

## Cynthia Marcotte Stamer

Cindy Stamer is very active in a "niche" practice of the probate and trust field, but it is a niche that affects every working citizen. Stamer advises employers, employee benefit plan fiduciaries, and service providers, insurers, and others about the design, administration, and defense of health and other employee benefit, insurance, and health care plans, products, and practices. In the course of her practice,

she also advises and defends hospitals and other health care providers, health and workers' compensation insurers and vendors, and managed care and other health care organizations regarding tax, organizational, operational, and other matters.

With such a complex practice area, says Stamer, "the Probate and Trust Division's employee benefit and insur-

ance publications, programs, conference calls, and committees are invaluable resources that I regularly draw upon to maintain and expand my understanding of the fiduciary responsibility, insurance, trust and estate planning, medical consent and directives, and other matters involved in these representations."

Not only does Stamer gain from her Section participation, but she and the Welfare Benefit Plans Committee, of which she is vice-chair, have represented the Section in sharing information and comments with relevant regulatory agencies and have cooperated with other committee members to develop practice materials relating to various health plan matters.

"While I realize numerous benefits from participating in RPPT, I most value the opportunity to develop relationships, exchange ideas, and explore strategies with other attorneys working in my practice area by participating in Section meetings and conference calls."

Stamer is also active in the Health Care, Tax, Labor and Employment, and Tort and Insurance Practice Sections of the ABA, the American Health Lawyers Association, the American Association of Hospital Attorneys, and the International Pension and Employee Benefits Lawyers Association and is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for The Bureau of National Affairs Employee Benefits CD publication. ■

