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November 24, 2009

Dear Executive Council Members:

Although we're not meeting again until mid-January, we must begin to plan for our next Executive Council meeting at the beautiful Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine at this time due to the upcoming holidays. We'll be meeting from January 14th – 17th, and, although the hotel has been fully booked with our group for months, our Section Administrator, Liz Smith, recently provided alternate accommodation options to all of you via a ListServe email. If you have previously booked a room, but your plans have since changed, please coordinate your cancellation through Liz so she can make sure another Council member will be able to use your room reservation. As always, our gathering in January will include plenty of time to mingle with your Section friends and to enjoy the historic surroundings between our various business meetings.

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

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Our reception on Thursday evening will take place across the street from Casa Monica in the elegant Markland House on the campus of Flagler College. Jeff Holleran, the proprietor of St. Augustine's World Famous Stogies Cigar and Jazz Bar, and an award winning, 5th generation French Chef, Jean Stephane Poinard of the Bistro De Leon, have promised a night of the finest libations and cuisine that St. Augustine has to offer. The event will feature fine wines from France, Germany, Spain, California, Argentina and South Africa, Portugese Portos, including late bottle vintages, fine Rubys and Tawnys, as well as aged Portos to compliment the unique cuisine, and a very select assortment of hand-crafted beers, included Hefe-Weiss, lagers, IPAs,, stouts and pale ales from the finest brewmasters in the world. Food stations will feature world-class cuisine prepared by the Chef, including his 8-hour lamb with a French hunter's sauce and potato, slow roasted pork with mashed plantains and black bean sauce, French pastry Escargo and blue crab and avocado salad. You should leave room to indulge yourself at the French roasted coffee and home-made French deserts station. Upon your departure, representatives from Flagler College will be hosting tours of the Hotel Ponce de Leon, which was built by Henry Flagler in 1887 and is renowned for its Tiffany windows in the dining hall, ornate murals and Spanish Renaissance architecture. If you wish to continue to visit with your Section friends, please join Kathy and me in the Chair's suite upon your return to the Hotel (and each evening during our stay).

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In order to maximize committee meeting times, Council members may partake of the "grab ,n go" lunches on Friday afternoon. Spouses and guests may choose to participate in the activities planned by Kathy, as set forth in her attached letter, or they may, instead, decide to stroll the historic streets and alleys, enjoy the nearby shopping opportunities or catch the trolley tour at the stop along the west side of the hotel.

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Cocktails and dinner will be served on Friday evening at the Lightner Museum, which is adjacent to the Casa Monica in the former Hotel Alcazar. Henry Flagler, who wanted to establish St. Augustine as the American Riviera, also built the Hotel Alcazar in 1888. The Lightner's collection will transport you back in time to the nineteenth century; antiques featured in the Museum's collection include costumes, furnishings, musical instruments and Tiffany glass. We will enjoy our dinner, which will be prepared by the award winning staff of Casa Monica's 95 Cordova Restaurant, in the Alcazar's former indoor swimming pool. In addition, as set forth in the attached flyer, we've arranged for a fun-filled "Night at the Museum" through the Junior Service League of St. Augustine for our younger guests.

Our Saturday morning Roundtable meetings will commence at 8:00 am, and the Executive Council meeting will begin promptly thereafter at 10:30 am. Complimentary lunches will be provided at no charge to Executive Council members around noon. Again, Kathy has planned activities for your spouses and guests, as described in her attached letter.

Please plan to extend your stay after the Executive Council meeting concludes on Saturday. Council member Sean Kelly, who resides in the area, has graciously offered to host an afternoon of golfing at the challenging Marsh Creek Country Club, a Mark McCumber designed course located across the Bridge of Lions on Anastasia Island a mere 10 minutes from the Casa Monica. The course features great views of the marsh from many of the holes and is a challenge for even low handicap golfers. Most holes have at least one forced carry over marsh, and the greens are very challenging. The reasonable \$50.00 price includes the cart fee and range time. There will be a shotgun start at 1:30, with an optional opportunity for those who wish to participate in a tournament, most likely based on a "points to quota system" and skins. For those who wish to participate in the tournament, bring a little extra money and submit your handicap in advance. For those who do not wish to participate in the optional tournament, come along and just have fun. A full service pro shop is available for those forgotten items, and Cary Splane is an excellent teaching pro if anyone wants to polish their skills while in St. Augustine. For more information on the golf course or the club, please go to www.marshcreek.com. Also, if anyone would like to play at some other day or time, please contact Sean at 904-819-9706, and he will attempt to arrange another tee time for you. Of course, there are plenty of other sightseeing opportunities within walking distance of the hotel for the non-golfers.

We were very fortunate to be able to buy out an outstanding local restaurant, Collage, for Saturday evening. This charming restaurant is tucked in historic St. Augustine, a short walk from the Casa Monica. The menu features "artful global cuisine" and won the best chef award for 2008 in St. Augustine. We had the pleasure of dining there last August with Sean and Amy Kelly, and each and every dish brought to the table was more delicious than the last. Unfortunately seating is limited to 50, so, if you wish to enjoy this culinary experience, you must return your registration form promptly because seats will be assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. Don't forget to save some room for dessert at the Bubble Room. Unlike anything you have seen on St. George Street, the Bubble Room has a fun atmosphere with eclectic décor, including Christmas and old Hollywood under one roof with ,30's and ,40's memorabilia, toy trains and colored lights. Even better, you are served by effervescent "bubble scouts" dressed in Scout uniforms. Since my old Scout uniform is too tight to allow me to indulge in too many dessert courses, I'll be leaving it at home. The desserts are baked fresh daily and delicious. We will walk to the Bubble Room after dining at the Collage, and would love to have others join that have dined on their own this evening.

