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Dear Executive Council Member:

I am excited about bringing everyone to my home town of Gainesville! The weather is generally very nice in April and I'm hoping that we can take advantage of that while you are here.

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We will be staying at the Hilton University of Florida. It is adjacent to the UF Campus on the west side. For those of you familiar with Gainesville, it is on N.W. 34th Street, immediately north of Archer Road. I think you will enjoy the hotel – the rooms are nice and it has a great bar where you can enjoy relaxing when you aren't in meetings.

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Committee meetings will begin Thursday morning as usual and run all day Thursday and Friday. All committee meetings will be at the hotel, of course.

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Friday's lunch is a special presentation by the Professionalism and Ethics Committee. Elizabeth Tarbert, staff counsel for The Florida Bar. She will be discussing recent and proposed changes in the Ethics Rules that impact the way we practice.

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On Saturday, the Roundtables and the Executive Council meeting will be held at the UF law school. It is a wonderful facility and we will be able to take advantage of their new classrooms with all of the high-tech bells and whistles for our meetings. Because they do not allow food in the classrooms, we will have to eat our breakfast BEFORE the Roundtable meetings start. There will be buses early Saturday morning to take you over to the law school (or you can choose to drive...it's not far) in time to get breakfast before the meetings start at 8 a.m. Roundtables will last until 10:30 a.m., with the Executive Council meeting immediately thereafter. There will be snacks after the Roundtables to tide you over until lunch, which will be back at the hotel or downtown at the art festival (read on.....)

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Thursday night's welcome reception will be held at the Hilton. We are going to try and be outside to enjoy the great spring weather.

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Friday morning we have a fun event planned for spouses and guests. Town of Tioga is a very nice mixed use development on the west side of Gainesville. We have arranged for a morning of activity that includes shopping, a party at Bath Junkie where guests would prepare their own customized bath & body products and take home promotional sizes of the products they prepared, followed by a cooking class at Cucina Mia Gourmet Retail Center. Tioga is only about a 10 minute drive from the hotel and we will arrange for buses to take everyone there. You should be back at the hotel at around 1 p.m.

Friday night's reception and dinner will be at the Harn Museum of Art. The Harn is an excellent gallery and I think that you will be very impressed with what little of Gainesville has to offer. The best way for you to learn about the Harn is to go to the website – www.harn.ufl.edu. The current exhibit is of a collection owned by Carol and Stephen Shey who live here in Gainesville. The exhibition consists of 100 paintings, sculpture and drawings by 75 internationally renowned 20th and 21st century artists.

The museum is directly across the street from the hotel so it is an easy walk.

The annual Spring Arts Festival is scheduled for downtown Gainesville on Saturday and Sunday while we are there. This is a wonderful show, with hundreds of artists. There is also an incredible children's area that you must visit if you are bringing young kids. There will be buses available to take spouses and guests to downtown beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday and then there will be transportation for Executive Council members after the conclusion of our meeting on Saturday.

The best part about this art show is that my firm hosts a fabulous Shrimp and Beer Party on Saturday afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. You are all invited to attend. We've ordered extra beer and shrimp just for you! See the attached invitation.

I suggest that if you are going to go to the art festival after the Executive Council Meeting that you NOT sign up for lunch on Saturday. Plan on eating shrimp at my office.

Saturday night we will conclude with dinner back at the hotel so that we can relax after a busy several days. And of course we will make sure you are fed before you leave on Sunday morning.

The RPPTL Hospitality Suite will be open every night. The Chair's suite is not large enough at the Hilton to accommodate us so we will be in a semi private dining room area off the lobby.

Dress code: Orange and Blue Casual should be fine for the entire weekend; however, Friday night's dinner is Nice Orange and Blue Casual.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Miller".

25th Annual

**Jim Salter
Jimmy Feiber
Melissa Murphy
Denise Hutson
David Menet
Kristine Van Vorst**

**Saturday, April 5, 2008
2 - 6 PM
Raindate, April 6, 2008**

**703 Northeast 1st Street
Gainesville, Florida**



**Celebrating
SFCC Spring Arts Festival**

SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL
April 5 & 6, 2008

Make plans to attend the 39th Annual Santa Fe Community College Spring Arts Festival sparkling with fine arts in Gainesville's lovely historic downtown area 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday April 5 and 1-5:30 p.m. on Sunday April 6. Santa Fe Spring Arts Festival is located on N.E. 1st Street. Admission is free.

"Visitors return year after year to enjoy the great art and beautiful setting," said festival coordinator Kathryn Lehman. "It's very much a social event. Santa Fe Community College Spring Arts Festival has been described as "Gainesville's Easter Parade."

A variety of art will be shown including oil painting, watercolor, photography, graphics, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, wood, glass and fiber.

The juried fine arts show has \$30,000 in cash and purchase awards.

"This is the oldest and largest cultural event in North Central Florida, attracting some of the nation's top fine artists," Lehman said.

There will be two stages set up for performing artists. Showcasing everything from classical to rock and dance styles from ballet to jazz to classical.

The grounds of the historic Thomas Center, NE 2nd Street and 6th Avenue are turned into a Kid's Art Jungle—a hands-on arts festival for children and families, providing 15 different multi cultural activities such as face painting, clay sculpture, collage, hat and mask making. Free admission. "We are told it's the largest children's area at a festival in the South," said Lehman.

