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Chair's Note

Dear Division Member:

Below is the third issue of *Law Trends* for the 2007–08 bar year. As always, this is a very exciting issue, and I am very happy to present it to you. As with prior issues, this e-newsletter includes articles, checklists, and other valuable practice information and practical tips, all from each of our substantive practice areas in the **General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division**. This issue also highlights some emerging areas, some interesting checklists, and much more.

In this issue, there is also a portion of a newly published book about giving representation and counseling to small corporations. This book not only covers most issues attorneys will face while representing a small company but also has a CD containing most forms attorneys will need in that representation. Please take a look at the article; if you like what you see, you can then click through to purchase the book.

With this issue, *Law Trends* is now in its fourth year. We hope you agree that with each edition, *Law Trends* continues to provide meaningful articles for each of you and continues to improve. We trust that this edition, like the others, continues to be helpful to you in your daily practice. I encourage you to take just a few moments to read the list of articles included below. Of course, it is yours to download and keep as a reference for the future. And, as in the past, you can either download specific articles, or you may download the entire newsletter by clicking the **PDF**  link.

There are many Division members integrally involved in putting this e-newsletter together. Their hard work and dedication are certainly present. I thank them for producing this issue for the Division.

I hope each of you enjoys this issue of *Law Trends*. The publication will continue quarterly, and we hope you continue to find it a source of valuable information. If you are interested in either writing an article or participating in the production of the newsletter, please contact Jim Schwartz at attyjls@aol.com.

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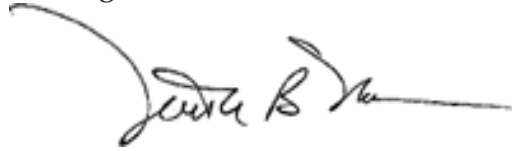
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Best regards,



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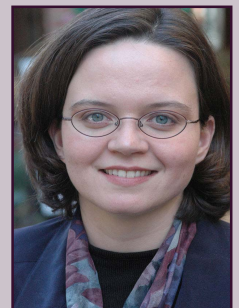
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