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Dear Executive Council Members:

With the start of the new 2011-12 Bar Year, the Section's Executive Council will continue the tradition of holding its first meeting at the Breakers in Palm Beach. Accordingly, the Breakers will host our 31st Annual Legislative Update and our Executive Council and Committee Meetings beginning Thursday August 4th and ending Sunday August 7th.

The tradition of course not only includes a combination of committee meetings and educational opportunities, but also a variety of social and networking events, as well as some down-time to relax and enjoy the resort and surrounding area. So take advantage of all the opportunities and benefits your Executive Council membership provides and join us in Palm Beach. Also, please plan to bring your families. Our spouses and guests can make sure the spa, pool, and other fine amenities of the Breakers are given proper attention. Pat and I will make every effort to ensure everyone enjoys their stay at the Breakers.

Section committees will meet all day on Thursday. Attached to this letter is a copy of the most current committee meeting time schedule. Upon your arrival, please check with the Program Registration Desk for any last minute schedule changes or adjustments. For those of you arriving Wednesday evening, the legendary Section Hospitality Suite will be open starting at 7:00 pm, so please stop by after you check in with the hotel and join us for some refreshments and light snacks to help you recover and relax from your travels to Palm Beach. This year the Hospitality Suite is scheduled to be held in the Gold Room, but please check for any last minute changes.

On Thursday evening, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, we will hold the Welcome Reception in the Breakers' elegant Circle Dining Room. As usual, this Reception will feature an open bar and a very generous spread of light to heavy appetizers, which certainly can double as your dinner if you so chose; or gather up some old or new friends and head out to one of the great Palm Beach restaurants for dinner after the Reception. In either event, the Hospitality Suite will be open on Thursday starting at 8:00 pm, so please stop by after the Reception or dinner and join us for some refreshments and light desserts.

The 31st Annual Legislative Update seminar sponsored by Attorneys' Title Fund Services will begin at 8:00 am on Friday morning. Once again, because of the excellent efforts of the Section's Legislative Review Committee (Chaired by Michael J. Gelfand, with Co-Vice Chairs Alan Fields and Barry Spivey) and our very effective Pennington legislative team of Pete Dunbar, Martha Edenfield, Gene Adams and Josh Aubuchon, the Section was very successful in its legislative agenda during the last session. The Update will cover all of the significant legislative and case law matters that have occurred during the past year and which we anticipate will have a direct impact upon your practice. Our Legislative Update Committee, Chaired by Robert Swaine, and Co-Vice Chaired by Stuart Altman, Sharaine Sibblies, James Robbins and Charlie Nash, has assembled an

impressive array of topics and speakers, including Chief Justice Charles T. Canady and The Florida Bar's Immediate Past President, Mayanne Downs. The Update program schedule and registration materials are attached.

For those of you who may have questions about the upcoming Prague Out-of-State Executive Council Meeting or missed our Prague presentation at the last Executive Council Meeting, Pat will be available in the Hospitality Suite at 10 am on Friday to talk about that meeting, and can do a repeat of the PowerPoint presentation we gave at the Eden Roc if requested.

Cocktails on Friday evening will be served in the lavish Mediterranean Ballroom, followed by an excellent Breakers dinner with light musical entertainment in the beautiful Venetian Ballroom that looks out over the Atlantic Ocean. Of course the Hospitality Suite will be open after dinner.

Our Saturday morning Division Breakfast Roundtable meetings will commence at 8:00 am, and the Executive Council meeting will begin promptly thereafter at 10:00 am. Lunch for Section members will be provided around noon.

Please plan to extend your stay after the Executive Council meeting concludes on Saturday afternoon. There will be time to relax around the pool and on the beach, to bicycle around the island or to play tennis or golf. Snorkeling equipment, kayaks and bicycles are available on a complimentary basis to RPPTL Section members and their guests who are staying at the hotel. In addition, Tennis courts are available for free and golf tee times can be reserved by calling 1-888- 273-2537.

In addition, please make sure your spouses and guests sign up for the Spouse/Guest Breakfast that will be available from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Sign-up for that breakfast is provided for in the Executive Council Meeting Sign-Up Sheet attached to this letter.

Don't miss Saturday evening. Our Saturday evening reception and dinner will take place at the fabulous Norton Museum of Art. The Museum is internationally known for its distinguished permanent collection featuring American Art, Chinese Art, Contemporary Art, European Art and Photography. We will have access to view all of their ground floor exhibits, including the temporary visiting exhibit: "Out of this World: Extraordinary Costumes from Film and Television." That exhibit features more than 30 costumes and related objects from science fiction films and television programs such as Star Wars, Blade Runner, Terminator, Star Trek, Battlestar Galactica and Batman. Docents will be available to help guide people through the Museum and answer questions.

The popular Breakers Spa program will be available again this year anytime from Thursday through Sunday. There are a limited number of discounted spa appointments available, so you will need to complete the registration form and mail in your payment to The Florida Bar as soon as possible. Spaces will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. You must <u>also</u> call the spa for your reservation at 1-888- 273-2537 and identify yourself as a RPPTL Section guest <u>after</u> Liz has confirmed that you have been allocated a spa appointment.

We'll close the weekend with a delicious Breakers breakfast on Sunday morning where we can discuss our plans to get together again in Prague in September.

Pat and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Breakers!

Very truly yours,

George J. Meyer, Chair