

A View from the Chair

It is my honor to Chair the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law (TICL) Section for 2015. The TICL Section is one of the many great practice sections of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). However, if you imagine all the practice groups encompassed by NYSBA as a body, we believe TICL is the backbone. Think about it: how many transactions or cases have you seen that did not involve some insurance aspect? Even in non-tort cases (like real estate or commercial), insurance is still an important component that plays in the background. As such, we believe membership in TICL is key to many an attorney's practice.



The TICL Section includes attorneys who represent claimants, plaintiffs, petitioners, defendants, respondents and insurance companies in every possible civil forum. Further, our members are from plaintiffs', defendants' and general practice law firms. We also have staff counsel, assistant general counsel, risk management, third-party administrators and litigation management executives. Moreover, respected members of the Judiciary, Mediators and Arbitrators all play an active role in TICL.

Diversity

As diverse a Section as we are in our practice, the TICL Section is united in the relentless pursuit of fair and reasonable civil justice for all. The TICL Section is firmly committed to the Association's diversity and inclusion initiatives, as well as its call for outreach to young lawyers and law students.

At present, the TICL Section and its Executive Committee are the most diverse they have ever been. We have gotten it that way by co-sponsoring events with various Young Lawyers' and Diversity Bar associations and organizations throughout the State. Further, TICL is always on the lookout for talent, providing scholarships to candidates for the Young Lawyers' Trial Academy, working closely with NYSBA to coordinate relevant Pathways to the Profession events, and actively recruiting talented individuals.

In addition, for the first time (but, hopefully, not the last) TICL helped to sponsor a diverse student to SUNY Buffalo School of Law's flagship "Discover Law" program. The program helps to grease the diversity pipeline by helping diverse college students get exposed to the law by participating in a four-week law school immersion

experience. TICL could not be prouder at being involved with this innovative program.

Outreach

In April of this year, the TICL Section traveled to Buffalo Law School to conduct an Open Executive Committee Meeting and reception for law students. The TICL Section is proud to recognize the power of diversity and inclusion for the betterment of ourselves and of our profession by getting in early and acting as guides and mentors to those who are coming behind.

TICL is also slated to participate and/or co-sponsor networking receptions at various other law schools throughout the State in the Fall.

In addition to our "in-person" events, TICL has kicked its on-line presence into high gear with the creation of our new "Community/Newsletter" Committee. The Committee is chaired by two new members to the TICL Executive Committee, A.G. Chancellor and Diana Neyman, who have already increased traffic to the TICL site with their innovative posts and discussions. Many thanks are also given to Charlie Siegel (who got our new co-chairs up and running) and Eileen Buholtz (who held the online fort since its inception and continues to contribute to the content of the site).

Fall 2015 Meeting

Let's you think the TICL Section is all work and no play, each year the TICL Section holds its Fall Meeting at a family-friendly venue that mixes CLE with networking and family fun. The TICL Section has traveled to Bar Harbor, Walt Disney World, Mohegan Sun, San Diego, Puerto Rico and Ireland. This year, we will travel to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida, to the Loews Royal Pacific Hotel for Columbus Day Weekend, October 9th to the 12th. We will have many timely CLEs, including, but not limited to, cyber security and what effect it may have on the practice of law, emerging trends in bad faith litigation and a bird's eye view of a medical malpractice case.

Check out our website for more information and to register for the meeting.

Upcoming Programs

In September and October, we also have our flagship "Law School for the Insurance Professional" program. It is a great marketing tool (invite your clients!), as well as a refresher of the insurance law principles all attorneys should be familiar with.

Thanks

Congratulations to the *Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section Journal* Editor, David Glazer, for an incredible issue and thank you to the writers and contributors. The *Journal* is not just the Section's eponymous publication; it serves as an important resource to our members on trends and legal issues affecting our areas of practice.

I also want to thank our Planning Committee for the Fall Universal Studios, Orlando, meeting—Tom Maroney, Doug Hayden, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick and Charles Siegel, Robert Permutt and Maia Preval. Our Universal meeting promises to be the best TICL meeting ever!

In sum, join the TICL Section: get great CLE, network and have some fun. After all, every lawyer needs a little TICL!

All the best,

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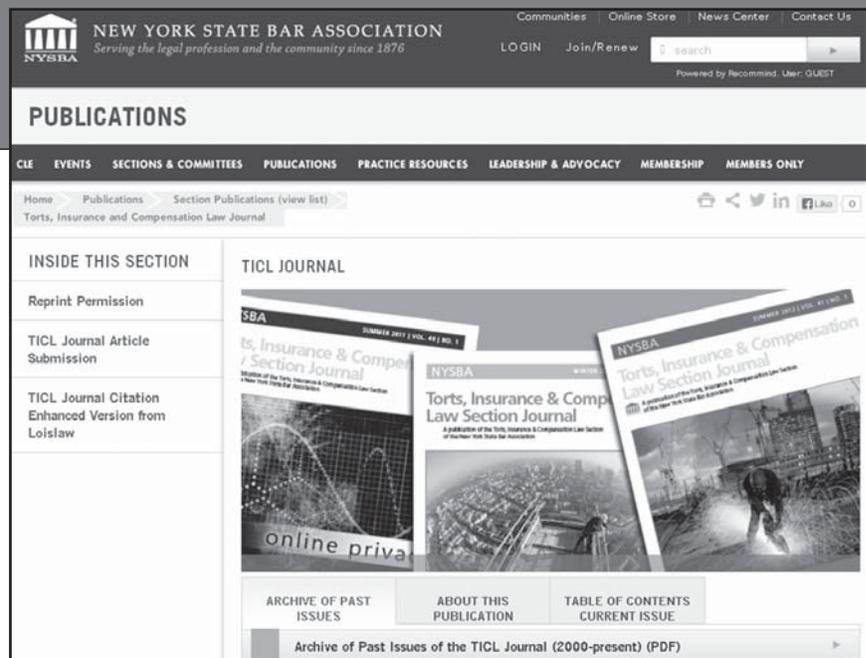
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