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Pat and I can't believe it's almost time for our Prague meeting. We will be staying at the fantastic Prague Four Seasons Hotel, which is located at the center of the city, on the Vltava River and directly across from Prague Castle, a block from the St. Charles Bridge and within a 5 to 15 minute walk to most of the city's attractions. Hopefully you already have made your hotel reservations. If not, you need to do so as soon as possible by either calling the Four Seasons Hotel reservations at 011 420 221 427 000 or logging on to the special Four Seasons reservation website established just for this trip at:

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Our room block rate is \$340 a night (which is heavily discounted off of the hotel's standard room rates and may be subject to an incremental exchange rate adjustment) is good until August 31st or until the block is full. At this point in time, our block is more than 80% sold out, so there is a very good chance that our room block will sell out before the cutoff date.

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Attached is the program signup sheet. It's very important for you to fill it out and send it in to Liz Gerstman at The Florida Bar by August 8th. Shortly after that date we will have to commit to a definitive head count to our tour company. So if you miss this cutoff date, we may not be able to accommodate your sign up requests.

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Prague is a beautiful, clean, friendly and very well-preserved Old World European city. Within a 5 minute walk of the Four Seasons Hotel are buildings and structures that date back to the 10th century. It would be impossible to see and experience everything Prague has to offer in the short period of time that we will have in the city and surrounding area. With the various functions and events we have selected, I think we have captured on the program signup sheet many of the "must see" highlights of the city.

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Wednesday, September 21st:

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Given the fact that most transatlantic flights from the states leave late at night and arrive in Europe the next morning, we anticipate that many of

you will be arriving in Prague on Wednesday morning. Accordingly, we have scheduled a light sightseeing event on Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4pm. We have arranged for a guided bus tour of the city. This bus tour is intended to give you an overview of the entire city. We will be transported in smaller buses (about 20 people per bus), which are better suited for navigating the narrower streets of certain portions of the city. Each bus will have an English speaking guide aboard it to point out the highlights and talk about the history of the city. We thought this would be a fun and relaxed way to get you acclimated to the time zone change and oriented within the city. The bus tour should end around 4pm, plenty of time before our Welcome Reception at the hotel that starts at 6:30pm. Of course the Welcome Reception will feature drinks and a fantastic heavy hors d'oeuvre spread.

You probably will find there is no need to go out to dinner after this reception. Also, immediately after the Welcome Reception, the Chair's suite will be open to everyone, with various beverages and light snacks.

Thursday, September 22nd:

The program will start in full swing on Thursday morning, with a walking tour of the Old Town Square, Jewish Quarter, Municipal House and Wenceslas Square. The walking tour will go from 10am to 4pm. For the tour we will break up into smaller groups of no more than 18 people, with each group having its own English speaking guide. Breaking up into these smaller groups will allow for a more personal experience as we walk through the historic streets and neighborhoods of these sections of the city. However, all groups will be stopping for lunch at the same time at the French Restaurant in the Municipal House. The French Restaurant, and for that matter the entire Municipal House, is a beautiful example of Art Nouveau architecture. At the Old Town Square among other things we will see the Old Town Hall, the Church of Our Lady before Tyn and the Town Hall Astronomical Clock Tower (built in 1490). In our walk through the Jewish Quarter we will be going into the Jewish cemetery and Old-New Synagogue. Admission charges to all of these venues and lunch is included in the price. This part of the city is fairly flat and level and walking through it should not be a problem for most people. Please keep in mind that many of the streets are cobblestone, so wear appropriate walking shoes. For those of you who may have some mobility issues, we will make special arrangements to have a small bus available to transport you between the main venues we will be visiting. If you believe you will need this option, please check the box where noted on the program signup sheet. However, please keep in mind the best way to see the city and to experience the most it has to offer is to walk it.

For those of you who wish to extend your Thursday sightseeing experience, you can sign up for the river sightseeing boat tour that is scheduled from approximately 4:30pm to 5:30pm. These boats are small canal boats that have been reconditioned and converted into sightseeing boats, with each boat having an English speaking crew who will point out the various buildings and landmarks as you cruise up and down the Vltava River. You will board and disembark from the boats just below the St Charles Bridge (which as noted above is only a block away from the hotel). If you sign up for this boat tour but decide you are too tired from the walking tour to even sit in a boat, not to worry, your tickets will be good through Saturday and can be used at any time before then.

Thursday evening is an open night, to allow everyone to make their own decisions as to what they may wish to experience in the city that evening. Whether it's attending the opera or the symphony, or eating at one of the many excellent restaurants Prague has to offer, you will be free to put together your own memorable evening. We will be posting a list of various restaurants you might consider, as well as a list of any operas, symphonies or other cultural events that may be available that evening. And whether before or after your night on the town, please remember the Chair's suite will be open all of Thursday evening, with beverages and light snacks being available.

