

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

London Meeting 15-19 July 1985

Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)

BILA has been invited, through Gordon Shaw who is this year's Chairman of TIPS International Insurance Law Committee, to participate actively in the above Meeting's programme.

In reverse order, on Thursday, July 18 BILA is co-sponsoring with the CII and one other host an early evening reception in the CII Conference Hall at 20 Aldermanbury for some of the TIPS members, of whom over 1,100 have already registered.

Tuesday, 16 July will be a busy day. In the morning - although details have still to be finalised - BILA members may be involved in a TIPS programme at the City Conference Centre (Marine Engineers Building). Starting at 10.00 a.m. and continuing through lunch TIPS committees have a series of short talks covering challenging topics such as "Subrogation - an International Language" and "What Lloyd's does 'wrong' in the US". BILA has been asked to suggest two speakers for the later morning session, to support the whole morning's business meetings and to share the ensuing ABA lunch.

A major meeting takes place that same afternoon. Several ABA Committees are co-sponsoring 2 programmes to which BILA members are invited. They are as follows. First, a major programme entitled "Insurance Regulation - the British get tighter". We have asked BILA's old friends Professor Spencer Kimball and Dr. Werner Pfennigstorf to give an overview of insurance regulation dealing, as well, with EEC practice. Also on the platform as speaker will be Alex Fletcher Esq, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Corporate and

Consumer Affairs at DTI and he will deal with regulatory problems in practice. Lastly, Ian Hay Davison, Director General and a Deputy Chairman of Lloyd's will speak on the New Lloyd's Regulations. It is a full afternoon session, 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. July 16 and either at the Inter-Continental Hotel, Park Lane or a city location, just possibly the ILU.

On Wednesday morning, July 17, 1985 Alan Parry (Lloyd's Council, ex Sedgwicks, still a Lloyd's broker) speaks at a breakfast meeting (8.30 - 9.45) on "Marketing a Jumbo Risk at Lloyd's and Managing it thereafter".

In addition to the foregoing, on the Thursday and Friday mornings there are plenary sessions of ABA/Law Society/Bar Council covering Malpractice (especially Medicine and Law) and Cost of Litigation. So it will be an interesting four days. The ABA asked Gordon Shaw to ascertain the likely reaction of BILA membership in terms of physical support. With the BILA/CII party on the Thursday, few problems arise. But ABA seek BILA support for the Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday meetings. The Wednesday meeting will be ticketed - probably £10.00 - and BILA can arrange name tabs for Tuesday when no charge need be made.

Some BILA members, however, may wish to associate themselves with the whole ABA London meet in which case they need to be registered. Those who are solicitors or barristers have already had a form enabling them to be registered at a special fee of £20.00. The question may arise of BILA members who belong neither to Law Society nor Bar Council nor BACFI.

All this will prompt readers of the Bulletin to put the week commencing 15th July firmly in their diaries. Further details will be sent out either by circular or in our next Bulletin, but it all sounds relevant to BILA's aims - and exciting to boot.

(Gordon Shaw)