Food at the festival, everything from gyros, Caesar salads, strawberry shortcakes to the ever-popular funnel cakes, is provided by local non-profit groups.

For information call (352) 395-5355 or check us out on the web, www.sfcc.edu, then click index in the lower left-hand corner and then go to "s" and Spring Arts Festival.

INFORMATION ABOUT ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND GAINESVILLE

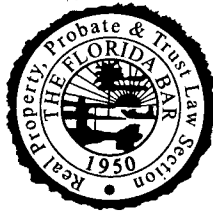
By Melissa Murphy

The Hilton Hotel is right across the street from the Harn Museum of Art and the Florida State Museum of Natural History. Fabulous! Go to their websites for more information: www.harn.ufl.edu and www.flmnh.ufl.edu

The 39th Annual Spring Arts Festival is scheduled for the weekend we are in Gainesville. See the attached press release. The kids' area at the Art Festival is truly fabulous. I live right across the street and my kids attended this part of the festival every year! RPPTL will have shuttles to take you to and from the festival on Saturday. Most importantly, Melissa Murphy's office will be hosting their 25th Annual Shrimp & Beer Party to which all are invited. See attached invite.

For lots of information about Gainesville and Alachua County, go to www.visitgainesville.com. It is very good and has something for everyone. There's good antique shopping in Micanopy (about 20 minutes south).

There is a very nice public park about a mile from the Hilton, directly up 34th Street. It's called Westside Park and has all kinds of playground equipment and picnic tables.



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ON BACK OF FORM**

Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section

Executive Council Meeting • April 3 - 6, 2008 • Hilton University of Florida Conference Center
1714 S W 34th Street • Gainesville, FL 32607 • Phone: (352) 371-3600

MAIL YOUR CHECK, payable to The Florida Bar, along with a complete copy of this registration form, to The Florida Bar. **IF PAYING WITH YOUR VISA OR MASTERCARD** please FAX the completed form to **Carmalita Hawkins** at fax number (850) 561-5825. Only Visa & Master Card are acceptable. **Thank you!**

Your Name: _____ Florida Bar #: _____

Spouse / Guest Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail : _____

Thursday, April 3, 2008

	Event Price		# Attending	Total
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings			
12:00 noon	Box Lunch \$20 [\$18.81 + \$1.19 tax = \$20 RP033 - 236635]	x	_____ =	_____
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception \$45 [\$42.35 + \$2.65 tax = \$45 RP033 - 236635]	x	_____ =	_____
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite Open			

Friday, April 4, 2008

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast \$20 [\$18.81 + \$1.19 tax = \$20 RP033 - 236635]	x	_____ =	_____
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings			
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Spouse/Guest Event			
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Presentation by Elizabeth Tarbert Ethics Counsel for The Florida Bar COMP	x	_____ =	_____
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Circuit Representatives Meeting			
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	RPPTL-PAC Meeting			
6:15 p.m.	Shuttles depart for Dinner (Harn Museum)			
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Reception and Dinner at Harn Museum \$75 [\$70.57 + \$4.43 tax = \$75 RP033 - 236635]	x	_____ =	_____
9:00 p.m. – midnight	Hospitality Suite Open			

Saturday, April 5, 2008

7:00 a.m.	Shuttles leave for Law School			
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Roundtable Breakfast at Law School COMP	x	_____ =	_____
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Spouse/Guest Breakfast COMP	x	_____ =	_____
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Probate Roundtables		_____ =	_____
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Real Property Roundtables		_____ =	_____
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Executive Council Meeting COMP	x	_____ =	_____
2:00 p.m.	Executive Council Lunch COMP	x	_____ =	_____
2:00 p.m.	Shuttle departs to Art Festival			
6:00 p.m.	Shuttle returns to Hotel			
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner at the Hotel \$50 [\$47.05 + \$2.95 tax = \$50 RP033 - 236635]	x	_____ =	_____
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite Open			

Gainesville, Executive Council Meeting

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

Sunday, April 6, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Farewell Breakfast \$ 20 x _____ = _____
[\$18.81 + \$1.19 tax = \$20 RP033 - 236635]
EVENTS TOTAL _____

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. You may receive a full or partial refund (less a \$25 administrative fee) if your refund request is received by fax (fax # 850-561-5825) or by e-mail (chawkins@flabar.org) **prior to 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2008. There will be no full or partial refunds after 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2008 and there will be no full or partial refunds for no shows.**

MAIL YOUR CHECK, payable to **The Florida Bar**, with a completed copy of both pages of this sign-up sheet:

**The Florida Bar
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CREDIT CARD: If paying with your **VISA** or **MasterCard** please FAX the completed form to **Carmalita Hawkins** at fax number (850) 561-5825 **before March 25, 2008.** Thank you!

EVENTS TOTAL FROM PREVIOUS PAGE \$ _____ RP033 - 236635

- MAILING A CHECK WITH COPY OF THIS FORM (BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM)**
- MASTERCARD** **VISA**

PLEASE NEATLY PRINT LARGE LETTERS & NUMBERS

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ / _____ (Month / Year)

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Please be sure to fax or mail both pages of this registration form.

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*** Please complete and return both pages of this registration form before March 27, 2008**