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November 17, 2010

RE: RPPTL Santa Barbara Meeting

Dear Executive Council Members:

It is now time to focus on our most important meeting of the year - our out-of-state meeting in Santa Barbara, California.

The Four Seasons Resort in Montecito, the area of Santa Barbara where many stars own homes, will serve as the grand accommodations for our Executive Council Meeting beginning Thursday, February 24, 2011 and ending Sunday, February 27, 2011. The Four Seasons is a premier resort consisting of 22 acres of peaceful gardens overlooking bright white sands and the deep blue Pacific. It is located in Santa Barbara 95 miles north of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

All events are resort casual, so bring your comfortable clothes and relax as we explore some beautiful country in central California. Generally, we would expect the temperatures to be in the 60s during the day and the mid to high 40s during the evening.

We are excited to see from the room registrations that many of you are arriving on Wednesday. Your early arrival will give you some time to explore Santa Barbara on your own. We have, however, organized a few early bird activities for Thursday in the event you would like some assistance discovering Santa Barbara.

On Thursday, we will offer a Santa Barbara walking tour that will include lunch. This tour is limited to 20 guests. See the enclosure for specific information on this event.

Alternatively, on Thursday, we will offer an informal lunch. After that lunch, we have arranged a wine blending "seminar" for the first 20 people who wish to test their blending skills.

On Thursday evening, we will have our Welcome reception. After the reception, you should feel free to explore one of Santa Barbara's fine dining venues for dinner on your own. See the enclosure for some dinner suggestions.

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On Friday, we will offer a group breakfast. Afterwards, we will depart for a tour of Santa Barbara's wine country. We will have four separate buses. Each bus can accommodate up to 20 people. Each group will separately tour 2 wineries that Sally and I have personally visited and selected for your enjoyment. We will all meet at Roblar Winery for a wonderful lunch where we can share our winery experiences. Capacity is limited so do not delay sending in your sign up if you want to be a part of this event.

For those who do not wish to go on the Friday winery tour, we are again offering the Santa Barbara walking tour that also includes lunch.

On Friday evening, we will hold our grand reception and dinner overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The view is spectacular and the Four Seasons serves top quality food. The dress is casual. The reception will be outside on the water so dress comfortably.

On Saturday morning, we will again offer a group breakfast. For executive council members, we will hold our business meeting that should last no longer than one hour.

We will then depart for the Santa Ynez valley, where we will have a truly one-of-a-kind experience at Flag is Up Farms. There, we will visit the West's most famous horse trainer's ranch and home where many of today's most famous champions have been trained. This property is not open to the public; this experience is only available to large groups like ours on a limited basis.

On Saturday evening, we will offer a farewell reception. Plan a dinner on your own that evening.

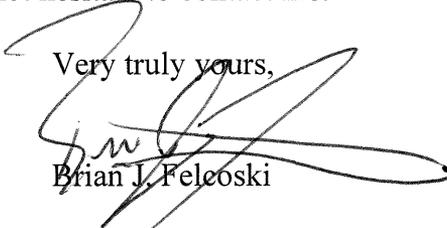
Please see the enclosure for more details on the events we have planned. Also, we have provided some ideas for activities you may wish to do on your own.

Of course, the Chair's Suite will be open Thursday through Saturday evenings for more fun and fellowship.

Due to the limited capacity for the events and our contractual obligations, there will be no refunds for any events. Also, if you are holding a room reservation but do not plan on coming to Santa Barbara, please cancel your reservation as we have a wait list for those desiring a room in the block.

We look forward to a wonderful time with you in Santa Barbara. Of course, if you have any questions about the activities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Brian J. Feleoski

## RPPTL SANTA BARBARA INFORMATION

### EVENTS

#### Enchanted Santa Barbara Walking Tour

Get acquainted with Santa Barbara's rich cultural and historical background by signing up for this tour. This is a "Red Tile" walking tour covering a short 12 blocks in downtown Santa Barbara. This unique event will introduce you to some of Santa Barbara's treasures including its oldest and most famous landmarks. You will explore Old Mission Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County Courthouse, the Historical Museum, and El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park. Along the way, you will experience great views of the city. Your tour will conclude with a wonderful lunch at a restaurant located across from the Courthouse, where you will have a view of the Courthouse and its sunken gardens. We recommend that you wear comfortable, low-heeled shoes for walking. Transportation from and to the Four Seasons is provided. Space is limited to the first 20.

