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CHICAGO, Feb. 19, 2009 – Randy Aliment of Williams Kastner PLLC, Seattle, WA., has been nominated as the Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section for a one-year term that will begin at the close of the ABA Annual Meeting on Aug. 3, 2009. In August 2010, he will become Chair-Elect of the section.

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Aliment's practice emphasizes commercial law advice, business litigation and higher education law. He has represented clients in numerous state and federal courts and administrative bodies in several states and Canada. He has negotiated agreements on behalf of clients involved in commercial transactions in Europe, the Middle East and China. Aliment collaborates extensively with the firm's Chinese affiliate, Duan & Duan, working in their offices in Shanghai, Beijing and Hong Kong in his representation of US and Chinese entities in various transactions, agreements and joint ventures. His experience includes national coordinating counsel in mass tort litigation, securities fraud litigation and contract negotiations on behalf of sports figures. Aliment joined the firm in 1980 and served as its Chairman from 1994-1996. He currently serves on the Williams Kastner board of directors and has been repeatedly recognized as an outstanding Pacific Northwest lawyer including: Washington CEO magazine in 2006; Seattle Magazine in 2007; and in Seattle Business Monthly as one of Seattle's Best Business Lawyers in 2007.

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Aliment currently serves on the Washington State Bar Association International Law Section Executive Committee and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. In addition, he is the Section Financial Officer and a Council member for the American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) and serves on the Steering Committee for the TIPS Leadership-Diversity Initiative. Aliment was recently appointed by the ABA Board of Governors as one of four ABA delegates to the Council of the UIA International Association of Lawyers, headquartered in Paris, France and is also a member of the Federal Bar Association and Chairman of the City University Board of Governors.

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Aliment earned his Juris Doctor, summa cum laude, from Seattle University School of Law, and his Bachelor of Arts from University of Puget Sound, where he graduated with honors. During law school, he served on the Moot Court Board, Order of Barristers and received the West Publishing Co. Award for Academic Excellence.

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 law and brings lawyers together to share information and speak out on issues of importance. The section has more than 32,000 members and 34 general committees that focus on substantive and procedural matters in areas across the broad spectrum of civil law and practice.

With more than 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

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