

**Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2025**

Board Members Present: Matt Christensen (MTC), J.B. Evans (JB), Tecla Druffel, Brent Wilson, Heidi Buck Morrison, Rhett Miller

Board Members Not Present: Jeff Andrews

ISB Staff Present: Teresa Baker

**1. Call to Order**

MTC called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. MST.

**2. Approval of Prior Minutes – January 2025**

JB made a motion to approve the January minutes. Brent seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. 2025 Seminar Recap**

**a. Survey Results** – The Board discussed survey results from attendees of the McCall conference. The discussion focused on whether the two-day format was preferred and whether it should continue in future seminars. More feedback may be necessary before making a final decision.

**b. Likes/Dislikes** – Board members discussed positive and negative feedback received regarding the seminar.

**c. 2026 Pre-Planning (JB)** – Teresa reported that the CDA Resort refunded a \$5,000 deposit that had been misapplied from a prior seminar. This refund will be held for a future seminar, given potential budget constraints due to expected reductions in court-provided revenue.

- The location for the 2026 seminar is still to be determined, but Boise is being considered due to budget constraints and the historically strong attendance at Boise seminars, which could help increase revenue.
- Tentative dates for the 2026 seminar are February 7, 2026.
- Brent reminded the Board that NGH suggested reaching out to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP) clerk to schedule arguments around the seminar dates. The Board discussed how best to coordinate with the BAP and integrate arguments into the seminar programming.

**4. Brown-Bag CLEs**

Brent reported on upcoming CLE programming.

- The first brown-bag CLE will focus on third-party releases, presented by Prof. Jessica McKinlay and Ford Elsaesser on April 25, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. (MST) via Zoom.

- Additional topics are under consideration, including a potential tax-related presentation by Matt Shriver. Brent welcomes additional topic suggestions. Chief Judge Hillen has encouraged broader programming that includes more entry-level topics.
- MTC inquired whether the Court will organize Brown-Bag CLEs. At this time, the Court will only provide the Zoom platform, but Teresa recommended it would be easier for the Bar to provide the Zoom platform.
- Brent recommended broad advertising for the CLE to reach the entire bar. Board members agreed with recommendation.

## **5. Legal History Project**

JB updated the Board on efforts to document the history of the section and bankruptcy-related legal resources in Idaho.

- The goal is to create historical records and resources similar to an initiative in Oregon.
- Following the conference, JB, Dave Swartley, and NGH met with Judge Pappas to discuss the project.
- The next step is to establish an informal subcommittee, with Jeff Andrews, Dave Swartley, and JB expressing interest in participating.
- The next action item is developing a simple website to house historical materials. JB asked for recommendations on website development resources.
- Teresa stated that the Idaho State Bar (ISB) could assist in developing a website and shared an example: the ISB anniversary website ([isb.idaho.gov/anniversary/](http://isb.idaho.gov/anniversary/)).
- Teresa noted that website maintenance can be challenging and recommended that the ISB manage it to ensure long-term sustainability.

## **6. Additional Discussion Items from Board Members**

Brief discussion about scheduling meetings over the summer.

Heidi asked about the job descriptions for each board position and requested a copy of the website.

Rhett is the second-year member at Large.

## **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. MST.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm MST.