#### The Art of Wine Blending

In the El Galeon Room at the Four Seasons, Second generation winemaker, Bion Rice, will lead us on an entertaining journey in the art of wine blending. In the late 1990s, Bion discovered his passion for winemaking at his family's Sunstone Winery, where he honed his skills at assemblage, the blending of wines, to yield distinctly complex cuvees of balance, grace and power. In 2002, Bion founded Artiste Winery and Tasting Studio with a vision of becoming one of the best "cuvee" wine producers. This is, indeed, a unique experience that will be enjoyed by all. A new wine maker may be born! This event will conclude with a wine pairing that includes a flight of assorted wine-infused miniature cupcakes made famous by Enjoy Cupcakes of Los Olivos, California. Space is limited to the first 20.

## Santa Ynez Valley and Vineyards Tour

Join us on an adventure into Santa Barbara's wine country as you embark on one of four wine tour tracks. As the tour begins, some will experience breath taking views of the mountains and coast as their wine tour track takes them to the Santa Rita Hills area, a small appellation of the Santa Ynez Valley. Others will take a track that requires you to ascend into the Santa Ynez mountains over the original stagecoach route, San Marcos Pass, to experience sweeping views of the mountains and the valley below. Each track includes a visit to two distinct wineries. We have personally visited each of the wineries selected. None of them will disappoint you. Each winery will include a tasting and one of the wineries on each track will include a tour of the facilities. All four groups will meet at Roblar Winery for a fantastic lunch. This is an event you will not want to miss. Space is limited to the first 80.

## Flag is Up Farms

On a gorgeous Santa Ynez Valley 150-acre spread, imagine the pleasure and privilege of visiting the Ranch and Home of Monty Roberts, the West's most famous horse trainer! Over 300 thoroughbreds thrive at the Ranch. This is an equestrian's dream school where many of today's famous champions have been trained. Monty Roberts and wife, Pat, provide a true western welcome at their "Flag Is Up Farms." Guests watch in wonder at the starting ring where a training demonstration of a yearling takes place before their eyes and the young horse learns to accept blanket, saddle and rider in less than half an hour, a process conventionally requiring weeks. It's called "The Join Up" as quiet, patient talking, allows the horse to choose trust and "join" with his trainer. Following the demonstration guests are invited to Monty's Saloon for a reception and lunch to follow at the Hacienda Terrace. Hacienda Terrace offers spectacular views of the valley. This property is not open for individual visits, so you cannot experience this property "on your own." So don't delay signing up for this unique event.

## DINING ON YOUR OWN

You will certainly have some opportunities to dine on your own outside of The Four Seasons. If you do not want to drive, Montecito offers several restaurants within four to six blocks of the Four Seasons. It is an easy walk to any of them. Our favorite was Cava, a Spanish restaurant. Just ask the hotel. The Four Seasons has all of the restaurant menus and will make reservations for you.

A short drive from the hotel is the Stonehouse Restaurant at San Ysidro Ranch. We thought the food was excellent. The property is exceptional.

In Santa Barbara, our favorite restaurant so far has been Ca Dario, which serves Italian food.

Again, the Four Seasons will be happy to help you with restaurant selections and to make reservations for you.

## ACTIVITIES ON YOUR OWN

**Golfing.** The Santa Barbara area offers a number of golfing opportunities. If you want to take advantage of breath taking views of the coast, you should consider The Sandpiper. The views are absolutely gorgeous. With almost a half-mile of ocean frontage, there are 5 fairways where, if your ball goes too far astray, you will need to get it with some scuba gear. Some courses promise ocean vistas - few can promise the actual ocean. The Four Seasons will help make reservations.

**Tennis.** The Resort offers complimentary tennis. There are three lighted tennis courts. One court has synthetic grass.

