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Annual Report

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Trial Lawyers Section has had a productive year. The Chester Bedell Mock Trial Competition and Teachers Law Symposium was hosted in Tampa in January. Sixteen (16) teams from eight (8) Florida law schools participated in the Mock Trial competition. Approximately 150 teachers from around the state attended the Symposium. The faculty received many outstanding reviews from the participants. During the lunch on Thursday, students and teachers were treated to comments from Judge Black, a Senior Judge on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, who spoke on the importance of an independent judiciary.

The Trial Lawyers Section has also sponsored a wide range of CLE courses throughout the year. One of the featured CLE programs is the review course for board certification, which was held in Tampa on February 12 and 13.

The legislative committee is actively monitoring legislation which could impact access to courts or infringe on the independence of the judiciary. The session has gone smoothly for the Section.

The Trial Lawyers Section will conduct one of its flagship programs, the Advanced Trial Advocacy Seminar, from May 12 to 16. This program annually assembles the most talented, experienced faculty of any similar trial practice program. This year will be no exception.

The Trial Lawyers Section quarterly publication, The Edge, has a new look and should attract more use and reference with the updated profile. With assistance from and coordination with the Bar, the Section is prepared to continue to advance our mission of promoting access to courts and an independent judiciary.

Sincerely,

Clifford W. Sanborn

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