

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
COMMERCIAL LAW AND BANKRUPTCY SECTION OF THE IDAHO STATE BAR**

**March 21, 2018**

**Board Members Present:**   **Alex Caval**  
  **Tecla Druffel**  
  **Bob Faucher**  
  **Patrick Geile**  
  **Paul Ross**

**Other Attendees:**           **Mahmood Sheikh**  
  **Michele Bartlett, Chief Alumni Relations and Development**  
  **Officer, University of Idaho**

No agenda had been delivered prior to the meeting.

1. Ms. Caval called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.
  - a. Roll was taken. A quorum was present.
  - b. Ms. Caval asked Bob Faucher to serve as secretary for the meeting.
2. Donation in Honor of Judge Pappas.

Patrick Geile led a Board discussion of the Section’s proposed donation in honor of Judge Pappas’s retirement. In that regard, Patrick had sent out an e-mail on Friday, March 16 to the section membership identifying certain options with respect to the proposed donation.

Ms. Michele Bartlett participated in a discussion of the possibility that the donations could be directed to the The Alfred C. Hagan Memorial Law Fund at the University of Idaho (the “Fund”). Income from the Fund is distributed to the law school, to defray expenses of Law School students who participate in bankruptcy moot court activities. The amount of the Fund is presently approximately \$67,000. Ms. Bartlett suggested that the income from the Fund most recently was in the approximate amount of \$3,800 per year. The Fund provides only a small part of the total expenses incurred by the bankruptcy moot court teams, which can be as much as \$25,000 per year. Ms Bartlett confirmed that donations to the Fund are tax deductible.

As part of the Board discussion, Tecla distributed during the meeting, by e-mail to Board members, written materials that Ms. Bartlett had previously provided to Alex, Tecla and her regarding the Fund.

Patrick confirmed that Judge Pappas was very supportive of donations being made to the Fund

The Board wholeheartedly endorsed a program to solicit donations on behalf of Judge Pappas to the Fund. A motion was duly made, seconded, and adopted unanimously by the Board.

Patrick Geile will kick off the fundraising efforts by sending an e-mail to the List Serv. Solicitations will also be made at Judge Pappas's retirement dinner. Patrick suggested that \$25,000 was a reasonable goal for the Section's fundraising efforts.

Ms. Bartlett stated that she would share a link with the Board that could be sent to interested persons to enable them to make donations online. Ms. Bartlett agreed to stay aware of those donations that were being made to honor Judge Pappas. She said that there was a space in the online form for "Notes," and that this would be a good place for donors to confirm that the donation was intended to honor Judge Pappas.

3. Roles for March 1, 2019 – February 28, 2020.

Alex confirmed the Board members' offices and responsibilities for the coming year, as follows:

Alex Caval – Chair

Paul Ross – CLE Chair

Bob Faucher – Secretary/Treasurer

Tecla Druffel – Newsletter Chair

Patrick Geile and Brian Tucker – At Large Members

Savi Grewal – Past Chair

4. Report on the 2018 Seminar.

Chair Caval had distributed evaluations of the Boise seminar in advance of the meeting, which were for the most part very positive. The Board expressed its satisfaction with the seminar.

5. Sponsorship of Reverse Mortgage Presentation at Idaho State Bar.

Upon a motion duly made and second, and approved the Board agreed to sponsor Derrick O'Neill's and Lewis Stoddard's discussion regarding reverse mortgages at the Idaho State Bar annual meeting in Sun Valley, on July 19 from 1:30- 3:00 p.m. The sponsorship does not involve financial support. Alex said that she would attend the meeting, if she is available on that date, put a good foot forward for the Section. Alex and Mahmood will come up with a Plan B if Alex is unable to attend.

6. Judge Pappas's Retirement Event.

Alex confirmed that invitations had gone out for Judge Pappas's retirement event on April 26, 2018 at Boise Centre East. The Board members confirmed they had received the invitations. Alex confirmed the identity of the speakers, many of whom are present or former bankruptcy judges, plus Judge Winmill and Larry Prince.

Mahmood noted that the bar had already received positive RSVP's that failed to include the requisite payment. Alex asked Mahmood to see that those names were provided to her, and Alex would address the situations as necessary.

7. Newsletter.

Tecla confirmed that she was excited to serve as the newsletter chair. During the meeting, Bob Faucher sent to Tecla two already-drafted articles that had not yet been published. Tecla asked her fellow Board members for support and ideas for the newsletter.

8. Support of An Advocate Issue.

The Board noted that Section had not sponsored an issue of The Advocate for several years. The Board agreed that when that opportunity next came around, the Section should avail itself of that opportunity. Mahmood stated that the pipeline was full through March 2019. However, Mahmood thought that the subject of future sponsorships would be raised again in September 2018. The Board noted that date and pledged itself to put the Section on the list.

9. The Form Book.

The subject of the form book was raised. Chair Caval and Ms. Drufel graciously agreed to dedicate efforts to this project over the coming year.

10. Adjournment.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.