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Dear Section and Committee Chairs:

It is hard to believe that we have reached the half-way point of our 2010-2011 bar year. I have greatly enjoyed meeting with all of you, as well as attending many of your meetings, over the past few months. Many of you are working on exciting projects and initiatives, and I want to thank you for your service and dedication to the New York State Bar Association.

I also want to take this opportunity, before the remainder of the bar year passes us by, to encourage each of your respective groups ***again*** to produce at least two substantive reports for consideration by our House of Delegates. Each of our sections and committees represent an area of expertise, and we rely upon you to keep our membership, as well as state and federal policy-makers, apprised of the important developments and needed reforms in your area. This is a subject that I have raised personally with each of you and cannot emphasize highly enough

In the past, our sections and committees have been on the forefront of cutting-edge issues. Examples of reforms include no-fault divorce, the creation of the Commercial Division and the Compact for Long-Term Care. However, in recent years, we have seen a decline in the creation of substantive reports from our sections, and we would very much like that to change. We understand that this would require a significant time commitment; however, we have worked to develop resources, including a law student volunteer program, to ease this burden.

By developing reports and recommendations on timely and important issues, you not only improve the profession, you also make a name for your section or committee, which promotes membership and brings awareness to the varied talents and expertise of your section and committee members.

Both President-elect Vince Doyle and I would like to hear from each section and committee in the near future in order to learn about the issues you are studying and the important contributions you can make to the Association. Again, I thank you for your service to the State Bar.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Younger

cc: Vincent Doyle, Esq.