vice-chair, Jennifer Anderson, welcomes articles and submissions from

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committee members or any TIPS member. The newsletter has proved a valuable resource, with past editions located on our committee’s landing page on the ABA website.

Speaking of publications, committee members, led by our publications vice-chair, Adam Topel, submitted an appellate survey article for publication in the *TIPS Law Journal* later this year.

Committee members regularly attend TIPS conferences. This past year, our chair-elect, Skyler McDonald, attended the TIPS Fall Meeting in beautiful Kauai, Hawaii. At the recent TIPS Section Conference in Washington, D.C., committee leaders and members met for a dinner and other activities during the conference. Plans are underway for committee members to convene in San Diego at the TIPS Fall Meeting later this year.

There are many active subcommittees within the appellate advocacy committee. Our diversity vice-chair, Wendashia Jones, leads a dedicated subcommittee with several projects in the works. Our law student vice-chair, Serafina Russo, regularly engages the law student community, particularly those interested in appellate advocacy and judicial clerkships.

The TIPS Appellate Advocacy Committee provides a space for anyone interested in the civil justice system, appellate advocacy, building an appellate practice, or simply just enhancing written and oral advocacy. Our members are from a wide variety of backgrounds, including big and small firm practitioners, solo practitioners, members of the judiciary, law professors and other academic professionals, and law students.

We welcome your involvement and participation. ◀

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