



## Message from the Chair

Even as we head into summer, there is much activity going on in the Family Law Section. We have two more teleconferences planned for the summer. Mark your calendars for our June 23<sup>rd</sup> teleconference on divorce planning for the elderly and for our July 20th teleconference on psychological evaluations called "The Experts Critique the Experts on Child Custody Evaluations." Details of the two teleconferences are included in this newsletter. These teleconferences are not to be missed!

We have finished the White Paper produced by the Working Group on Same-Sex Marriage and Non-Marital Unions and it will be submitted shortly to the ABA Policy Office for approval. Once approved, we will work with the ABA Government Affairs and Media Relations offices to distribute it to Congressional leaders, state legislatures and state and local bar associations. The full report will also be available online via the Section web site.

The spring meeting in San Juan was a huge success, both in terms of numbers of attendees and the quality of the meeting. We had spectacular attendance, the hotel was wonderful, the weather was perfect and the CLE was excellent. A few of us might be subject to severe ridicule as a result of our salsa dancing efforts (myself included) but we all had a wonderful time. If you missed the meeting, you can order the audiotapes (see the form attached to this newsletter) and you can order the materials in hard copy or CD Rom or both. Every single program was well received and the hard-working CLE committee deserves much congratulations!

Please take the time to read the Section's newly adopted Long Range Plan, which is posted on our web site. It is an important document, as it sets forth our vision, our goals and our objectives as we go into the future. We look forward to it providing continuity from year to year, which can only make our Section stronger.

I hope to see many of you in August 6-8 in Atlanta at the annual meeting. While none of us would actually choose to spend time in Atlanta during the August heat, the Annual Meeting is a good opportunity to see how the ABA works. Our Section will be putting on some excellent CLE programs but you are also able to attend CLE programs of other sections. There are always excellent speakers at the Opening Assembly, the Margaret Brent luncheon is not to be missed and the meeting is a great networking opportunity. We will be having our Friday night reception at the World of Coke and it promises to be a fun evening. I hope that many of you will attend our Section luncheon on Saturday to help thank everybody who has worked so hard to make this year such a success!