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Dear Executive Council Member:

Welcome to the first meeting of the 2016 – 2017 Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Year. I am honored to be your chair at this exciting time – Olympics, Elections, and BREXIT – oh my. We are planning a great Legislative Update and Executive Council Meeting at The Breakers Palm Beach from Thursday, July 28 to Sunday, July 31. The registration form is [attached here](#) as a fillable PDF.

As you know, Friday, July 29 is our Legislative Update – a full day CLE covering all that is new in Tallahassee as well as recent case law developments that impact our practices. There is a separate sign up for the Legislative Update and if you haven't already registered and you want to attend, please do so quickly to ensure that you will have a seat. Because of the seminar, our committee meetings are all crammed into one very full day on Thursday. Thanks for understanding that the committee meetings will necessarily be abbreviated and that there will be more conflicts with other committee meetings than at any other meeting. So, we will kick off bright and early on Thursday morning. As usual, the Reptile Run/Walk Club will be meeting in the lobby at 6:30 am for those who want to start the day with fresh air, exercise and good company. There is not a planned group breakfast on Thursday but The Breakers offers many delicious choices from a wonderful buffet in the Beach Club restaurant to delicious pastries, bagels and muffins in the News & Gourmet Coffee Shop. At lunchtime, there will be a buffet for those of you that sign up so you can take your plate into your committee meetings and be nourished while you work. After a long day, we will meet for our welcome reception. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and a carving station so if you choose to make a meal out of it, you can certainly do so. This year we have offered two tiered pricing – one for children 12 and under and one for everyone over 13. Some of you may prefer to have dinner at one of The Breakers fine restaurants or offsite at any of Palm Beach's fine dining establishments. Whatever plans you make, please return to the beautiful Gold Room which will serve as our hospitality suite as we wind down from the committee meetings and gear up for the Legislative Update.

On both Friday and Saturday, there will be a breakfast for spouses and guests who wish to register. Hopefully it will be a gathering point so that plans can be made for the day while we are busy earning our CLE credits.

After the Legislative Update, we will gather for a reception and dinner at The Breakers featuring some delicious chef prepared meals and a fine selection of wines. The hospitality suite will once again be in the Gold Room immediately after dinner.

On Saturday, set your alarm clocks and fasten your seatbelts! We have much to cover at our Roundtables and our Executive Council Meeting and our goal is to keep things moving so that we can finish all of our business and still have plenty of time to enjoy the beach or the pool or any of the venues that Palm Beach has to offer. We are going to start the roundtables promptly at 8:00 am (with breakfast and social time beginning at 7:30 am). We know it is early, but we think you will be glad when you are at the pool before happy hour! Roundtables will finish no later than 8:45 am and we will begin the Executive Council Meeting immediately thereafter so I ask everyone to proceed expeditiously to the meeting room. We have some fascinating topics to discuss. There will be additional information about that when the Agenda is posted in the near future. There will be box lunches available – hopefully as a “grab and go” on your way to the beach but if our meeting is running long, we won’t let you go hungry and we will bring them into the room.

For Saturday night, we have planned something new and different – a painting lesson (with wine for the adults, of course) at Uptown Art located just over the bridge in West Palm Beach and a short walk from City Place. Again, we have opted for 2 tiered pricing to encourage those of you with children to bring them to this venue. Transportation to and from The Breakers will be provided at a nominal fee (just so we know what size bus to order). In case you want to gather some additional information about the location, please visit the website <http://www.uptownart.com/west-palm-beach-fl/>. If you don’t have the patience for a 2 hour painting lesson, there will also rooms available for other less time consuming projects including wine glass painting. For those who are just interested in consuming, there will be full wine glasses and plates of food available for emptying. We have selected a private caterer for this event and the menu looks delicious.

If you would prefer a more traditional meal and would like to meet and mingle with other section members for dinner on your own, we have included a line on the registration form for you to express your interest in participating in a dine-around. If you check yes, you will be contacted about making advance reservations with other interested parties.

Last but not least, we are trying some new methods for reaching out to our members. Because I am the mother of teenagers, I realize that those Section members younger than I (and that is a lot of people) prefer methods of communication other than email and we are listening to those requests. In addition to our website (rpptl.org), we are using Facebook and Twitter to provide information to our members. For Facebook, please like us at @FLRPPTL www.facebook.com/FLRPPTL/ and for Twitter, please follow us @RPPTL_FL [www.twitter.com/rpptl fl](http://www.twitter.com/rpptl_fl). Please be patient as we work through the process and update our postings. At our meetings, we will continue to use the APP. As far as I know, the Section does not have an Instagram or Snapchat account and that is fine with me.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Safe Travels,

Debbie