

Message from the Incoming Chair



I am honored to assume the role as chair of the Real Property Law Section on June 1st. My thanks to Mindy Stern for her terrific leadership over the past year, which allows me to step into this position with the Section running smoothly and committees busy with myriad projects.

The District Representatives, with the support of Harry Meyer and Jaime Lathrop, our Membership Committee co-chairs, have played a vital role in getting the message out about what Section membership has to offer. The fact that our Section continues to grow attests to the variety and quality of projects that the various committees undertake. I encourage all of you, old and new members alike, to take your membership to the next level and take part in at least one additional Section activity during the next year.

The committees and task forces and their chairs are listed in the back of the *Journal* and on the Section's website. Check out the Guide to the Real Property Law Section to learn the mission of the Section's substantive committees and get a taste for some of their activities. You can also find the Guide on our website. Please join a committee of interest and become an active participant in one of their many projects. All of the committees welcome new input. I guarantee you will benefit both professionally and personally from your involvement.

At any given time the committees and task forces are planning continuing legal education programs, reviewing and commenting on proposed legislation and regulations, and preparing and updating forms to assist us in our practice. If you have thoughts about projects we might pursue to assist real property practitioners in New York, please contact me, your District Representative to our Section, or another member of the Executive Committee so that we can continue to address issues that are helpful to your practice and your professional development.

After our 2016 Summer Meeting in Boston, we are returning to New York for the 2017 Summer Meeting, which will be held in Lake Placid July 27-30. As always, you can expect continuing legal education to be interesting and informative. Afternoons and evenings will be free to enjoy the many activities Lake Placid has to offer. The Summer Meeting is a great opportunity to get to know your colleagues. If you are attending our Section's Summer Meeting for the first time, ask about discounts we are offering to first-time attendees who are members of the Real Property Law Section.

I look forward to working with my fellow officers—Tom Hall, First Vice-Chair; Jerry Antetomaso, Second Vice-Chair; Ira Goldenberg, Secretary; Spencer Compton, Budget Officer—and all of the members of the Executive Committee who are so generous with their time and talents.

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