



## **Meeting in Atlanta Wraps Up Productive Year for Section**

Close to 300 Section of Family Law members and their guests attended the ABA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, August 6-8, 2004

CLE offerings included the extremely well received Presidential CLE Centre program "Marriage Redefined-Separate, Equal or Somewhere In Between" that presented a balanced perspective of the legal ramifications of same-sex marriages, civil unions, and domestic partnerships.

At the Annual Luncheon, outgoing chair Phyllis Bossin graciously expressed her thanks to the many individuals that contributed to her success as section chair and passed the gavel to new section chair Peggy Podell.

Section members Jeff Atkinson and Mark Sullivan were both honored with the section's "Friend of the Chair" award. Jeff Atkinson received this award in recognition for his contributions to the Working Group on Same-Sex Marriages and Non-Marital Unions. Mark Sullivan received this award in recognition for contributions he has made by delivering continuing legal education programming and resource material to military personnel, judges and JAG officers. Additionally Sandra Morgan Little was recognized for her role as chair of the Working Group on Same Sex Marriages and Non-Marital Unions.