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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the June 18, 2005 Environmental Law Section Council meeting, Chairperson, Grant Trigger appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Grant Trigger, Chair, Peter D. Holmes, Member, and John L. Tatum, Member. Their task was to recommend a slate of candidates for the offices of Chairperson-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and members of the Council of the Section, to succeed those whose terms will expire at the close of the next annual meeting, in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the Section Bylaws. The Environmental Law Section Council, at its meeting on June 18, 2005, approved the slate of nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee. Susan L Hlywa Topp has been nominated for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Ken C. Gold, Dennis J. Donohue, and Kurt M. Brauer were nominated for membership on the Council.

To be considered by the Nominating Committee, a prospective nominee must meet the eligibility criteria set forth in Article IV, Section 2, of the Section Bylaws. In order to be eligible for election to the Council, a person "shall have served for no less than two years as "an active member of a Section committee." Eligibility for election as an officer of the Section requires that a person "shall have served not less than four full years as a voting member of the Section Council." In addition to imposing these mandatory qualifications, Article IV, Section 2, directs the Nominating Committee to weigh other factors in nominating candidates, including the need for representation on the Council of women, racial/ethnic minorities, and diverse legal viewpoints and geographic locations, as well as past contributions to the Section in the nature of "sweat equity."

In accordance with the Section Bylaws, an opportunity will be afforded for other nominations for these positions to be made from the floor at the annual meeting, and thereafter the Chairperson-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and members of the Council of the Section for the following year will be elected by the Section members.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee consisting of Grant R. Trigger, Chair, Peter D. Holmes, Member, John L. Tatum, Member, met at the request of the Chair, Grant R. Trigger, to review the available candidates and the requirements for nominating candidates for service on the Environmental Law Section Council. Based on an evaluation and considering years of service to the Section and participation in committee activities the committee makes the following recommendations (Peter D. Holmes will automatically become Chair by operation of the by-laws):

- John V. Byl nominated to serve as Chairperson-Elect.
- Susan L Hlywa Topp nominated to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.
- For new three year terms on the council Ken C. Gold, Dennis J. Donohue, Kurt M. Brauer.
- To fulfill the remaining term of Ken Burgess, who has resigned from Council to take a job in Colorado, Mike L. Caldwell.

Additional nominations are invited from any member of the Section and subject to By-Law requirements for electing officers and other members of the Council the elections will take place at the Section annual meeting in Lansing on September 22, 2005.

We want to encourage any and all Section members who are involved in committee activities to continue their efforts in support of the Council and note that there will be several openings on Council next year for which we will be seeking additional nominations at that time.