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**SEATTLE LAWYER IRWIN L. TREIGER
TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
FROM ABA TAX SECTION**

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 5, 2009 –The American Bar Association Section of Taxation today announced that its 2009 Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Irwin L. Treiger, of counsel in the Estate Planning and Administration group at Stoel Rives LLP in Seattle. The award will be presented during the section’s 2009 May Meeting, at the plenary luncheon on May 9, in Washington, D.C.

The Distinguished Service Award was established in 1995, and is presented each year in recognition of a lawyer’s exceptional contributions to the tax system and tax bar. This year’s award honors Irwin Treiger for his extraordinary professional accomplishments, his leadership and his community service.

“Irwin Treiger is an outstanding tax lawyer, who has contributed much to the legal profession and to the business community and civic life in Seattle,” said William J. Wilkins, chair of the Section of Taxation. “He has devoted countless hours of his time and energy to promoting cultural development in his home town, while building a robust private practice that distinguishes him as an expert tax lawyer,” Wilkins continued. “We

are particularly grateful for his contributions to the Section of Taxation where he has provided critical leadership at several important points of the section's history.”

Treiger has been of counsel to Stoel Rives in Seattle since last year, after practicing as a partner at Dorsey Whitney LLP (1999-2008) and for more than forty years at Bogle & Gates PLLC (1958-99), where he served as managing partner and chairman. Treiger is a business lawyer, with expertise in estate planning, charitable giving and non-profits. He is experienced in contested federal tax matters, and routinely advises small businesses and non-profits on issues ranging from estate planning and trust and probate administration to financial and real estate planning.

A graduate of the University of Washington, and its School of Law, Treiger graduated first in his law school class and was editor-in-chief of its law review. Treiger went on to obtain his LL.M. in Taxation from New York University, where he also graduated first in his class.

Outside of his practice, Treiger has been very involved in the civic life of Seattle, serving as chair of the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the Seattle Foundation, and as trustee of the Samis Foundation and Seattle Rotary. Treiger served as head of the King County Baseball Park Commission, and assisted in getting the new stadium built, which contributed to keeping the Mariners baseball team in the city. In honor of his efforts, Treiger threw the ceremonial first pitch at Safeco Field on his 70th birthday.

Treiger has long been active in the organized bar, serving as chair of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation (1988-89), and earlier as the section's first vice chair for professional services. He was the Tax Section's delegate to the ABA House of Delegates from 1990-1996, and also a member of the association's Board of

Governors for three years. In 1988, Treiger helped organize the Tax Section's Conference on Income Tax Compliance, and chaired the section's Task Force on Public Outreach. He was first chair of the Tax Section of the Washington State Bar Association, and also chaired the National Conference of Lawyers and CPAs.

Treiger continues to be active in tax reform efforts in Washington state, and chairs the Tax Reform Steering Committee of the Puget Sound Regional Council's Prosperity Partnership, whose recommendations are currently under debate.

In addition to receiving the Benjamin Cardozo Award for Outstanding Service in 1997, Treiger received the University of Washington Law School's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1999.

For more information about the Section of Taxation's May Meeting, visit the Section of Taxation Web site, <http://meetings.abanet.org/meeting/tax/may09>.

The American Bar Association Section of Taxation is the national voice of tax lawyers with approximately 21,000 members nationwide. Its goals include helping taxpayers better understand their rights and obligations under the tax laws and working to make the tax system fairer, simpler and easier to administer.

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.

Editor's Note: Reporters are invited to cover any or all sessions of the May Meeting. Course materials are available upon request. To obtain press credentials or to make arrangements for electronic coverage of any sessions, or for more information, call Anne Nicholas at 202/662-8648, or e-mail nicholaa@staff.abanet.org.