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We are very proud of our Chapter and its robust offerings. With tremendous support from the bench, our Chapter orchestrates dozens of educational programs, hosts significant luncheons and an annual dinner, produces an award-winning quarterly newsletter, and hosts bi-monthly committee meetings that are video-linked between our Northern and Southern Divisions. However, most simply and at our core, our Chapter is an organization of people dedicated to our clients and craft, and in times of great upheaval – such as now – it is an organization dedicated to supporting each other.

To varying degrees, the coronavirus, and its effects on the world, has disrupted each of our lives and practices. Our association is in uncharted waters in seeking to fulfill our mission of supporting the bench and bar. Through the efforts of our committees, officers and members, we've done a lot over the past month. For example, our Bankruptcy Committee recently put on a CARES Act seminar with over 400 attendees – on Good Friday no less (a link to a recording of that seminar is on the calendar page of our website). Almost immediately after remote working began, we arranged a videoconference where the Chief Judges of the District and Bankruptcy Courts answered questions from our members about ongoing court operations. And on a lighter, yet equally necessary side, we arranged our first video happy hour.

With the realization that these times are unprecedented, we would like to provide some more direct and immediate support to our members. To that end, the Chapter's officers have voted to extend the current memberships of all members by an additional 90 days with the hope that this extension will provide some relief to individual practitioners and firms alike. Whenever your membership would have expired, it now will now expire 90 days later.

Our Chapter's ability to offer this relief is due, in no small part, to the continued support of our luncheon sponsors and the firms on the bulk renewal system. We thank each of you in advance for your continued support of our Chapter and look forward to getting together again when the time is right.

Sincerely,

Matt Lund, Chapter President

Fred Herrmann, President-Elect

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