

Family & Juvenile Law Section Council Minutes of November 8, 2006 Meeting

The November 8, 2006 meeting of the Family & Juvenile Law Section Council took place at the Elkridge Furnace Inn in Elkridge. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. The minutes of the October 11, 2006 meeting were approved.
2. Budget/Treasurer's Report
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. MICPEL: Chair Mary Sanders reported that there are several programs in planning.
 1. The Hot Topics agenda is almost complete (see attached). No keynote speaker has been chosen yet. Suggestions are welcome.
 - B. Newsletter – Walter Herbert reported that he is already at work on the next edition, which is due out in December. Great job on the October edition!
 - C. Legislation - The Legislation Committee reported on developments since the last meeting.
 1. Dodie Fait and Erin Gable, Co-Chairs, attended the Maryland Women's Legislative Caucus on October 15. After discussion, it was agreed that this group could be helpful with family law initiatives.
 2. The Women's Legislative briefing will be held on January 28, 2007, 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. in Montgomery County.
 3. The FJLSC Legislative Committee is meeting November 15 at Ron Bergman's office at 6:00 p.m.
 - D. Annual Meeting – The final decision of the MSBA/ Judicial Conference is that Sections should create their own programs, with an effort to include judges in them. Thus, Marc Noren, chair, and his committee will be meeting shortly to begin planning.

4. Old Business:

- A. Membership Directory – Barbara Trader discussed the possibility of creating same. Tabled for further discussion.
- B. Minutes – Prior year and current year minutes are posted on the MSBA/FJLS website.
- C. Survey of the Members – The section, on motions made, seconded and carried unanimously, voted to send the survey as drafted, via internet, through the MSBA website, and to enable participants to complete the survey three ways: online, completing and emailing as an attachment, or completing and faxing (the last provides the most anonymity). Thank you to Alisa Cummins and her committee. The following members volunteered to tabulate results: Barbara Trader, Vince Wills, Cindy Callahan, Erin Gable and Alisa Cummins.
- D. Craig Little is scheduled to go to the meeting of the Conference of Circuit Judges on November 20, 2006, regarding consistency among the Circuits in the rules about attorneys bringing cell phones and computers into courthouses and courtrooms. Craig will report back.
- E. No update yet regarding the rule change regarding requiring lawyers to advise clients of mediation as an alternative to litigation.

5. New Business:

- A. Section Council Chairs' Reunion: Loew's in Annapolis for April has been suggested for the reunion. The committee will explore further and report at our next meeting. The Committee is Barbara Trader, the Honorable Julia Weatherly, Paula Price, Jolie Weinberg, Marc Noren and Martha Sitterding.

6. Chair's Report: Budget issues were discussed.

7. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

8. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at Tio Pepe in Baltimore (410-539-4675, 10 E Franklin Street).

ATTENDEES:

Stacy Siegel, Chair
Marc Noren, Chair Elect
Cindy Callahan, Secretary
Mary Sanders, Treasurer
Vince Wills
Jolie Weinberg
Erin Gable
Craig J. Little
Irwin Goldberg
Alisa Cummins
Dodie Fait
Dorothy Lennig
Deborah Webb
Jennifer Dill
Walter Herbert
Paula Price
Martha Sitterding
Barbara Trader

Hot Tip/Topics

Morning Session – 45 – 60 minutes

9:00 – 10:00

- I. Transfer of Marital Home
 - a. Lender issues – What is necessary to “assume” mortgage; what evidence can be provided to show ability to refinance and remove co-borrower from liability. (Mortgage lender – Vince)

Speakers – Cindy Callahan and Judge Louise Scrivner

- b. Valuation issues
 - Real Estate Appraisers
 - Pension Valuations – (Tax issues)

Speakers – Marc Pushkin and

Break – 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

10:15 – 11:00

- II. Attorneys for the Minor Children
 - a. Roles
 - b. Training and rules
 - c. Malpractice issues – Malpractice insurer to speak on coverage (Need Insurer)

Speakers – Keith Schisik and Leslie Billman

11:00 – 12:00

- III. Walker v. Grow –
 - a. When and how is Subchapter S income treated in support case;
 - b. Reading and interpreting a tax return to understand pass through income and real dollars

Speakers – Neal Meisleman, Walter Pennington, C.P.A.

LUNCH 12:00 – 1:00 (No Keynote Speaker ???)

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- IV. Surrogacy and gestational carriers
a. Issues in drafting agreement
b. Legal issues

Speakers – Jennifer Fairfax

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

- V. Electronic evidence and family law;
Password protected issues, protected documents

Speaker – Jennifer Dill

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

- VI. HIPPA update and forms to obtain medical records;

Speaker – Sigrid Haines, Esquire

2:15 – 2:30 BREAK

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

- VIII. High income earners (Celebrities) and child support cases – what to look for and how to establish need.

Speakers – Thomas Ries, Esquire

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

- IX. Rickets and obtaining custody/divorce while living under same roof

Speakers – John Weaver and Paul Reinstein

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

- X. Tarachanskaya v. Volodarsky and the standard under 9-101 for Protective Orders

Speakers – Dorothy Lennig, Esquire

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- XI. How to avoid the come pitfalls of malpractice in the domestic field

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