LITIGATION SECTION BUSINESS MEETING Minutes of Business Meeting on April 15, 2016

1. Time and Place of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Litigation Section of the Idaho State Bar occurred on April 15, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the Idaho State Bar, 525 W. Jefferson Street in Boise. Attendance also occurred via teleconference and online portal access for Section members who were not able to attend in person in Boise.

2. Call to Order; Attendance

A quorum being present, Section Chairperson Clay Gill called the meeting to order. Members in attendance at the meeting are identified on the lists provided to the Idaho State Bar in connection with CLE credit and include those who participated remotely and who gave notice of remote participation to Dayna Ferrero.

3. Section Business

- a. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>. March 2016's business meeting minutes passed by unanimous vote following a motion and second. The minutes were then approved by unanimous vote.
- b. <u>**Treasurer's Report.</u>** Treasurer's report by Chairperson Gill. The Section's finances remain in order, however the cash balance is lower than last year. The cash balance has been reduced owing to the Sections expenditures on the Trial Skills Academy and reduced CLE revenue. The Section could receive additional revenue through newly admitted members at mid-year.</u>
- c. <u>Section Sponsored CLE</u>. Chairperson Gill reported that it had been some time since the Litigation Section sponsored a CLE. A CLE would result in revenue and be positive for the Section. Interested members are to contact Chairperson Gill.
- d. <u>Idaho Supreme Court Election Forum</u>. Chairperson Gill reported that the Section is co-sponsoring a candidate's forum for the Idaho Supreme Court race. The forum will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center.
- e. <u>Summary of 3/22/16 Practice Section Council Meeting</u>. Chairperson Gill updated the Section regarding his meeting with other Section Chairs. A written summary is attached to the Minutes.
- f. <u>**Report from Donations Committee.</u>** Howard Belodoff reported recommendations from the Section's donations committee for 2016 charitable contributions. The Donations Committee recommended donations of \$1,750 to the *Access to Justice Campaign*, \$2,000 to the National Mock Trial Competition,</u>

\$750 to the Diversity Section's Love the Law program, and \$500 to the Street Law Clinic. The recommended donations are at levels that are reduced over prior years due to budget constraints. Upon presentation of the recommendations and after a motion and second, the recommendations of the Donations Committee were accepted. Given the significant reduction in support to the *Access to Justice* Campaign, Chairperson Gill will write a letter to the Section membership and ask them to consider making individual donations.

- g. <u>Advocate Sponsorship for January 2017 Issue</u>. Chairperson Gill reported that Gerry Husch, Leslie Hayes, Bryan Nickels, D. Andrew Rawlings, Will Fletcher, Randy Schmitz, and Brian DeFriez have volunteered to write articles.
- h. <u>Section Leadership Positions</u>. Chairperson Gill encouraged Section members to contact him if interested in taking a leadership position in the Section for the coming year.

4. CLE Presentation

Ben Ritchie, of Moffatt Thomas, presented regarding the Attorney-Client Privilege.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.