April 28, 2014

Dear Executive Council Members:

You are invited to the RPPTL Annual Convention on Captiva Island at the South Seas Island Resort, May 28-June 1, 2014. Whether your idea of relaxation is sitting by a pool with an adult beverage, walking on a wide sandy beach, gathering with friends and family, talking shop with your fellow Executive Council members, playing a round of nighttime golf with glow balls or spotting dolphins off the coast, there is something for everyone at the Convention. The Reptiles are returning to Captiva Island after many years for a casual, laid back weekend of committee and Executive Council meetings, CLE, social events, entertainment, and family friendly activities. Convention Chair Laura Sundberg and Vice Chair Dresden Brunner have planned a spectacular weekend. Bring or rent bikes, kayaks, canoes and golf clubs to participate in the many opportunities for recreation and relaxation offered on Captiva and Sanibel Islands. The Resort also has a marvelous pool. We have planned several activities for the Reptile kids, but check out the hotel’s website which provides information about the many events and activities available to children throughout the day.

**Wednesday**. Arrive by Wednesday evening to participate in a nighttime golf tourney played on the Resort’s 9-hole executive course with glow-in-the-dark balls. George Meyer has planned this mini-tournament with a scramble format and shotgun start with pick-up after a double bogie. To keep things lively, beverages will be provided to players and their entourages. We’ll have prizes for the lowest and highest scores, as well as the men’s and ladies’ balls closest to the pin. Plan to join the fun whether or not you are a golfer.

**Thursday**. The Section committees will meet all day on Thursday. I have attached a schedule of the committee meetings. A buffet lunch will be available. The ALMs will also meet on Thursday afternoon. We’ll watch the sunset on Thursday evening at the Captiva Yacht Club, where the Reptiles will gather for a reception with an open bar, an assortment of appetizers and a light buffet. Shuttle buses will transport us from the Resort to the Club, which is a 5 minute drive away. Sign up early because space is limited at the Club. The evening will continue in the hospitality suite after the reception concludes.

**Friday**. Friday morning will feature a seminar, ***Bursting Through The Technology Barrier – The RPPTL Edition***, expressly geared to probate, trust and real estate lawyers. It will have the added benefit of delivering 2 hours CLE ETHICS CREDITS. The CLE program and registration materials are attached. Immediately after the seminar, the Section will hold its annual election of officers and awards luncheon. Spouses and guests are welcomed. The afternoon schedule features more committee meetings and the RPPTL PAC meeting. Friday evening events will start with cocktails, followed by a barbecue dinner. Thanks to Bob Goldman’s taste, charm and contacts, we will be entertained by pianist singer Dan Signor. Dan is well known in central Florida for his covers and his own songs, for his Ben Harper-like pipes and his Billy Joel-like piano playing. He has opened for Eddie Money and Kansas. His influences range from Mozart to Pink Floyd. We are not forgetting the RPPTL Kids! While their parents are enjoying dinner and entertainment, the kids will have a make-your-own-pizza party followed by ice cream from Scoops and Slices, the ice cream shop at the hotel. They will also have their own glow-in-the-dark golf event.

**Saturday**. Our Saturday Roundtable meetings will start at 8:00 am, and the Executive Council meeting will be held 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Please schedule your day so that the meeting will not be disrupted by early departures. A box lunch will be provided at noon for Council members. Spouses and guests are invited to a leisurely breakfast on Saturday morning. We’ve planned an afternoon event for the entire family. The Reptiles will cast off from the South Seas Island marina at 2:30pm for a lively cruise and dolphin spotting adventure on the party boat *Lady Chadwick*.

**Do not miss Saturday evening!** Our Saturday evening dinner will be held at the critically acclaimed Sweet Melissa’s Café, the most creative restaurant in the Sanibel-Captiva area. Owner-chef Melissa Talmage will select the wines to pair with our menu offerings. Seating is limited to 65 so sign up immediately if you plan to participate. Buses will shuttle us to the restaurant, so no need to drive. If there’s sufficient demand, we’ll arrange for a movie night for the RPPTL kids while their parents are at dinner. If your kids are interested, please email Dixey Teel at dteel@flabar.org no later than May 19th.

**Sunday**. We’ll close the weekend with Sunday brunch before we head back home.

I look forward to seeing you at the Convention in Captiva!

*Peggy Rolando*

Margaret “Peggy” Rolando

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