

Kristi L. Brown

Kristi Brown graduated from Purdue University in 1987 and from Valparaiso School of Law in 1991. For the past seven years, she has been in practice with Unterberg & Associates, P.C., a boutique, statewide law firm in Indiana specializing in comprehensive services to mortgage lenders and servicers, including foreclosure, bankruptcy, evictions, title services/claims, and real estate litigation. Kristi's specific area of expertise is lender representation in bankruptcy and foreclosure matters. Before coming to Unterberg, she worked in-house with a mortgage lender in Indianapolis and with a national bank in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Kristi found a home with RPPT after being appointed as the two-year Real Property liaison from the ABA Young Lawyers Division in 2001. Since joining the Section, she has had the pleasure of serving on the Membership Committee, the Diversity Committee, and the Committee on Committees.

As a current member of the Membership Committee,

Kristi is continuously brainstorming for ways to recruit and retain members, whether the prospective member is a law student, member of a young lawyers' organization, or an attorney new to the Section.

One of her favorite membership activities is the selection of the RPPT Fellows. Kristi notes that there are so many bright and talented new lawyers to choose from, and just four slots

per term available. She is proud of the "two Fellow minority applicant" guidelines that demonstrates the RPPT Section's continued commitment for leadership to be diverse by age, gender, race, and ethnicity.

For Kristi, the benefits of active Section membership are almost too many to name. "For me and my continued career development, the opportunity to participate in national CLE and e-CLE sponsored by the Section is invaluable. But probably more important are the other attorneys and their families I have met—they are great!" Kristi says that Section membership has given her an incredible database of colleagues upon which to draw, who willingly share their knowledge and experience.

When she is not enjoying being a newlywed with her husband, Chris, who is also an attorney, Kristi enjoys traveling domestically and abroad. She plans to be hiking in Greece in September. Kristi says that the venues for the RPPT spring and fall meetings are terrific and an added benefit of membership. ■



Gideon Rothschild

When Gideon Rothschild joined RPPT more than 17 years ago he had just sold his accounting practice and opened his own law practice with a concentration in estate and tax planning. Not having partners to bounce ideas off of was one of the major drawbacks of practicing solo. So he ventured out to attend CLE programs to learn from the experts in the field.

After attending a number of RPPT programs, Gideon began to see some of the same faces and noted the collegiality among the members.

Gideon was quickly developing a subspecialty in the area of asset protection planning, which at the time was in its infancy.

He soon became chair of the Section's Asset Protection



Committee.

During the time Gideon spent as committee chair, he enlisted many of its members for CLE presentations, articles, and publications. The committee has become one of the largest in the Section and continues these efforts to this day through its excellent leadership. After turning the helm over to his friend, Alexander Bove, Gideon became chair of the International Planning Committee and thereafter was nominated as a supervisory council member and the Finance and Sponsorship Committee chair-elect.

As a result of Gideon's numerous speaking engagements and written contributions to the Section, he was able to grow his practice, join a small firm, and then find his current home at Moses & Singer, where he co-chairs the Trusts, Estates and Wealth Preservation Group.

Most of all, Gideon has enjoyed the collegiality of Section members and their willingness to share ideas both at meetings and back in the office. Given the national (and international) scope of his work in the asset protection area, he has had numerous opportunities to refer clients to Section members (both on the "dirt" and "death" sides) and has obtained numerous referrals as well.

In addition to his contributions to the Section, Gideon is the national chair of planned giving and a vice-chair of the New York Regional Board for the Anti-Defamation League. When he is not working, Gideon enjoys filling up his wine cellar (drinking some of it, too) and spending weekends at his country house with his wife, Jeryl, and his daughter, Marissa (when she's not at college). ■