

Family Law Section meeting minutes

March 11, 2022 (Via Zoom video-conference)

1. Meeting called to order by Chair, Leah Shotwell.
2. Roll Call: Leah Shotwell, Jennifer Schindele, Jake Welsh, Shelly Akamatsu, Regan Charlton, Mackenzie Whatcott, Kevin Shupperd, Kurt Swinburnson, Fred Zundel, Melissa Luna, Sarah Mello, Sue Pierson, Mandy Valentine, Colby Jones, Veronica Garcia, and Jen Brumley.
3. Old Business.
 - a. Fred Zundel moved to approve February meeting minutes. Jake Welsh seconded. Motion passed. Minutes approved.
4. New Business.
 - a. Elections-Leah announced that elections are open for the secretary/treasurer position as well as six at large council member positions. Email sent out. Deadline to vote is March 21st. Winners will be announced at the next meeting.
 - b. CFCC Report-Sarah Mello attended the meeting last Friday. The child support committee decided not to address the tax credits/exemption issue in the guidelines. Rather, practitioners should file a motion with the court and they will be addressed on a case by case basis. They are also not adjusting the tables at this point in time. They are including language clarifying that incarceration should not be treated as voluntary underemployment. The forms committee is working on making the JTRO identical throughout the state-may be a slow process. The Council on D.V. and Victim's Assistance is holding a conference June 1st and 2nd. More info. will be sent out soon. They are working on a new family law rule that would provide an alternate to a contempt action for non-financial issues on an expedited basis. Also, working on amending some additional rules, i.e., 602, 603, and 604. Sarah will notify us when those are published so that we can provide comment.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Seat 1-National Conference: No report.
 - b. Seat 2-Annual October CLE: Sarah indicated that they are still planning and everything is moving forward for the 2022 Annual CLE. Members can now reserve their hotel rooms. Discussed having Mackenzie provide the case law update.
 - c. Seat 3-Other CLEs: Jake reported that there will be a CLE at the May section meeting by Paula Anderson on mortgage/loans. Jake is planning an additional CLE for the August or September meeting. If anyone has ideas for other CLEs, please email Tyler or Jake.

- d. Seat 4-Legislation Committee: No report.
 - e. Seat 5-Publications: No report.
 - f. Seat 6-Technology: No report.
 - g. Seat 7-N/A
 - h. Seat 8-Special Projects: No report.
6. Mackenzie Whatcott and Shelley Akamatsu moved to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.