

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DELEGATES

Newly-elected Delegates assume office after the conclusion of the ABA Annual Meeting. Delegates' primary staff contact is the Section Director (Paula Nessel). Delegates must be familiar with the Section bylaws, especially the responsibilities that are described in the Section 4.6, and be prepared for additional responsibilities as highlighted below.

- Delegates advise the Section's Officers and Council of the activities of the ABA and its various governing entities in all matters as they affect policy, membership, publications, budgetary or governance matters concerning the Family Law Section. In particular, Delegates review ABA entities' requests for blanket authority and bring relevant requests to the attention of the Officers.
- As members of Executive Committee of the Section, Delegates participate in all Officers' meetings, including the meetings via conference call (generally monthly).
- As members of Executive Committee and Council, Delegates attend the Section's fall and spring CLE conferences and ABA Annual meetings and participate in all Section Council meetings.
- Delegates attend the ABA Annual Meeting from the Sunday following the end of the Section meeting through Tuesday. The Conference of Section Delegates meets Sunday and the ABA House of Delegates meets Monday and usually a half day on Tuesday.
- Delegates attend the ABA Midyear Meeting (usually in February), from at least Sunday until Monday night or Tuesday midday, depending on the House agenda. The Conference of Section Delegates to the House of Delegates meets Sunday afternoon, and the House meets all day Monday and sometimes a half day on Tuesday.
- The Section Delegates may attend the fall Section Officers Conference (SOC) meeting in Chicago in September, generally all day Thursday and half day Friday. The Section's Officers sometimes meet while at the SOC meeting. The SOC meeting serves to assist officers to understand their responsibilities, suggest ideas for planning their year, and provide opportunities to network with their cohorts from other ABA Sections and Divisions.