

Message from the Chair

Welcome to the spring edition of *One on One*, the General Practice Section's quarterly publication that provides Section members and all readers with current developments in the diverse areas of the law in which we practice, as well as Ethics Opinions which pertain to all lawyers, regardless of the nature of their practice.



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To those of you who attended the Section's program at the 2018 NYSBA Annual Meeting, thank you. It was sold out and the attendees received solid Continuing Legal Education in the areas of Ethics, the CPLR, and "Hot Tips from the Experts." This year, the agenda included "Loose Lips and Emailing Lawyers: The Ethics of Protecting Client Confidences," "Hot Tips from the Experts," as well as updates on the CPLR and the NYS Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection.

There seemed to be great fanfare for the "Loose Lips" presentation. It reviewed rapidly emerging and evolving issues of attorney-client confidentiality with a special focus on internet and e-mail security. As always, we welcomed Timothy J. O'Sullivan from the New York State Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection in Albany to update our Section on the work of the fund.

If you did not attend, you missed a very meaningful program. Please try to make every effort to attend in 2019.

Beyond keeping Section members well informed in diverse areas of substantive law, the Section hopes to advance an initiative to improve the conditions under which Section members and the overall legal community practice law.

I would like to thank each one of you for your membership and support of this Section of ours. Many of us are in solo or small firm practice, but even for large firm or corporate practitioners, it is so important to reach outside of the four walls of our practice, whatever it may be, and connect with other members of our profession; learn from each other; encourage each other in our professional development; and make some great friends along the way.

One of the best ways to learn and make some friends is with NYSBA's new private, online professional communities. Communities have the ability to function just like the basic listserve; but with far greater additional technical capabilities (don't worry—it's easy to use, and you can use it through email like the listserve, if you like)! I encourage you to go to www.nysba.org/HowDoI to check out more information about Communities. For your participation in this, I thank you. I look forward to continuing my involvement in the General Practice Section for a long time to come, not just as an "extra" tacked onto my already busy life as an attorney—but as an integral part of it.

Please feel free to submit to *One on One* articles pertaining to such subjects as professional liability (legal malpractice), professional discipline, the practitioner/court system relationship, and managing a law office.

As always, your comments, criticisms, and suggestions are invited. The General Practice Section is here to serve your needs, so please contact the editors or me if there are any changes or recommendations for *One on One* or General Practice Section programs and activities which you would like to see implemented.

Lastly, if any readers are not already members of the General Practice Section, please join us; please join the General Practice Section.

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GP 2018 Annual Meeting Program Available Online on Your Schedule

The sold-out Annual Meeting MCLE program, including *Loose Lips and Emailing Lawyers—The Ethics of Protecting Client Confidences*, *CPLR Update*, *Hot Tips from the Experts*, presented by the General Practice Section and the Committee on Professional Discipline, is now available for immediate viewing.

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