

## Remarks from the Chair

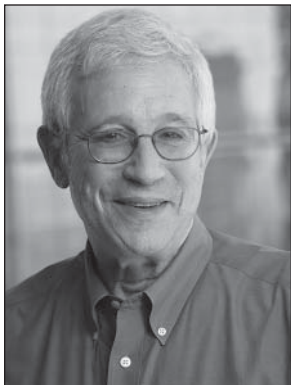
I am writing this column after Labor Day in anticipation of a great new year for EASL.

Our CMJ Music Marathon plans are moving forward with the new CMJ owners thanks to Rosemarie Tully and Diane Krausz, and, by the publication date of this edition, we should have another wonderful EASL event to remember. The CMJ panels will, as in the past, cover an extensive and varied list of subjects of interest to all attorneys and accountants who practice in the entertainment fields.

Over the summer I was privileged to attend my first NYSBA House of Delegates meeting in Cooperstown. I experienced first-hand the workings of NYSBA and, not being a baseball fan, was able to do so with few distractions. I participated as a delegate from EASL in the debates, discussions and votes on bar association issues and matters and obtained a real sense of how much EASL is an integral part of the NYSBA.

The wonderful *Journal* that you are now reading, edited by Elissa Hecker, is an EASL Section member benefit.

I look forward to the EASL presentation at the NYSBA Annual Meeting in January. We are currently planning our Fall Meeting CLE presentation on child labor laws and issues, together with the Labor and Employment Law Section, thanks to Diane Krausz and Mary Ann Zimmer. EASL also has liaisons with the Young Lawyers Section (who are members of the Executive Committees of both Sections). In addition, EASL events are reaching out to



the broader arts community as a result of Judith Prowda's Fine Arts and gallery-related programs. Our law school liaison program is expanding to several new law schools this year as well.

I am also looking forward to the fall event concerning structuring entertainment businesses, to be presented by the Membership Committee and spearheaded by Joyce Dollinger and Rob Thony. They are fresh off of the two fun comedy club and Minor League Baseball summer social events.

EASL has several new committee co-chairs and Executive Committee members whom I welcome: Joan Faier, Literary Works and Related Rights Committee; Jennifer Graham, Young Lawyers Committee; Karen Lent and Jessica Thaler, Sports Committee; Ethan Bordman, Motion Pictures Committee; and Brette Meyers, Young Lawyers Section Liaison.

I am very proud to be a part of the hard working (and fun) group of people constituting EASL's Executive Committee and EASL's volunteer members who are responsible for thinking up and planning all of our wonderful educational and social events. We just need to find the time to schedule everything we want to do, and keep our amazing Albany liaison, Beth Gould, from becoming too stressed.

I strongly urge all of you to encourage others who have not yet become members of EASL to do so. I guarantee your colleagues won't regret it.

Happy holidays, and I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting in January.

**Steve Rodner**



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