Friday, September 23rd:

On Friday we will be taking the group outside of Prague to explore a little of the countryside. There are 2 excursions available and you should select the one that is of most interest to you. One option is a tour of the world famous Pilsner Brewery and the Karlstejn Castle. The Pilsner Brewery is where the pilsner style of beer making was invented. The brewery is quite extensive and you will have a complete tour including walking through a small portion of the many miles of underground caves and tunnels that lie beneath the brewery where the beer is stored and aged. You also will get a tasting of some unfiltered and unpasteurized beer from one of those underground storage kegs, just the way your forefathers used to drink it. This option also includes a trip to Karlstejn Castle which is a very well preserved, true high Gothic, medieval castle. This castle was built by the Czech King and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV in 1348 to house the royal treasures, including Charles' collection of holy relics and the coronation jewels of the Holy Roman Empire. As the castle sits on a high bluff above the village and parking area, we will be taking horse drawn carriages from the parking lot up to the castle. When we are finished with the castle tour, we will walk back to the village and our buses. For those of you who may have a mobility issue and feel the walk down may be too strenuous, please let us know and we'll make arrangements for one of the horse drawn carriages to take you back down. Lunch is included with this tour package as well as the bus transportation and English speaking guides.

The second tour option is a trip to the Moser glass factory and the spa town of Karlovy Vary. Moser glass and crystal is world famous and our tour will literally take us down onto the production floor of the factory. This tour also includes a visit to their museum and factory store, where purchases of their glass and fine crystal can be made directly from the factory and then shipped directly to your home. The spa town of Karlovy Vary sits along a stream in a small valley. With its gingerbread architecture, it looks like a very elaborate set out of a Disney movie. Your walking tour through the town will allow you to experience a tasting from each of the many natural mineral springs that are located throughout the town. However, besides its many spas and natural springs, the town also is known for its world-class shopping. All of the world's top retail brands for clothing, shoes, jewelry, accessories, china, cosmetics, perfumes, etc., can be found in the town. Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills can't hold a candle to the sights and shops you'll see in walking through Karlovy Vary. This trip also includes bus transportation, English speaking guides and lunch.

After spending the day out in the Czech countryside, on Friday evening we all will return to the hotel in plenty of time to get ready for a fantastic night of music and cuisine. Located within the

Four Seasons hotel is the only Michelin star rated restaurant in the Czech Republic, Allegro. The head chef for the Allegro is also the head chef for all of the catering functions at the hotel. Our reception and dinner at the hotel Friday night promises to be a truly exceptional dining experience. However, to start the night off on a high note, immediately before the reception and dinner we'll take a short one block walk to the St. Francis Church (at the foot of the St Charles Bridge) where we will be given a private organ concert. The acoustics within the church are truly exceptional and the intimate setting within this spectacular Baroque church is something you won't soon forget. And of course after this fabulous concert, reception and dinner, the Chair's suite will be open with beverages and light snacks.

Saturday, September 24th:

Saturday will be our last day of touring. It is anticipated that we will hold our Executive Council meeting from 8:30am to 10:30am either at the hotel or at the Czech Bar offices. As part of this Executive Council meeting, we will have a presentation from a local lawyer on the Czech Reparation Act, which was the legislation that allowed individuals to identify and recover family property that had been confiscated by the Communists after World War II. This was a major component of the transition from a Communist state back to a free market based economy.

After our Executive Council meeting and Czech presentation, there will be a walking tour of the Prague Castle compound (the largest medieval castle complex in Europe) and the Lesser Town section of the city that lies between the castle compound and the river. Buses will take us up to the castle compound where we will spend several hours touring St. Vitus Cathedral, the Royal Palace and other sites within the compound. Again, we will break up into smaller groups of no more than 18, with each group having its own English speaking tour guide. Though each group will be exploring the different areas of Prague Castle in a different sequence from the other groups, we will all join up at the same time for lunch at the Foundry Restaurant (located within the castle compound) for a traditional Czech lunch. After lunch we will finish up our tour of the castle compound and then walk back down towards the river and the St. Charles Bridge through the Lesser Town area, stopping at various churches, gardens and other landmarks along the way. Most of the castle compound area is fairly level and the entire walk through Lesser Town will be downhill; therefore I do not think this walk will be a problem for most of you. However, keep in mind it will be mostly on cobblestone streets, so wear appropriate walking shoes. Also, for those of you who may have some mobility concerns, you can check the box noted on the signup sheet and, as we did on Thursday, we will provide some alternative transportation to take you between venues to cut down the amount of walking you will have to do. However, as on Thursday, the best way to get the most of out of this tour is to walk it.

