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Message from the Chair

Hello, my name is Howard S. Shafer and I am proud to be the 2013 Chair of the Corporate Counsel Section. The Section sponsors CLE, networking, and other events, and offers LinkedIn and Facebook pages where members can reach out to each other with questions or advice. One focus for 2013 is to grow our six committees to create opportunities for our more than 1,700 members to participate in the creation and operation of the Section's activities. The Corporate Counsel Section's committees consist of: Publications, including *Inside*; CLE and Meetings; Diversity, including the Kenneth G. Standard Diversity Internship Program; Membership; Pro Bono and Technology and New Media.

The Publications Committee produces our publication, *Inside*, which addresses timely issues important to in-house counsel. The CLE and Meetings Committee presents such important programs as our annual Ethics for Corporate Counsel program and our bi-annual Corporate Counsel Institute, coming this November.

The Diversity Committee promotes diversity in the profession and organizes the Kenneth G. Standard Diversity Internship Program, which places diverse interns at New York companies. Our former interns will be mentoring new interns and we will be seeking mentors for our Alumni interns. If you wish to host a student for 2014 or if you are interested in being a mentor, please contact me.

Our Membership Committee has been instrumental in growing our Section over the last few years. Our Pro Bono Committee focuses on issues important to the not-for-profit community and takes the lead in making certain that Pro Bono remains an important focus of our Section. Finally, the Technology and New Media Committee supports our efforts in that area, including our website, LinkedIn and Facebook pages.

We welcome your feedback at any time, and participation, so please contact me or any our executive committee members to give us your thoughts or volunteer.

Howard S. Shafer
Chair

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