

MSBA



Judicial Administration Section

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE: *Chair; Richard L. Flax, Esquire, Master Andrea F. Kelly; Hon. Robert C. Nally; Franklin B. Olmsted, Esquire; Administrative Law Judge Eileen C. Sweeney; Hon. Ruth A. Jakubowski; Hon. Julia Weatherly; Hon. Paul Alpert; David Palmer, Esq.*

The meeting was called to order.

The minutes from the October 14, 2010 meeting were approved.

Chairman Flax announced that the February meeting will be held at Paul's Restaurant in Annapolis.

Frank Olmstead of the *JASC Rules Committee* reported on the response of the Rules Committee Subcommittee on General Court Administration to his recommendations with regard to Proposed Rules 17-500 and 17-500.

Frank Olmstead of the *Legislation Committee* stated that proposed legislation has not yet been submitted for comment.

Judge Weatherly reported on the *self representation project*. Town hall meetings were held and a document is being prepared, which will perhaps constitute an article for a legal journal about attorneys dealing with pro se litigants. Chairman Flax suggested that someone from the D.C. court-sponsored program speak at a JASC meeting.

Chairman Flax reported on a draft of rules e-mailed by the Executive Director of the Maryland Access to Justice Commission relating to *limited scope representation*, which that body plans to send to the Rules Committee. The JAC members who were present discussed the pros and cons of the drafted rules. Frank Olmstead will see if the MSBA is taking a position on the drafted rules.

ALJ Eileen Sweeney had nothing new to report on *foreclosure* mediations at the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The members discussed the pros and cons of *electronic filing* and the status of that anticipated change.

Chairman Flax reported that Judge Lynne Battaglia will be repeating last year's program at the *MSBA annual meeting*.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen C. Sweeney

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