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CHAIR'S WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL HIGER



It is my pleasure to welcome all BLS members, sponsors, spouses, guests and children to the 2010 Annual Retreat at the beautiful Ritz Carlton Beach Resort in Naples over Labor Day weekend, September 3 - 6. This year we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of our Section by honoring all of the past chairs at the opening reception and dinner. The Retreat Committee, chaired by Alan Howard with Vice Chair Alan Aronson continues the tradition of providing an outstanding schedule of meetings, CLE, social, and recreational events, and I encourage all section members to plan to participate in this wonderful weekend.

We are starting with a drafting session of the Chapter 608 LLC Task Force from 2:30 – 5:30 on Friday afternoon, September 3rd. Everyone is welcome to sit in, and if the spirit moves you, to contribute to the discussion. CLE credit will be available for lawyers who attend.

We will begin the “official” retreat activities on Friday evening with the Welcome Reception and Dinner Dance. “Treble Damage” led by several fellow BLS lawyers is making its encore performance. The reception and dinner will honor our past chairs. Ritz Kids will be available for children on Friday night for an additional charge.

On Saturday, we have scheduled the business meetings to maximize free time for family and recreational activities. We are combining most of the Saturday committee meetings into joint morning sessions to provide free time in the afternoon. The business court judges roundtable will be held as part of the business litigation and state, federal judicial liaison committee joint meeting.

Saturday evening is our traditional Family Cocktail Reception, Dinner and Casino Night Extravaganza, which is always an entertaining family event. We will again have a hospitality suite for post-dinner libations and stimulating conversation until midnight or so.

On Sunday, we start with the popular Family Omelet Breakfast, followed by a morning of CLE programming put on by our Platinum Sponsors. There will be three concurrent sessions, and an individual session which will conclude by noon. Sunday afternoon is for golf, tennis, beach, and spa activities.

Sunday evening we will have a cocktail reception by the pool (weather permitting), so folks can meet up before heading out to a night on the town of Naples – a dozen of the finest restaurants in the area will be reserved for groups of 10 or 12, and sign-up sheets for the restaurants will be available throughout the weekend, so get together with some old friends and some new friends to enjoy the Naples fine dining scene. Special thanks to Jeanne Seewald for coordinating our Naples night out. When you get back to the hotel, the hospitality suite will be open and serving your favorite beverages.

On Labor Day Monday, we will hold our Executive Council meeting from 8:30 am until 11:00 am, unless we invoke the 5 Minute Rule for reports, which means we might finish early and get to enjoy more time at the resort before heading home.

This is a special weekend and the hotel room block always sells out, so please make your hotel reservations now. The full agenda and hotel reservation information follows. The hotel has provided a 20% discount on all spa services, so be sure to request this discount when you take advantage of the spa. Please note that registration is required for all retreat scheduled activities, so please register your guests and children as well.

Special thanks to all of our sponsors, particularly our Platinum Sponsors, for their generous contributions to making this such a memorable week-end. Please be sure to get to know our sponsor representatives.

I look forward to seeing you in Naples!

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RETREAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2010

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Retreat Registration (Registration Foyer)

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

LLC Act Drafting Committee (Plaza III)

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bankruptcy Judicial Liaison Committee (Salon II)

6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Ritz Kidz (pre-registration required)

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6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception (Vanderbilt Courtyard)
(Vanderbilt I - II in case of rain)

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7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Dinner and Dance (Vanderbilt Ballroom)
Tribute to Former Chairs

Music provided by "Treble Damage"

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2010

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Meeting of Section Officers, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs and Sponsors (Moorings)

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Retreat Registration (Registration Foyer)

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast (Moorings Foyer)

Continental Breakfast (Registration Foyer)

Sponsored by: Burr & Forman, LLP
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8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Legislation Committee (Moorings)

Communications Committee (Directors)

Diversity Committee (Port Royal)

CLE Committee (Estuary)

FICPA Liaison Committee (Coquina Sands)

Membership Committee (Boardroom)

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Antitrust, Franchise & Trade Regulation Committee (Coquina Sands)

Bankruptcy/UCC Committee (Moorings)

Business Litigation Committee and State Federal Judicial Liaison Committee (Directors)

Intellectual Property Committee (Port Royal)

Corporations, Securities & Financial Services Committee (Estuary)

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon (For Registered Section Members Only)
(Plaza Ballroom)

Featured Speaker: State Representative Thomas Grady, Naples

Sponsored by: Ave Maria School of Law
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2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Computer/Cyber Law Committee (Coquina Sands)

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Opinion Standards Committee (Directors)

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pro Bono Committee (Salon II)

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Reception (Vanderbilt Courtyard)

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7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Family Dinner — Casino Night (Vanderbilt Ballroom)

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10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Hospitality Suite (The Vue)

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Family Breakfast / Omelet Station – All Welcome
(Salon III & IV)

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8:20 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

"A Call to Action – Diversity In the Legal Profession"

(Salon II)

Speaker: Roderick A. Palmore, General Mills

Sponsored by: Carlton Fields, P.A.

9:15 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Concurrent CLE Sessions

A: "Recent and Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Recent Developments in Fraudulent Transfer Litigation"
(Salon II)

Speaker: Stan Murphy

Sponsored by: Navigant Consulting, Inc.

B: "Providing the Business Owner the Power of Choice in M & A: Understanding the Dual Track Process"
(Plaza II)

Speaker: William A. Steward, CFA

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C: "Real Estate and Banking... The Future"
(Plaza III)

Speakers: Troy T. Taylor

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10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Concurrent CLE Sessions

D: "A Guide to Social Media for Lawyers"
(Salon II)

Speaker: Ronald A. Episcopo

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E: "Opportunistic Corporate Acquisitions"
(Plaza II)

Panel Discussion Moderated by Paul Singerman

Sponsored by: Berger Singerman

F: "Business Valuation: Rules of Thumb"
(Plaza III)

Speaker: Robert B. Morrison

Sponsored by: RSM McGladrey

11:05 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Concurrent CLE Sessions

G: "Deal or No Deal?"
(Salon II)

Speaker: Joe Gitto and Joe Hassan

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H: "The Economy, The Markets and the Effects on the Business of Law"
(Plaza II)

Speaker: Michael Stewart

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12:00 noon

Lunch On Your Own

12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Golf Tournament at Tiburon Golf Course
(pre-registration required)

Transportation to Course and Lunch Are Both On Your Own.

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1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tennis Tournament at Ritz Courts
(pre-registration required)

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6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Ritz Kidz (pre-registration required)

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7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Reception (Poolside - Weather Permitting)

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8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Dinner on the Town: Naples Area Restaurants
— Signup at Retreat Registration Desk

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10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Hospitality Suite (The Vue)

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast (For Executive Council Members Only) (Salon I & II)

Sponsored by: Hilger Lichten & Givner, LLP

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Executive Council Meeting – All Invited
(Salon I & II)

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Labor Day Weekend

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