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Lori and I are looking forward to greeting you in our home town of Miami Beach, the "Sun and Fun Capital of the World", at the RPPTL Section annual convention. Our host hotel, the world-renowned Fontainebleau, is getting ready to welcome us as only it can. Located right on the beach and Atlantic Ocean, with multiple swimming pools, exciting places to eat, night clubs that are among the hottest anywhere, a spa that puts great hotel spas to shame (we have a 10% discount for our members), workout areas overlooking the Atlantic ocean (have I left anything out?), this is a wonderful venue to both do our committee work, learn and socialize with our colleagues as our year draws to an end. We will also have an opportunity to visit one of the newest and most exciting of public spaces in the community.

Enclosed is the registration form for Executive Council members only. Please do not forward this to non-Council members--a separate registration form will be available for them.

In addition to a great CLE program on Friday morning and our committee work, I think we have a really great schedule of events scheduled so that we can have some fun and relaxation, as well. Of course, we will also be conducting our Annual Meeting, electing officers and recognizing those of our members who are deserving of Section awards.

Here are some highlights and comments on the events—the full schedule of events accompanies the email that forwarded this letter:

Thursday, June 4, will include a full day of committee activities. A continental breakfast and a box lunch will be available for purchase.

Thursday evening, at 6:30 p.m., we board buses to travel west across Biscayne Bay into the City of Miami for a reception, including a heavy hors d'oeuvres, at the magnificent new Perez Art Museum Miami ("PAMM"), located on the shores of Biscayne Bay, right in the heart of downtown Miami, with a spectacular view to the east and south. On arrival, you will have the choice of joining one of three docents for a tour of the highlights of PAMM, or you may tour PAMM on your own. Our reception is on the top level of PAMM, on a covered veranda looking east towards Miami Beach, the Port of Miami and downtown Miami. The PAMM building is itself a

work of art, designed by the Pritzker Prize-winning architects Herzog & de Meuron. Check out information about the design and the museum generally at www.pamm.org. You are welcome to drive to PAMM on your own, but you will be charged their customary \$2.00 per hour fee for parking. **If you are making use of our bus transportation, please make sure you note that on the registration form and include the fee in your payment. The reception fee does not include transportation.**

Because of space limitations, reservations for PAMM are limited to our Executive Council members and their immediate family members. Our space limitation will have to be strictly enforced.

Upon returning from PAMM, please join us in our oceanfront hospitality room until 11:30 p.m.. Dessert-type refreshments will be provided.

Friday morning, June 5, starts bright and early at 6:30 a.m. with our “Reptile Run”. Gather in the lobby of the Fontainebleau and Mike Bedke will lead the way.

We have a really timely and important CLE program on tap, beginning at 8:15 a.m., entitled “Florida, Same-Sex Marriage, RPPTL and the U.S. Supreme Court Finality, Futility or Both?”. As you know, this topic has issues directly impacting both of our substantive areas of practice. **A link to the SEPARATE registration form for this CLE program is provided in the email forwarding this letter.**

Friday, beginning at 11:30 a.m., is our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. In addition to our annual election, we will have a return performance by the “Certainly Not Ready for Prime Time Players” (a/k/a Eric Virgil and Rob Freedman) who will provide a tongue-firmly in-cheek review of the past Section year, and the presentation of our annual Section awards. Spouses and other guests are most cordially invited.

Friday afternoon, committee work will continue until 4 p.m. At that time, an important orientation session will be conducted for all 2015-16 Section committee chairs and vice-chairs. This will be a fast-moving opportunity for new chairs and vice-chairs to learn of procedures and best practices and for returning chairs and vice-chairs to learn of ways to improve their committee operations. While attendance is considered mandatory, the benefits that will accrue to both experienced and new committee leadership will make it very helpful.

Friday evening, please join us for a reception poolside, with the pleasure of ocean breezes (the sun will not be a problem at that time!). We have arranged for special entertainment that will make this reception memorable! This will be followed by a great dinner at the hotel, followed by all of us thanking our Executive Committee members for a great year of service.

The hospitality room will be open until 12:00 midnight.

Saturday morning begins with the Reptile Run at 6:00 a.m.

Separate full breakfasts will be offered to each substantive division beginning at 8:00 a.m., followed by Roundtables. There will be a separate breakfast offered for spouses and other guests, for a nominal fee.

The Executive Council meeting will begin at **9:45 a.m.** (note the change from the previous schedule). Florida Bar President Greg Coleman will be addressing the Council. Lunch will be brought in for Council members around noon.

Saturday afternoon. We hope you are planning on staying Saturday, so you can relax and enjoy the incredible amenities the Fontainebleau has to offer, starting with its unsurpassed beach and pool areas, its state of the art work out facilities, shopping, spa and so much more. A 10% spa discount is available for our members and guests.

Saturday evening. our events conclude with dinner at the fabulous Smith and Wollensky's, on South Beach. As their website says, "The Miami skyline and crystal waters of the nearby Government Cut Channel set the backdrop for a lunch or dinner replete with timeless glamour". Transportation will be on your own. We will have a pre-selected menu available, with several choices of appetizers, main courses and desserts, to satisfy everyone's tastes.

One of the considerations in selecting this restaurant was its location on South Beach, so, if you are so inclined, after dinner it will be convenient for you to spend the night enjoying all that South Beach has to offer.

Dress. Dress for our events will generally be resort casual. However, for our reception at PAMM and for our reception and dinner on Friday evening, please no shorts or jeans!

We hope you are planning on joining us at all or many of these events. We think you will have a great time. Of course, the hotel concierge is ready, willing and able to help with any other plans you may want to make while you are in the area.

Thanks so much for your enthusiastic participation this year. See you on Miami Beach!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mike