**Bicycles.** The Resort offers complimentary bicycles for exploring the surrounding area on your own.

**Spa and Fitness at Four Seasons Resort.** The Resort features a stunning Spa & Fitness Center offering 10,000+ square feet of modern fitness equipment and contemporary spa therapy treatments designed to relax, rejuvenate and calm guests. Designed by famed architect Peter Marino, the new Spa is located adjacent to the Resort's new garden courtyard pool and rose garden. This \$30 million-dollar

Spa features state-of-the-art cardiovascular equipment, free weights, locker rooms with steam and sauna, aerobic/movement room, and a staff of expertly-trained fitness professionals. However, the eleven (11) luxury wet and dry spa suites are the highlight, featuring fireplaces and/or terraces and facing the Pacific Ocean and Butterfly Beach. You can enjoy the benefits of a full service Spa and the beauty of Santa Barbara simultaneously!

**Santa Barbara Botanic Garden**, 1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA. This botanic garden is an excellent way for garden enthusiasts to learn about the natural regional plants and trees. The garden is spread out over 70 acres and is within a 10 minute drive from The Four Seasons.

**Cold Spring Tavern**, 5995 Stagecoach Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. The Cold Spring Tavern is located near highway 154, the San Marcos Pass, about 30 minutes from the Four Seasons. Go back 130 years to a very romantic period in California history. It was the era of the stagecoach and the Cold Spring Tavern played a prominent role as an important stagecoach stop. Visiting this place is a must do for anyone who has a little time to venture out on their own.

**Los Olivos, California.** If you want to visit a small town in Santa Barbara wine country this would be our first choice. Los Olivos is a charming town nestled in the heart of Santa Barbara's wine country. Visit its eclectic art galleries, unique shops, and engage in a little wine and olive oil tasting all at the same time.

**Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section Out-of-State Executive Council Meeting  
The Four Seasons – Santa Barbara Registration Form**

**MAIL YOUR CHECK** payable to The Florida Bar, along with a completed copy of this registration form, to The Florida Bar. **IF PAYING WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD** please FAX the completed form to Liz C. Smith at (850) 561-5825.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Florida Bar #: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thursday, February 24, 2011**

		Event Price		# Attending		Total
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Enchanted Santa Barbara Walking Tour <b>(8180129)</b> <i>(Limited Event)</i> Includes Lunch	\$80	x	_____	=	_____
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Buffet Lunch <b>(8180130)</b>	\$20	x	_____	=	_____
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	The Art of Wine Blending <b>(8180131)</b> <i>(Limited to the first 20)</i>	\$50	x	_____	=	_____
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception <b>(8180132)</b>	\$60	x	_____	=	_____

**Friday, February 25, 2011**

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet <b>(8180133)</b>	\$25	x	_____	=	_____
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Enchanted Santa Barbara Walking Tour <b>(8180134)</b> <i>(Limited Event)</i> <i>(Includes Lunch)</i>	\$80	x	_____	=	_____
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Santa Ynez Valley & Vineyards Tour <b>(8180135)</b> <i>(Limited Event)</i> Includes Lunch	\$100	x	_____	=	_____
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Four Seasons Reception and Dinner <b>(8180136)</b>	\$100	x	_____	=	_____

**Saturday, February 26, 2011**

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet <b>(8180137)</b>	\$25	x	_____	=	_____
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Executive Council Meeting	COMP	x	_____	=	COMP
10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Flag is Up Farms <b>(8180138)</b> <i>(Includes Lunch)</i>	\$125	x	_____	=	_____
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Farewell Reception <b>(8180139)</b>	\$50	x	_____	=	_____

EVENTS TOTAL      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

▶ **PLEASE COMPLETE THE PAYMENT INFORMATION ON PAGE 2**

**RPPTL Executive Council Meeting Sign-Up Sheet Continued....**

All prices are inclusive of any applicable sales taxes. Please sign up for all events you wish to attend and pay the cost (if any). There will be no on-site registration for the events. **DUE TO THE LIMITED NATURE OF THE EVENTS THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.** All registrations must be received prior to 12:00 p.m. on January 5, 2011.

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**EVENTS TOTAL FROM PREVIOUS PAGE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Please complete and return both pages of this registration form before January 5, 2010**