The Casa Monica is renowned for its spectacular Sunday brunch, so you shouldn't miss it. As we relive our wonderful experiences in St. Augustine that morning, we can begin planning for our upcoming visits to Maui and Tampa.

We hope you and your families have an enjoyable and blessed holiday season and look forward to seeing you next year!

John

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November 24, 2009

Dear RPPTL Spouses:

We will be in the beautiful historic city of St. Augustine in January, and I am looking forward to spending some time with you again. After the great response from the cooking class in Naples, I was also excited about pursuing some type of cooking class in St. Augustine. After making a few phone calls and checking out the internet, I came across a school of culinary arts nearby. I happened to talk to David Bearl, who is in charge of a great event called *Winterfest 2010*. This is a cooking competition among students and chefs that will be taking place during the weekend we are St. Augustine! I am a sucker for watching some of the food network and cooking competition shows, so I was excited when I heard about this event. David has described this event as follows: "We've been hosting this event for fifteen years and it is one of the largest competitions in the Southeast. The competitions each day are wonderful to see, and we also feed everyone. On Saturday the salon is usually quite spectacular with lots of great displays. I know we will have chefs and student competitors from Miami to New York."

We can have a quick coffee and Danish at the hotel before driving ourselves to the culinary competition at the nearby First Coast Technical College School of Culinary Arts. I hope you will join me for this event. If you attend, you will still have the afternoon to check out historic St. Augustine.

Saturday morning's spouse breakfast should provide a great opportunity to meet with the other spouses and to plan the day's activities. The Casa Monica Hotel is across the street from the historic St. George Street pedestrian walk, which includes eclectic stores, historic churches, homes and other buildings. If you didn't have the opportunity to attend Winterfest on Friday, you could also do so on Saturday (I might attend that event both days; in fact, I understand that Saturday is the most impressive of the two days).

If you want to really take in all of the City's historic sites, you should purchase a ticket for the Old Town Trolley Tours. That tour allows you to get on and off at 22 locations, including the Old Jail, St. Augustine's History Museum, historic churches, the Potter's Wax Museum, the oldest house, the Castillo de San Marcos and the Fountain of Youth. If you join us for our evening events, you will have the opportunity to see the Lightner Museum and Flagler College with the group.

Some of you may be joining your spouses for 18 holes of golf Saturday afternoon hosted by Sean Kelly, as described by Sean in John's letter. In addition, the San Sebastian Winery is nearby and is open from 10-6 on Monday -Saturday and from 11-7 on Sunday. The winery offers complimentary tours and wine tasting and has a nice gift and wine shop.

Please check out the registration form to sign up for Winterfest, the breakfasts or golf.

I look forward to seeing everyone in January!

Kathy

**Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
Executive Council Meeting – Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine
Registration Form**

MAIL YOUR CHECK payable to The Florida Bar, along with a completed copy of this registration form, to The Florida Bar. **IF PAYING WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD** please FAX the completed form to Liz C. Smith at (850) 561-5825.

Your Name: _____ Florida Bar #: _____

Spouse / Guest Name(s): _____

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

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Thursday, January 14, 2010

		Event Price		# Attending	Total
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception (8180043) <i>(Flagler College tour to follow)</i>	\$50	x	_____	= _____

Friday, January 15, 2010

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (8180044)	\$15	x	_____	= _____
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Spouse/Guest Morning Meet & Greet (Muffins and Coffee) (8180045)	COMP	x	_____	= COMP
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spouse/Guest Event (8180046) Winterfest & Lunch	\$10	x	_____	= _____
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Grab & Go Lunch <i>Reserved for EC Members Only</i>	COMP	x	_____	= COMP
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Reception & Dinner at the Lightner Museum (8180047)	\$100	x	_____	= _____
	Kid's "Night at the Museum" (8180055)	\$45	x	_____	= _____
	(Additional Siblings)	\$35	x	_____	= _____

Saturday, January 16, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Probate Roundtable Breakfast (8180048)	COMP	x	_____	= COMP
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Real Estate Roundtable Breakfast (8180048)	COMP	x	_____	= COMP
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Spouse/Guest Breakfast (8180049)	\$25	x	_____	= _____
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Spouse/Guest Event (8180050) Winterfest (On your own)	\$10	x	_____	= _____
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Executive Council Lunch <i>Reserved for EC Members Only</i>	COMP	x	_____	= COMP
1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Golf at Marsh Creek (8180051)	\$50	x	_____	= _____
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner at Collage (8180052) (First 50 only)	\$75	x	_____	= _____
9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Coffee, Dessert & Wine at the Bubble Room (8180053)	\$20	x	_____	= _____

Sunday, January 17, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Farewell Brunch (8180054)	\$ 25	x	_____	= _____
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EVENTS TOTAL \$ _____

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

All prices are inclusive of any applicable sales taxes. 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 at esmith@flabar.org **prior to 12:00 p.m. on January 4, 2010**. There will be no full or partial refunds after 12:00 p.m. on January 4, 2010, 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
Attention: Liz C. Smith
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CREDIT CARD: If paying with your **Credit Card** please FAX the completed form to **Liz C. Smith** at **FAX number (850) 561-5825** by **January 4, 2010**. **Thank you!**

EVENTS TOTAL FROM PREVIOUS PAGE \$ _____

MAILING A CHECK WITH COPY OF THIS FORM (BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM)

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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.

**For additional information please contact
Liz C. Smith
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*** Please complete and return both pages of this registration form by January 4, 2010 ***



The Junior Service League of St. Augustine Inc. presents

NIGHT at the LIGHTNER MUSEUM



Museum Art Treasure Hunt
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The Florida Bar Group Rate
Friday, January 15th
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