

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SEMINARS

David P. Bobzien, chair

The principal function of this committee is to plan upcoming Midyear Legal Seminars. Members of the committee were John A. Dezio, Ralph E. Kipp, James W. Korman, Carol J. Schrier-Polak, William L. Schmidt, Stephen A. Strickler and Kenneth R. Weiner.

The committee met in fall 2003 to deal with the unexpected relocation of a seminar that was originally scheduled in Bermuda. The Fairmont Southampton Princess Hotel sustained substantial damage during Hurricane Fabian, which caused the property to shut down until April 15, 2004. The committee decided to accept Fairmont's offer to relocate the seminar to the Scottsdale Princess, a five-diamond property in Arizona, at the same rates as had been offered for the Bermuda hotel, which is a four-star property. The seminar was an unqualified success, affording those who made the trip with excellent continuing legal education; warm, dry weather; and an abundance of activities at the hotel and surrounding desert, including balloon rides and a side trip to Sedona, a famous tourist destination.

The committee later completed plans for the November 2004 seminar and discussed possible destinations for the 2005 seminar. Bermuda was selected as the destination for the November 2004 seminar. CLE programs offered in Bermuda in 2004 were the Family Law Section's "So You Thought You Could Avoid Family Law," the Litigation Section's "Lawyer Advertising," and Sensei Enterprises Inc.'s presentation on "The Smoking Guns of Electronic Evidence: Wielding the Guns and Dodging the Bullets."

The committee last met on January 27, 2004, to discuss possible venues for 2005. It is hoped a European destination can be arranged. Staff is looking at possible locations.

