

MSBA



Judicial Administration Section

COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

March 9, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE *Richard L. Flax, Esquire, Chair; David C. Chiu, Esquire, Secretary; Hon. Ruth Jakubowski, Past Chair; Hon. Robert W. Heffron; Master Andrea F. Kelly; Hon. Marybeth McCormick; Hon. Robert C. Nally; Franklin B. Olmsted, Esquire; David L. Palmer, Esquire; T. Christine Pham, Esquire; Rosalyn E. Pugh, Esquire; Hon. Eileen C. Sweeney; and Carolyn H. Thaler, Esquire, with special guests, Hon. Ben Clyburn, Chief Judge, District Court of Maryland; Mark Bittner, MD AOC; Jennifer Prout, District Court of Maryland, Deputy Coordinator of Commissioner Activity, and Christopher Nicholson, Esquire.*

The meeting was called to order.

Thanks were given to Christine Pham for again extending the hospitality of her office for our dinner and meeting venue.

The minutes from the **February 10, 2011**, meeting were approved. Due to the acoustic problems of Paul's Café, the Chair promised to find a better meeting room and/or venue for next month's meeting.

We were honored to have District Court Chief Judge Ben Clyburn, Chair of the Maryland Integrated Case Management System Advisory Committee, present to the JAC the exciting future of Maryland Electronic Courts. With him were Mark Bittner, MD AOC, Project Manager, JIS, and Jennifer Prout, District Court of Maryland, Deputy Coordinator of Commissioner Activity. Judge Clyburn's enthusiasm about the project was infectious and his power point presentation revealed the exhaustive detail with which his committee has examined every issue surrounding the implementation of Electronic Courts in Maryland. Rather than try to repeat everything he presented I can refer you instead to their website at www.mdcourts.gov/mdec. Our sincerest gratitude is extended to Judge Clyburn, Mark Bittner and Jennifer Prout for setting aside time out of their busy schedules to spend an evening sharing their ideas and enthusiasm about the future of Maryland Electronic Courts then answering questions from us!

Because of time limitations, the legislation review, discussion and voting on the meeting agenda was done via e-mail in the days following the meeting. Attached is the Legislation Sub-Committee's letter summarizing the JAC positions on each bill as voted upon by the non-judicial members of the council.

There was a brief discussion on the Business Law Section proposal to change the MSBA Governance process. Attached also is the Chair's response.

With that the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, JAS Council