

Family & Juvenile Law Section Council Minutes of January 10, 2007 Meeting

1. The minutes of the December 13, 2006 meeting were approved.
2. Budget/Treasurer's Report

The 2007-2008 budget was submitted to MSBA.
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. MICPEL (Vince Wills for Mary Sanders):
 1. Hot Topics/Hot Tips is ready to go, with good registration so far.
 2. A meeting to discuss the QDRO seminar will be held on January 17, 2007, at Jolie Weinberg's office in Columbia.
 - B. Newsletter (Walter Herbert):

The next issue is at bar headquarters for distribution, and will go out shortly.

Secretary's note: another great issue!
 - C. Legislation (Dodie Fait and Erin Gable):
 1. "Weeks of coverage for session" passed around for sign ups.
 2. Weekly Friday call this week and every week while legislature is in session.
 3. Discussion of possible legislation providing for an alimony exemption from collection similar to that for wages under Fair Debt Collection Act.
 - D. Annual Meeting (Marc Noren):
 1. Marc Noren led a discussion about how to incorporate the circuits where there is no family division into the presentation. Several options are being considered. Retired Judge Kathleen O'Ferrall will moderate the panel discussion about the family divisions.

2. The following people will contact judges for panels:

Cynthia Callahan – Judge Sundt (Montgomery County)
Ron Bergman - Judge Weatherly (Prince George’s County)
Barbara Trader – Judge Bloxom (Eastern Shore)
Erin Gable – Judge Davis-Loomis (Anne Arundel)
Dorothy Lennig – Judge Leasure (Howard County)

4. Old Business:

- A. BAG Award (Stacy Siegel for Mary Sanders)

Application forms are being adjusted, to be handed out all over the state and at Hot Topics/TIPS for nominations.

- B. Reunion (Barbara Trader for the Committee)

1. The date is April 26 at Savage Mill
2. We estimate approximately 150 people. Cost of tickets, form of invitation and program to be determined by the Committee.

5. New Business:

1. Guidelines for BIA have been published on the Judiciary website (www.courts.state.md.us). Comments are solicited and we encourage attendance at the public hearing, when scheduled.
2. Delegate Kathleen Dumais updated us on the House of Delegates, Judiciary Committee and its members.
3. MSBA Domestic Violence handouts to be updated. Dorothy Lennig volunteered to do it.

6. Chair’s Report:

- A. MSBA Presidential Best Section Project Awards were discussed (see attached). Dodie Fait, Marc Noren, Erin Gable, and Cindy Callahan to draft nomination for legislation. Craig Little and Ron Bergman will draft nomination in “benefit to members” category for MICPEL work. Craig Little to seek clarification about the nominations process.
- B. Maryland Rules – Proposed changes attached.

7. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

8. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in Annapolis, at Middleton Tavern, on February 7, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Stacy Siegel, Chair
Marc Noren, Chair Elect
Cindy Callahan, Secretary
Barbara Trader, Immediate Past Chair
Ron Bergman
Jennifer Dill
Dodie Fait
Erin Gable
Walter Herbert
Craig J. Little
Dorothy Lennig
Paula Price
Deborah Webb
Chris Nicholson, Past Chair
Barry Dalnekoff, Past Chair
Delegate Kathleen Dumais (guest)