

**Business Torts Committee**  
*William J. O'Sullivan, Chair*

**Purpose**

The Business Torts Committee was created to serve the needs of attorneys with varied business litigation practices, through its own educational programs as well as collaborative programs with other sections and committees of the CBA. The committee addresses a wide range of subject matter, meeting the needs of attorneys with diverse caseloads. Areas covered include employment law, intellectual property, construction, franchises and business opportunities, and unfair trade practices.

**Annual Report**

The committee enjoyed a successful third year. The initial session was a joint program with the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Litigation Sections, focused on a significant decision rendered by the Connecticut Supreme Court in an arbitrated business tort matter, *MedValUSA Health Programs v. MemberWorks*. Over the course of the program year, the committee also hosted a presentation on the Lanham Act, a roundtable regarding proposed revisions to the Connecticut Rules of Practice, an update on the Task Force on Multi-jurisdictional Practice, and a joint session with the Litigation Section on electronic discovery.

The committee expanded its “case of interest” alert service, featuring summaries by e-mail of recent court decisions of interest to the business litigation bar.

The committee also hosted a continuing legal education program titled, “Hey! You Stole My Business! Litigating Against a Former Employee or Partner.” The program covered the law that applies to employees and business partners who wrongfully compete with their former company through the use of misappropriated trade secrets and the like. The program also addressed strategies for resolving cases of this type via litigation or alternative dispute resolution as well as relevant ethical issues.