



## Family Law Blows into the Windy City

Over 250 Section of Family Law members and their guests attended the ABA Annual Meeting earlier this month in Chicago. The Section's Annual Meeting provides members an opportunity to attend outstanding CLE programming on all aspects of the law, network with colleagues, elect section leadership and visit the home of the ABA, Chicago!

The section offered a number of top-notch programs at Annual including an extremely well received program on the dissolution of same sex marriages, an update on family law tax issues and the ever popular "Hot Tips from the Experts" program.

At the Annual Luncheon, outgoing chair Peggy L. Podell expressed her thanks to the many individuals that contributed to her success as section chair and encouraged family law attorneys to always be proud of the work they do for their clients and the profession. Chair Podell then passed the gavel to Hon. Howard I. Lipsey of Providence, Rhode Island who will serve as the 2005-2006 Section Chair.

Section members Scott Friedman, Greg Mager, Greg Ortiz and Carlton Stansbury were presented the "Friend of the Chair" award for their work in producing and managing the Section's CLE Conferences and highly successful teleseminar offerings. Awards were also given to Willard DaSilva, Editor-in-Chief of the *Family Advocate* magazine, Linda J. Ravdin, Chair, Publication Development Board, and Linda D. Elrod, Editor-in-Chief of the *Family Law Quarterly* for their outstanding work on their respective publications.



Outgoing Section Chair Peggy Podell and Incoming Section Chair Howard I. Lipsey enjoy a touch of humor during the passing of the gavel.



Section members Scott Friedman and Greg Ortiz, recipients of the Section's Friend of the Chair Award for their management of the 2004-2005 Teleseminar programs.



Section members Carlton Stansbury and Greg Mager recipients of the Section's Friend of the Chair Award for their management of the Section's CLE Conferences.