

Family Law Section Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2015

1. Meeting called to order by Melanie Baillie.
2. Roll Call (with bar #s added in): Melanie Baillie (7232), Chris Hopper (4792), Jennifer Schindele (6811), Muriel Burke-Love (6855), Douglas Leavitt (8934), Amanda Breen (7304), Jill Jurries (6180), Paul McFarlane (7093), Bradley Willis (7910), Weston Davis (7449), Lisa Rodriguez (7006), Linda Pall (3430), Jamal Lyksett (8980), Tom Dial (1143), Debra Eismann (4209), David Eisele (9277), Karin Seubert (7813), Tom Smith (8206), Sarah Mello (8651), Angela Jensen (4609), Auriana Clapp-Younggren (9513), Mackenzie Whatcott (6774), Susan Brooks (4290), Mahmood Sheikh (ISB staff)
3. January minutes – tabled
4. Year End Financials – Tom Dial moved to approve unaudited year end financials (circulated 1/13/15), Jennifer Schindele seconded, passed unanimously.
5. Old business –
 - a. “Love the Law” contribution request: “Love the Law” committee of diversity section has made request for \$1,000 donation for scholarships. Linda Pall clarified that the funds would target diverse students and be intended to defray the cost of law school applications and preparation (LSAT course, test fee, etc.). Melanie confirmed that the section’s donation budget is approximately \$3,500. General discussion followed. Jennifer Schindele made motion for section to contribute \$500 towards this effort, Tom Dial seconded. Passed unanimously.
6. New Business
 - a. “Celebrating Women in the Law” gala sponsorship request from IWL, event on 3/3/15. General discussion followed. Section declined to make contribution at this time.
 - b. Cook v. Arias decision – General discussion on recent developments and scope of what section is able to do in such instances. Section cannot do much unless asked specifically by the legislature, or would be considered impermissible political activity). Tom Dial provided information on CFCC efforts that were already underway in response to Justice Eismann’s August 2014 widely circulated memo. Justice Eismann will be presenting CLE on 2/19/15 to 6th District Family Law group on what is a final judgment. Plans for April family law section CLE to address this topic.
 - c. Mahmood presented on option to address on-going listserv frustrations: L-Soft, which is already used by the tax and real estate sections. Estimated \$500 start up cost + per email cost, likely \$500-1000 per year total cost once set up. Tabled for next meeting to allow Jennifer Brumley’s input given her efforts on this topic.
7. Meeting adjourned. (Followed by ½ hour CLE presented by Phil Bevis on children witnesses/IRLFP 119).