

ISB Family Law Section Strategic Planning June 11, 2010 Notes from Small Group Discussions (Flip Chart Sheets Transcribed) Including leadership volunteers

I. EQUAL ACCESS TO FAMILY JUSTICE & SAFETY

(Public education in areas of need)

Utilize skills, expertise of section members

What is the need?

What can determine that?

211 Review add services

Legal Aid

Can we afford it?

Who would form the questions?

How to reach the audience...

Section members provide content

Needs:

Interpreters! Supreme Court of Idaho Court Assistance Offices

Define in Bonners

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Each Family Law Section member would volunteer for ONE pro bono case per year through Legal Aid

Educate about the Process:

Be a clearing house for information and access

Video hotline

Pamphlets

Unemployment hangers

- supervisory (hat room)

Family Law Leaders: Ritchie, Mary H., Viki H., Michael, Tore, Jon, Linda

GAL QUESTION:

Is there a problem with access to GAL services around the state?

To encourage the expansion of access to GALs, consider:

- Financing or retainers so attorneys will be GALs;
- Enhanced pro bono participation

Family Law Leaders: Jon, Lois, Audrey, Lisa, Joanne, Mary

Note: Craig Parrish, 234-1234 State funding

II. Mediation Subcommittee

(Mediation Committee for the Family Law Section)

1) CLEs

- a. Build up resources
- b. More classes regionally
- c. Credit speakers for teaching CLEs

2) Awareness of Mediation [Goal is development of problem-solving skills in the parents.]

Presentation to the Bar and to Judges

Eileen:

Research which CLE are available now

(attorney/mediator, Boise) by July 15

Get Bar approval for CLE videos by August 15.

Get a complete list of lawyer/mediators by July 15.

Seek funds from Family Law Section to purchase

DVD.

Michelle:

Identify cross credits (duplicate credit from other CLE/content sources) Idaho mediators (Idaho Mediation Assn.)

ADR section cooperation

UI College of Law mediation

Utah Bar Assn.

American Bar Association

Develop a CLE group for Lawyer/mediators by the 4th quarter, 2010

Instructors and classes

CLE classes for lawyers, non-mediators

How to Use us Lawyers pamphlet

Family Law Leaders: Eileen, Michelle, Tore, Joanne, John Schroeder

III. Collaborative Family Law

(Expand collaborative law statewide)

With a problem solving component.

Statewide trainings with consistent statewide standards, guidelines.

Family Law Leaders: Mary H., Joanne K., Kim, Viki, Audrey, Michael, Wendy, Fred, Jon

IV. Community Service Initiative Statewide

(Community Service initiative)

Suggested projects for regional attention:

- paint the town where volunteer lawyers would contribute services to painting the homes of the elderly and/or indigent.
- Literature at the Library. A program where young people would be identified for a partnership program with local attorneys, to introduce young people to the library, literature, reading aloud, etc. In cooperation with local libraries and library districts.
- Money and Marriage (the facts of REAL life for high school students!). Contact ILF to determine how this activity could interface with their current programs. The idea is to help adolescents appreciate the complications of adulthood.
- Volunteers for at-risk young people (volunteer for young people in pre-intake juvenile justice settings AND in the juvenile justice system, waiting for adjudication and/or during incarceration as a juvenile. Work with state and local law enforcement programs.)

Family Law Leaders: Lisa, Wendy, Lois, Tyler, Michelle, Linda, Mary, Kim, Audrey

V. Bill of Rights Celebration!

(Bill of Rights Symposium)

Cooperate with the Diversity Section to sponsor this event. Including emphasis on children and the bill of rights

A general emphasis on youth, with an outreach program that the Section would coordinate, seeking volunteer lawyers who will be attending and agree to meet and stay the day at the Symposium, with a high school student (or pair of students). The attorney's role would be as interpreter, teacher, answerer of questions and welcomer of the student to this session and to the possibility of a career in the law as an undergraduate and eventually a law student.

Family Law Leaders: Linda, Wendy, Mary, Audrey.

VI. List-Serve

(List Serve Re-tool)

Could the list serve be improved by anonymous questions?

Could the list serve be improved by anonymous answers?

How can we educate new members of the section concerning its existence and how to join (anything in addition to the Welcome letter from the Chair?)?

Family Law Leaders: Linda, Audrey, Ritchie.

NOTE: This transcription of flip chart notes from each group is merely a summary of discussions that the group chose to write down on June 11. Group members may wish to revise and/or revisit their group's notes. The Chair will establish committees for each of the projects during this summer and invites section members to volunteer for one or more Projects.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Pall, Chair.