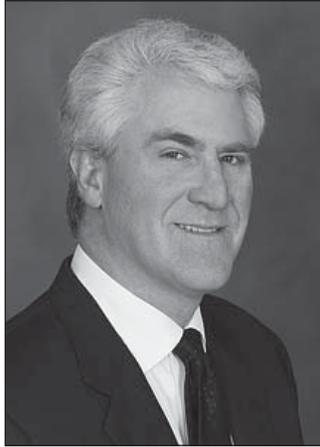


# A View from the Chair

I am pleased to begin my term as Chair of the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section. I am grateful for the support of the Executive Committee and you, the members, of this great Section, of which I have been a member for 35 years.

I would like to thank our outgoing Chair, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, for her leadership. I look forward to working with our Vice-Chair, Jim O'Connor, our Secretary, Lori Petrone, and our Treasurer, Brendan Baynes, as well as the rest of the Executive Committee this year.



Our Section's Committees and Divisions work hard throughout the year to provide value to each of our approximately 2,000 members. In particular, I thank Joanna Roberto and Beth Fitzpatrick, who co-chair our CLE Committee. Our Section sponsors or co-sponsors topical programs on a frequent basis that are of the highest quality in the country. Organizing the speakers to make all this happen takes tireless effort and we could not do that without our committee co-chairs.

I am also proud to introduce this edition of the *TICL Journal*. For many years, Paul Edelman led the effort to provide on a frequent basis the best articles aimed at our practices so that our members had information at their desk or computer when they needed it. In recent years, our editor, David Glazer, has taken the reins of this gem and continues to meet, if not exceed, the standards set by Paul Edelman. I hope you enjoy this edition. Perhaps it will inspire you to submit an article. If not, our frequent publications from our Committees and Divisions are always looking for submissions.

One of the best things that TICL does is support our Young Lawyers Section and its efforts to improve the profession. I am dictating this as I am leaving the Section's Trial Academy, which just finished at Cornell University Law School. For nine years now, TICL has been a co-sponsor of the Academy. Approximately 60 young lawyers (and lawyers young at heart) attend each year and work to develop trial skills, which are hard to obtain in today's environment. Our Section's sponsorship includes a scholarship to attend the Academy. This year's scholarship awardee, Alyssa Jordan, has agreed to join our Executive Committee as Co-Chair of the Automobile Liability Committee. We welcome Alyssa and look forward to her contributions in the future.

If you are interested in joining our Executive Committee, please visit our website and review the numerous Committees and Divisions in which you may have an interest. Please contact me or any officer or member of the Executive Committee to express your interest. Executive Committee is a diverse group of lawyers from throughout the state representing some of the best and brightest lawyers with whom I have had the privilege of working. Even if some of the lawyers appear to "bite" in the courtroom, I can assure you that outside the courtroom we put an emphasis on collaboration and fun.

I have been a member of this Section for all 35 years of my practice. As a young lawyer, I attended my first destination meeting of the Section in Florida when my children were very young. At the meeting, I was welcomed with open arms and met several lawyers who remain great friends, including Bill Cloonan, who invited me to join the Executive Committee shortly thereafter. My wife and family continue to look forward to the annual destination meetings of the Section wherever they are and they have tried to attend each one of them. Our events are both professionally fulfilling and family friendly.

This summer, I am pleased to announce that our Summer Meeting will be at Powerscourt in County Wicklow, Ireland, on July 22-24. We will be joined by Professor Pat Connors of Albany Law School and several other speakers who will provide a total of six credits, including one Ethics credit and one Diversity credit. In addition to golf, we will have an excursion into Dublin and into the Wicklow Mountains. Please look for the notice of the meeting in this edition, as well as in all the other communications you receive from NYSBA. Any of you who choose to attend will likely want to tour Ireland or other parts of Europe. If you can join us, the NYSBA and incoming President, Michael Miller, will host a reception on Wednesday evening, July 25th, in Dublin with members of the Irish Bar. Details of the reception will follow. Many thanks to Brendan Baynes, who will be chairing the program this year.

In closing, I will leave you with the words of our Judiciary Committee Co-Chair, the Hon. George Silver, and remind you that "everybody needs a little TICL."

**Timothy J. Fennell**