

PROFILES IN MEMBERSHIP

Janice E. Carpi

Janice Carpi has been active in the RPPT Section of the ABA since the late 1980s, when she was a frequent speaker on the savings and loan crisis and the effect of FIRREA. Her first exposure to the ABA was as a speaker on FIRREA at RPPT's Spring Symposium in 1991. In her role as underwriting counsel for Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation, first in Dallas, Texas, and then in the company's national headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, Janice had daily contact with title agents dealing with real estate held by insolvent savings and loans. Thankful that the savings and loan crisis has ended, Janice's focus has switched to the underwriting of large commercial transactions and to bankruptcy issues involving real estate. "It seems I just can't get away from insolvency issues, whether it's financial institutions or individuals and corporations."

Janice admits that she has been lucky to be involved with the Section's substantive programs and committee work. "My involvement with the Section as Title Insurance Committee chair was one of the most satisfying experiences in my career."



Although her term as chair of the Title Insurance Committee ended recently, she remains involved in the Section as the newly appointed chair of the Brokers and Brokerage Committee. She is also a member of the Corporate Sponsorship Committee, one of the Section's standing committees, which helps raise funds to cover the expenses of the Section's meetings and seminars

through encouraging corporations and law firms to become sponsors of various Section events.

Janice has a passion for travel, and her attendance at ABA and Section meetings has allowed her to visit many different venues. "When I was growing up, my dad would throw the family into the car every July and off we'd go for at least three weeks, driving cross-country to see new places." Janice has been to every state in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Canada, and Mexico, and says that her knowledge of the country has helped in her role as a title underwriter.

Janice was elected to ACREL in 1995 and currently serves on its Board of Governors. She attributes her election to ACREL, in part, to her speaking and writing about the RTC and FIRREA within the RPPT Section. In 2000, Janice was recognized as one of the first 100 women lawyers in the State of Nevada. ■

Julie K. Kwon

Julie Kwon describes the path to her current position as a member of the Wealth Management Group of Bernstein Investment Research and Management as "an itinerary of detours." As a result, she has learned to keep her eyes and mind open to new opportunities. At Bernstein, Julie



provides the legal and tax expertise necessary to conduct quantitative research regarding the interplay between investment and estate planning. Before joining Bernstein, she was a partner with the Estate Planning Department of McDermott, Will & Emery, and then fiduciary counsel and legacy planner for the Midwest Region of Bessemer Trust.

Julie's active involvement with the RPPT Section started last year when she was appointed co-chair of the Young Lawyers Network, which was created to promote membership among younger attorneys. This year, Julie is the co-chair of the GST Tax Committee, and she is excited by the challenge of moving committee members to active involvement. Julie also serves on the Diversity Committee, a Section standing committee that focuses on many of the same recruiting and retention issues as YLN. In addition, Julie has participated in several substantive law panels in past Section CLE meetings and views such participation as a way to become an expert on a substantive legal topic.

On the subject of the effect of her Section involvement on her career, Julie says, "I can honestly say that I owe my current job to the Section! My predecessor met me at a Section meeting and decided to recruit me to work with him. The rest is history!"

Julie has appreciated the opportunity to meet colleagues of the highest professional and personal caliber from all over the country. She acknowledges that she not only respects her colleagues in the Section but likes them as well. Julie notes that this makes attending and participating in Section meetings and events a whole lot of fun in addition to a learning experience.

In Julie's spare time, she loves to cook, stating that "our daily work is abstract and intellectual, so cooking can be especially gratifying because you produce something concrete that appeals to all of your basic senses." Julie also loves the outdoors and travels to destinations where she can go sea kayaking, scuba diving, and hiking. ■

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