

Family & Juvenile Law Section Council Minutes of March 14, 2007 Meeting

1. The minutes of the February 7, 2007 meeting were approved and have been posted on the MSBA website.
2. MICPEL (Vince Wills):
 - a. After discussing schedules and availability, it was concluded that the QDRO seminar would be moved to the fall of 2007.
 - b. The Hot Tips/Hot Topics seminar was a huge success, with 220 people enrolled.
3. Newsletter (Walter Herbert):

The next issue is due in April, which will include a teaser for our annual meeting program and a report on our legislative activities.
4. Beverly Groner Award (Stacy Siegel):

The announcement about the Groner Award will be published in local newsletters in each county. We have also posted the application form on our bar website. Applications are due at the end of April.
5. Legislation (Dodie Fait and Erin Gable):

During the week of March 22 the following bills were to be heard:

 - a. HB 1297 (Prohibit pension transfer where the pensioner has no social security entitlement) – Oppose
 - b. HB 1327 (Joint Custody Presumption) – Oppose
 - c. HB 1427 (Fee Collection for Child Support Recipients) – Oppose subject to further investigation. [Editor’s Note: after further investigation, the Section Council re-voted to take No Position on the bill]
 - d. HB 1386 (Domestic Violence against Animals) – No Position
 - e. A report was also given on the status of bills we have previously considered. A full report will be given at the end of the session.

6. Annual Meeting (Marc Noren):

- a. Our program is confirmed for Friday, June 15, at 11:00 a.m. The Judicial Panel is set. Members of the Section Council were asked to think about possible questions for the panel to be asked.

Craig Little and Ron Bergman are working on the entertainment portion of the program. Members of the Council were asked to see if they could get local businesses to donate prizes.

7. Section Council Membership:

The following people's terms will expire in 2007: Deborah Webb, Martha Sitterding, Jennifer Dill, Vince Wills and Helen Harrington. Those whose terms are expiring are asked to let us know whether they would like to be considered for reappointment. Section Council members were also asked to think about potential new members.

8. MSBA Awards:

- a. Our Section's nomination for the MSBA "Best Section Award" has been completed by Ron Bergman and Craig Little, and all agreed it was extremely well done. The nomination for "Best Activity Award" for our legislative activities is to be drafted by Dodie Fait and Marc Noren.

9. Reunion:

- a. The reunion dinner is set for April 26, beginning at 5:30 with cocktails at Savage Mill. Invitations have gone out and discussions were had about award certificates and/or acknowledgment for those who have served in the past.

10. Miscellaneous:

- a. Survey: The MSBA has the survey for distribution.

11. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting is April 11, 2007, at Greystone Grill in Ellicott City
(www.greystonegrill.com).

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Callahan

ATTENDEES:

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