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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As my term as President slowly comes to an end, I am overcome by the amount of support our Chapter has received from its members over the past several months. Support in the form of attendance and participation at our courses, seminars and webinars, enthusiastic volunteers that graciously give their time, energy and share their knowledge and experience by writing articles for our newsletter or present on panels, as well as the many generous sponsors. It is because of this overwhelming reliable support that the Chapter has been so successful on a membership

level and has also been able to provide informative and accessible resources on a consistent basis. For this I am not only very grateful - but I am also very proud of.

Servicing the condominium industry is very rewarding but also not without its challenges. In my role as a condominium lawyer, and your roles as boards of directors and property managers, among others, I am certain that you will agree when I say that servicing the condominium industry we often find ourselves wearing several different hats. The “easy” part of our roles are those defined duties. As a lawyer, my job includes advising condominium directors and officers on their objects and duties, and ensuring that condominiums comply with the requirements set out in the Condominium Act, 1998 and their governing documents. However, now more than ever we are being challenged to balance our defined duties with the circumstances at hand. Individuals servicing the condominium industry, and those that live in condominiums, are feeling burnt out and emotionally and psychologically extended. This requires us to provide assistance, and resolve various issues, with finesse, compassion and understanding. We have all had to learn how to adapt to these new circumstances, and speaking for myself – I have learned a lot from the individuals involved with our Chapter. As we move towards an end, or perhaps a better managed and understood time, we look forward to staying connected, learning from each other and continuing to service your condominium’s educational needs as best we can.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Summer!

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