

Re: ELULS Diversity Incentive Program, Annual Update Registration Discount Available for Qualified Governmental Attorneys and Non-Profit Environmental Organization Attorneys

The Executive Council of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section has established the attached policy to foster attendance of government attorneys and non-profit environmental organization attorneys at the Section's Annual Update in order to recruit new members and to provide a diverse audience at the annual meeting. Our Annual Update meeting will be held August 8-10, 2013, at the Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra. The following policy will enable qualified attorneys to attend the seminar at a 50% discount of the course fee. A qualified attorney must be employed full time in-house by either a state agency/local government or be employed by a non-profit organization engaged in environmental or land use advocacy. This policy will be administered on a first come, first served basis and space is limited.

The ELULS Executive Council encourages government attorneys and non-profit environmental organization attorneys to take advantage of this program. The brochure about the Annual Update may be viewed on our web page at www.eluls.org.

## ELUL SECTION DIVERSITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

<u>Purpose:</u> To foster attendance of government attorneys and non-profit environmental organization attorneys at the Section's Annual Update in order to provide a diverse audience at the Annual Meeting.

<u>Need:</u> The high price of continuing education and associated travel expenses precludes government attorneys and attorneys with non-profit environmental organizations from attending the Annual Meeting.

<u>Means</u>: The Section proposes to provide financial assistance to qualified attorneys by reducing the course fee for the Annual Update by 50%.

## Award Criteria:

1. Government Attorneys applying for a fee reduction must be employed in-house by a state or regional agency or by a local government. Government Attorneys seeking a fee reduction must apply for the course fee reduction in writing.

2. Non-Profit Attorneys applying for a fee reduction must be employed by a non-profit organization engaged in environmental or land use advocacy. Non-Profit Attorneys seeking a fee reduction must apply for the course fee reduction in writing, and must provide proof that their organization is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

3. All applicants must be members of The Florida Bar and the Environmental and Land Use Law Section.

4. Application letters should be forwarded to: Jackie Werndli, ELULS Administrator at jwerndli@flabar.org.

Limitations: The course fee reductions will be limited to:

- 15 governmental attorneys, with no more than 3 reductions awarded to any agency or local government; and

- 5 attorneys employed by a non-profit environmental or land use organization

Otherwise, course fee reductions will be awarded on a first come first served basis. Unused reductions may be transferred between attorney categories.