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Nonprofit Corporations Committee Chair

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I have served as Chair of the Nonprofit Corporations Committee for the past three years. Before

that, I was the Committee's recorder for several years, during which time the Committee drafted

the new Nonprofit Corporation Act. I have enjoyed the work and wish to continue it, and hope

Section members will re-elect me to the Chair position.

In the last year, the Committee has done good work on amendments to the Trust Act and has

helped the sector respond to uncertainty and rapid developments resulting from the new

Administration's initial months in office. Also, the Committee has continued serving as a

valuable point of interface between practitioners and the state regulators most active in the

nonprofit corporate area, the Attorney General's office and the Secretary of State's office. Both

send high-level representatives to most of our meetings.

If I am re-elected as Chair, I plan to have the Committee work on two legislative projects during

this coming year, with the assistance of several Committee members who have already

generously offered their time and energy to these projects. The first, which is well in progress

after good work over the past year, is a package of amendments to the charitable provisions of

the Trust Act that will harmonize them with the new Nonprofit Corporation Act. The second,

which will become the committee's first priority once the Trust Act package is done, is to

propose amendments to the Nonprofit Corporation Act that will clarify the law regarding

derivative actions on behalf of nonprofit corporations.

Thank you for your support.

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