

Message from the Chair



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As many of you know, at the NYSBA Annual Meeting, the Real Property Law Section conducted numerous successful and well-attended CLE programs and committee meetings. The General Session provided informative and timely presentations by expert practitioners on a wide variety of topics.

My thanks go out to all of our speakers who selflessly gave their time and expertise and made the program such a great success, namely: Brian Lustbader and Gavin Lankford (*2017 AIA Document Revisions*); Richard Fries (*Real Estate Loan Workouts and Strategies*); Daniel Zinman (*Treatment of Leases in Bankruptcy*); Anthony Harwood (*The Duty to Protect Client Confidentiality in Electronic Documents*); and Linda Shaw (*Strategies for Tenants to Avoid Environmental Issues Lurking Under Leased Property*).

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After the General Session, at the Section luncheon, the RPLS awarded Scholarships to two outstanding law school students: Nicholaus Mills, from Cornell Law School, received the Lorraine Power Tharp Scholarship, and Adebare Ogunleye, a student at Albany Law School, received the Melvyn Mitzner Scholarship. We wish them the best in the upcoming legal careers. The Scholarship presentations were followed by the presentation of the Section's prestigious Professionalism Award. This year's recipient, Frank Carroll was honored not only for his long and distinguished career, but also for his high ethical standards, his significant contributions to the Bar Association, his tireless mentoring of younger attorneys and his significant pro bono efforts. Congratulations, Frank!

In addition to the General Session and the presentation of awards, numerous committee meetings were held. The Condominiums & Cooperatives Committee meeting provided attendees with additional CLE credits. The meeting had speakers from the Real Estate Finance Bureau of the New York Attorney General's Office who provided practical and timely insight on various procedures and internal guidance. In addition, other practitioners presented on topics such as "Special Risks in Offering Plans", "First Amendment and Religious Freedom Issues", the "Stop Sexual Harassment in NYC Act" and "Case Law Update." The Title and Transfer Committee held a meeting where the recent Appellate Division decision on the Department of Financial Services Regulations governing licensed Title Insurance Agents was extensively discussed. Finally our Not-for-Profit Entities and Concerns Committee meeting had presentations on "Medicaid Reimbursement Issues", "Affordable Housing Tax Credits", "Good Governance Practices and Avoiding Conflicts of Interest." I want to thank all of the presenters and Committee Chairs (who are too numerous to mention here) for their outstanding work.

Putting together such wonderful programs requires tremendous effort from the speakers, participants and committee members. I want to thank each and every one of them for their contribution to such a successful Annual Meeting. Last but not least, a special thank you goes out to this year's Program Chair, Gerard Antetomaso, who did a great job putting the program together.

If you took advantage of the wonderful programs at the Annual Meeting, I am sure you are now motivated to attend our Summer Meeting which will be held at the *Equinox Resort & Spa in Manchester, Vermont, July 11-14, 2019*. If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, why don't you make it a point to attend our Summer Meeting? We will once again be offering substantial discounts for first-time attendees. I look forward to seeing you there!

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