

Minutes for the Idaho State Bar Family Law Section Monthly Meeting Friday, October 14, 2011

Attendees: Linda Pall, Joanne Kibodeaux, Jen Brumley, Tom Dial, Audrey Numbers, Sarah Melo, Mary Honeycutt, Chuck Bauer, John Schroeder, Mahmood Sheikh, and Lisa Rodriguez.

A. Old Business

1. Handbook Committee – Tom Dial
Tom was congratulated by Linda for his great work on the handbook.
Tom requested any feedback on the handbook for improvement.
2. Advocate Issue
This has been really great for the Family Law Section. Brett Anthon has agreed to be the editor for next year's family law edition.
3. Legislative/Rules Committee
 - a. There is interest in having family law case information sheet to include whether there is health insurance for kids, to disclose income and W-2's, and having both parties file the informational sheet.
 - b. Tom says this is being discussed in regards to the changes to Rule 3(c).
 - c. Linda requested that John contact Patty Tobias to get any legislative information. She handles all the minutes for CFCC meetings.
 - d. Tom says there is talk about GAL rules being addressed on the Children and Family Courts Committee (CFCC) as judges are confused.
4. CLE Committee
The next family law section CLE will be held on 1/20/2012. The topic will be representing family law clients in bad economic times. Topics will be covered by a variety of presenters including Judge Comstock and Ann Shepard. There will also be a panel regarding with a bankruptcy expert, mortgage broker, etc.

March CLE will be the Community Property States meeting in Coeur d'Alene, March 1-3, 2012. This is a national meeting and will cover creditor's rights. Jen, Melanie and Linda will be getting together to work on this. The family law section puts on the CLE and makes any money from this.

There was a discussion about not providing a May 2012 CLE this year due to the Community Property States CLE in March and instead putting the focus on the March CLE.
5. Linda wants to have more of a presence at state bar meeting in July 2012.
 - a. 2013 in Coeur d'Alene
 - b. 2014 in Pocatello

6. Community Outreach program celebration of 220th Anniversary of Bill of Rights has been very well received and has gotten great positive feedback. The diversity section is eager to partner with the family law section again. Tore Beal-Gwartney was the chair for our section and she did a great job on this program.

Linda announced that Washington State University is also doing a 220th Anniversary celebration with free CLE's in November 2011.

7. Community Justice Program
 - a. Ritchie Eppink will do more once he's done with young lawyer's program

B. New Business

1. Strategic Plan Meeting is proposed for June 1, 2012 in Boise.
2. Litigation Section has a resolution to support request for additional federal judges. We don't need to take any action as a section.
3. Meeting Schedule for 2011 and 2012
 - a. November 11, 2011
 - b. No meeting in December 2011
 - c. 2nd Friday of each month there after.
 - d. Strategic planning meeting in June
4. Officer elections will be in June 2012. Linda isn't running again.
5. Other Business:
 - a. Conflict Resolution Group in Coeur d'Alene is putting on CLE next Friday and they are bringing in a national speaker.
 - b. The Bar needs to send a thank you to Cahill Printing.
 - c. On November 1st, the Family Law Handbook is available to the public through the Idaho State Bar.
 - d. Mahmood brought up Larry Hunter's presentation regarding whether collaborative law should be allowed. ABA is looking at proposals. There is concern about what this can do to lawyer's practice.