## The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section



# Executive Council Meeting

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Palm Beach, Florida

**The Breakers Resort** 

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Dear Executive Council Members:

I am drafting this letter as Kathy and I are returning from our final planning meeting for the Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section's  $29^{th}$  Annual Legislative Update scheduled to take place from July  $30^{th}$  – August  $2^{nd}$  at the fabulous Breakers in Palm Beach (she's driving). I truly feel privileged to have the opportunity to serve with all of you as we lead our Section over the next year. The RPPTL Section is blessed to have so many talented and dedicated members who are committed to its continued success, so, despite the challenging times, I'm confident that we can continue the legacy inspired by over a half century of former Section leaders. I look forward to working together with you as we implement our new Strategic Plan so that we can continue to provide the extraordinary benefits that our Section members have come to expect from us.

As always, our meeting at the Breakers will include a blend of business meetings, educational opportunities, social events and some time to relax and enjoy the many amenities offered by the resort and surrounding area. Please plan to bring your families – we have endeavored to assure that they will also enjoy their stay during our seminar and meetings.

Section committees will meet all day on Thursday. The Division Directors, Chair-Elect and Liz Smith are presently coordinating the committee meetings schedule, and it will be forwarded to all of you via email as soon as it has been finalized.

Our Thursday evening cocktail reception will be held in the gorgeous Circle Dining Room and will feature an assortment of delicious appetizers while you mingle with old friends and meet our new Council members. The party will continue in the luxurious Imperial Suite immediately thereafter.

The **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Update** seminar sponsored by the RPPTL-PACs and Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund will begin early on Friday morning. Through the phenomenal efforts of our Legislative Review Committee (ably led by Burt Bruton) and our unparalleled legislative consultant team of Pete Dunbar, Martha Edenfield and Gene Adams, you will have the opportunity to learn about a significant number of developments affecting our areas of practice. Our Legislative Update Committee led by Sancha Whynot, Bob Swaine and Stuart Altman have assembled an impressive array of speakers, including Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Peggy Quince. Seminar registration materials, which will include a wonderful Breakers luncheon, will be mailed separately.

Cocktails on Friday evening will be served in the beautiful Mediterranean Ballroom, followed by a sumptuous dinner overlooking the Atlantic Ocean from the Venetian Ballroom. Children from 3 - 12 years of age will be able to enjoy a pizza party and movie in the nearby Gulfstream Room that evening.

Our Saturday morning Roundtable meetings will commence at 8:00 am, and the Executive Council meeting will begin promptly thereafter at 10:30 am. I expect the meeting may last until the early afternoon, but lunch will be provided at noon.

Please plan to extend your stay after the Executive Council meeting concludes on Saturday afternoon. There will be time to relax around the pool and on the beach, to bicycle around the island or to play tennis or golf. Snorkeling equipment, kayaks and bicycles are available on a complimentary basis to RPPTL Section members and their guests who are staying at the hotel. In addition, Section members can escape the sun or "freshen up" at a beach bungalow all day on Saturday. Tennis courts are available for free and golf tee times can be reserved by calling 1-888-BREAKERS (273-2537).

You should save some energy for our Saturday evening festivities which will take place just over the bridge at Ragtop's, an automotive museum housed in an historical building in which the former LaSalle Automotive dealership was located. We'll be transported back to the "Happy Days" of the 1950's that evening, and there will be a special program for our future Section members between 3 - 12 years of age upstairs while DJ spins the vinyl downstairs. You may learn more about this fabulous venue at <u>http://www.ragtopsmotorcars.com/ragtops-historic-50s.html</u>. A very special guest will be joining us that evening, so please join us and plan to wear some 1950's era attire.

Kathy has planned several activities for spouses and guests during our stay. The popular Breakers Spa program will be available again this year anytime from Thursday thorough Saturday. There are a limited number of discounted spa dates available, so you will need to complete the registration form and mail in your payment to The Florida Bar as soon as possible. Spaces will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. You must <u>also</u> call the spa for your reservation at 1-888-BREAKERS (273-2537) and identify yourself as a RPPTL Section guest <u>after</u> Liz has confirmed that you have been allocated a spa date.

Your spouses and guests should plan to join Kathy in the suite for coffee and muffins around 9:00 on Friday morning before heading over to the amazing Four Arts Sculptures Garden a short drive from the hotel. Spouses and guests should meet again at 8:00 on Saturday morning in the Mediterranean Ballroom for breakfast to make plans for that day's activities. In addition, we plan to present a brief slide show and discussion regarding the Section's upcoming trip to Maui in March of 2010 during that breakfast.

We'll close the weekend with a delicious Breakers brunch on Sunday morning in the Gulfstream Room overlooking the ocean where we can discuss our plans to get together again at the Naples Ritz on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico.

We look forward to seeing you next month!

John Jehnen

# RPPTL Executive Council Meeting -The Breakers Palm Beach Committee Meeting Schedule

Conference Call In-Number 1-866-411-5140

Wednesday, July 29th, 2009		Conference Code
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Fellowships	69655328
Thursday, July 30, 2009		Conference Code
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Executive Committee	N/A
8:00 am - 9:30 am	Estate and Trust Tax Planning	N/A
8:30 am - 12 noon	LLC Drafting	69655328
9:30 am - 11:30 am	Membership Services	N/A
9:30am - 11:30 am	Probate Law & Procedure	65498715
10 am - 12 noon	Title Insurance	65789624
10:00 am - 12:00 noon	Landlord & Tenant Committee	84573965
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Ad Hoc on Creditors' Rights to Non-Probate Assets	05023311
11:30am - 1:00 pm	IRA's and Employee Benefits	N/A
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Charitable Organizations & Planning	40505307
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Membership Diversity	N/A
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Non - Judicial Task Force	N/A
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	New Member Luncheon	N/A
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Mortgages & Encumbrances	69655328
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Real Property Litigation Committee	65498715
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Trust Law	N/A
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Condominium Law & Planned Development	N/A
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Real Property Legal Opinions	65789624
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Problem Study Real Property	05023311
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Probate & Trust Litigation	N/A
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Insurance Committee for Estate Planning	N/A
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Advance Directives & HIPAA	N/A
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	FAR/BAR	N/A
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Sponsorship	N/A
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Circuit Representatives	N/A
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Mandatory Speakers Meeting	N/A
Friday, July 31, 2009		Conference Code
8:00 am - 9:30 am	Guardianship Law & Procedure	69655328
4:40 pm - 6:30 pm	Liaison with Corporate fiduciaries	65498715
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	PAC	N/A