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Willis R. Tribler Receives IDC 2009 Distinguished Member Award

Chicago, IL – Willis R. Tribler, founding partner of the Chicago law firm of Tribler Orpett & Meyer, P.C., has been recognized with the 2009 Distinguished Member Award from the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC). The IDC is the premiere association of attorneys in Illinois representing business, corporate, professionals, and other individual defendants in civil litigation. With nearly 1,000 members, the IDC is the voice of the defense bar in Illinois, and is working with the business, insurance, and medical communities in support of tort reform legislation.

The Distinguished Member Award is given to IDC members as a reflection of outstanding leadership, for involvement in the association, and for significant contributions to activities outside the practice of law. IDC members who receive this award exemplify the best in the practice of law by continually bringing credit to the profession, the law and the association.

Mr. Tribler, who has been an IDC member for nearly 4 decades, was elected IDC President for 1984-1985. He was instrumental in re-structuring the IDC to create focused practice areas, and in the creation of the IDC's nationally recognized publication, the *IDC Quarterly*.

His ongoing contributions to the profession of law include his work as an instructor for the IDC's continuing legal education courses for Illinois attorneys. A frequent speaker before professional group on issues involving the law, Mr. Tribler is also a prolific writer, authoring numerous legal articles. He has written amicus, or "friend of the court" briefs, for the IDC, when critical cases pending before the state's highest courts involved issues that could alter a fair and level playing field for defendants in the civil courts system.

A graduate of the University Of Illinois School Of Law, Mr. Tribler is an active litigator. His practice with Tribler Orpett & Meyer, P.C., is concentrated on professional liability, insurance coverage, and general tort defense.

The Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC) was organized in 1964 and currently has nearly 1,000 members. The purpose of the organization is to promote improvements in the administration of justice and enhance the service of the legal profession to the public; to encourage the prompt, fair and just disposition of tort litigation; to enhance the knowledge and

improve the skills of defense lawyers; to advance the equitable and expeditious handling of disputes arising under all forms of insurance and surety contracts and to work for the elimination of court congestion and delays in civil litigation.

Membership in the IDC is open to any attorney who is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Illinois; who is engaged actively in the practice of law either privately or on behalf of his/her corporate employer; who is of high professional standard; and who devotes a substantial portion of his or her professional practice to the representation of business, corporate, insurance, professional or individual civil litigants involving tort, contract, insurance, employment, municipal or business matters, and do not, for the most part, represent plaintiffs in personal injury litigation.

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