On Saturday night we have arranged for a very special evening. The farewell reception and dinner will be held at the Lobkowitz Palace which is one of the several palaces that are located within the Prague Castle compound. This venue is truly spectacular, with its original construction dating back to the 16th century. We will start with a reception in the Concert Hall and Balcony Room, which includes an open air balcony that looks out across the river and over the Old and New Town sections of Prague. During the reception we also will be able to view the Princely Collection that is housed within the Palace. It is a very historically unique and eclectic collection of works of art, literature, weapons, china, etc. Docents will be located throughout to

assist in explaining this truly remarkable collection. After the reception we will have dinner in the Emperor Ballroom of the Palace. We will have music playing throughout the reception and dinner. Attire for this function will be semi-formal, black tie optional. Though our buses will bring us very close to the Palace, since the buses cannot enter the castle compound there will be a fairly short walk from the buses to the Palace on cobblestone streets. Accordingly, for those ladies who intend to wear heels, you should consider wearing flats on the bus and carry your heels in a separate tote. That way you can change into your heels once you're in the Palace.

Breakfast Buffet:

Each morning during our program in Prague (i.e., Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday), there will be a full breakfast buffet that will be set up in a separate room for just our group. This will be a great way for you to mingle with everyone, allowing you to compare memories from the previous day and make plans for the current day. It will be an excellent nutritional and social start for your day. Besides, with all of the walking we will be doing, you will easily burn off those breakfast calories.

Pat and I fell in love with Prague when we visited it. It's like taking a step back in time and truly experiencing what a trip to Europe must have been like in the early 20th century. Of course now we get to do it with all of today's modern accessories and comforts. If you have any questions about any of the functions or events, please don't hesitate to call either me or Liz and we will be more than happy to help you with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

George Meyer

**Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section Out-of-State Executive Council Meeting
The Four Seasons – Prague 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 Gerstman at (850) 561-5825.

Your Name: _____ Florida Bar #: _____

Spouse / Guest Name(s): _____

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

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

		Event Price		# Attending		Total
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	City Overview Bus Tour (8180168)	\$25	x	_____	=	_____
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception (8180169)	\$50	x	_____	=	_____

Thursday, September 22, 2011

		Event Price		# Attending		Total
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast (8180170)	\$25	x	_____	=	_____
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Old Town/Jewish Quarter/Wenceslas Square Walking Tour (8180171) <i>Includes lunch w/ drinks</i>	\$75	x	_____	=	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Please check if you need special transportation assistance</i>					
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	River Sightseeing Boat Tour (8180172)	\$25	x	_____	=	_____

Friday, September 23, 2011

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast (8180173)	\$25	x	_____	=	_____
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Two Options (Choose one)

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pilsner Brewery & Karlstejn Castle <i>Includes lunch w/ drinks, transportation & admissions</i> (8180174)	\$125	x	_____	=	_____
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Karlovy Vary Spa Town & Moser Glass Factory <i>Includes lunch w/ drinks, transportation & admissions</i> (8180175)	\$125	x	_____	=	_____
5:45 p.m. – 10:15 p.m.	Private Organ Concert at St. Francis Church with Reception & Dinner at the Four Seasons (8180176)	\$100	x	_____	=	_____

Saturday, September 24, 2011

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast (8180177)	\$25	x	_____	=	_____
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Executive Council Meeting	COMP	x	_____	=	COMP
10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Prague Castle/ Lesser Town Walking Tour <i>Includes lunch w/ drinks</i> (8180178)	\$75	x	_____	=	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Please check if you need special transportation assistance</i>					
7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Farewell Reception & Dinner at Lobkowicz Palace with a tour of the Princely Collections (8180179)	\$125	x	_____	=	_____

Sunday, September 25, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast (8180180)	\$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. **DUE TO THE LIMITED NATURE OF THE EVENTS THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.** All registrations must be received prior to 12:00 p.m. on August 8, 2011.

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 Gerstman
651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300**

CREDIT CARD: If paying with your **Credit Card** please FAX the completed form to **Registrations at FAX number (850) 561-5825 before August 8, 2011. Thank you!**

DO NOT MAIL & FAX YOUR REGISTRATION, YOU WILL BE DOUBLE CHARGED!

EVENTS TOTAL FROM PREVIOUS PAGE \$ _____

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

If you have additional questions regarding registration, please contact:

**Liz Gerstman
Phone (850) 561-5619**

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If you are unable to fax, you can email to
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