

LITIGATION SECTION GENERAL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting on January 17, 2014

1. **Attendance:** Proper notice having been given, the following Council members attended in person: Joe Pirtle, Emil Berg, Theodore Reuter, Gene Petty, Chad Bernards, and Howard Belodoff. Others in attendance were: Ritchie Eppink, Kirk Houston, Jason Mau, Kendal McDevitt, Ammon Taylor, Slade Sokol. By phone: David Spoede.

2. **Business Meeting:** Chair Joe Pirtle conducted the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Council Meetings on October 18, 2013 and November 15, 2013. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Gene Petty provided an overview of the Section's finances and budget. A copy of the actual 2013 budget and 2014 budget and the 2013 Income Statement was distributed and discussed. The Section is in good financial shape and the 2014 budget is similar to 2013. The ISB President requested that all sections budget money for officer travel expenses to the annual meeting. In 2014 the budget includes \$750.00 for this purpose. There is a fund balance of \$18,567 and AP of \$5,000 from 2013. Gene recommended that in 2014 that \$8,500 be budgeted for donations to be distributed to the recipients. The budget for donations was \$4,500 in 2011-2012 and \$12,000 in 2012-2013. Joe indicated that the Section will not hold the Trial Academy this year so those income and expenses are not reflected in the budget. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. **New Business:**

A. Jana Gomez provided information on Love the Law program activities. Love the Law has received funding from the section to encourage diversity in the profession by educating high school students about the law. The funding pays for travel and expenses for the events that have been conducted. She requested continued support from the section.

B. Co-Sponsorship of the January 2013 Advocate: The Section provided four articles for the January issue of the Advocate. Joe thanked Walt Sinclair, James Jacobson, Brian Wonderlich, Dean Bennett and Mark Prusynski for writing articles.

C. Sponsorship of August 2014 Advocate: The Section will provide four articles. Theodore Reuter, Emil Berg, Josh Evett and Richard Roberts have agreed to write articles. If other persons are interested, the Section can submit up to five articles.

D. New Appellate Practice Section: Joe indicated that a new section for appellate attorneys is being created by the ISB. This may give section an opportunity to co-sponsor events.

E. Creation of Charitable Giving Subcommittee: Joe, Gene and Erica have previously reviewed the requests for donations. Joe and Gene volunteered to again serve on the committee to review requests and make recommendations, but Erica is on sabbatical so the committee needs a replacement. Joe will look for an additional committee member.

5. **Section Meeting CLE:** Ammon Taylor presented a CLE and distributed an outline on "When a Plaintiff files Bankruptcy: Legal Implications and Practical Tips."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.