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Dear Specialization Community,

In this era of economic issues and downsizing in the profession, the Standing Committee on Specialization has some good news. The Committee has found a new home within the ABA. The Standing Committee will be moving to the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility.

What does this mean for the state specialization entities and the private certifying programs?

1. Better access to ethics changes contemplated by the states. The Center is the profession's premier site for Professional Responsibility.
2. A seat at the table for Ethics 20/20 and all similar commissions in the future.
3. Opportunity for collaboration with all the entities housed within the Center. (ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct, Standing Committee on Professional Discipline, Standing Committee on Client Protection, Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility and Standing Committee on Professionalism)
4. The Roundtable will continue as it is.
5. The Accreditation process will continue as it has since its inception.
6. The Certification Link will continue as it is.

The only major change is that the staffing will be different. The Committee Counsel will be Art Garwin and he will be assisted by the excellent staff of the Center. I know that Sara, Adrienne and Tori Jo will do everything possible to ensure a smooth transition for the move.

We will forward Art's contact information closer to the end of the fiscal year, which is August 31. Please feel free to call with any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

Timothy Bouch

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