

Family Law Section Meeting
December 8, 2017

Chair – Wendy Powell

Attendees: (by phone) Renee Karel, Merritt Dublin, Fred Zundel, Lisa O'Brien, Mackenzie Whatcott, Sarah Mello, Jen Brumley

1. Review of Minutes from November Meeting. Approved.
2. Review of Financials from September & October. Noted that these had been approved at our November meeting.
3. Committee Reports

Seat 1. National Conferences. Wendy Powell reported that she will be going to conference in DC in June.

Seat 2. October CLE. Wendy Powell reported that our turnout was lower than in previous years. Not sure why.

Seat 3. Other CLEs. Sarah Mello. Reported that we are working on a few more. Possibly Dr. Davidson, custody evaluator, will speak at upcoming meeting. RE: LGBTQ CLE—Jim Cook & Mary Shea will do one hour on the substantive law, perhaps someone else could do an hour on ethics, sensitivity. Considering this for annual meeting.

Seat 4. Legislative Update. Mackenzie Whatcott had nothing to report, but we will be keeping an eye on new tax law in relation to alimony, child support deductions.

Seat 5. Publications.

Some discussion on request from College of Western Idaho library on use of our Handbook and Formbook, both printed and online. Renee had contacted U of Idaho to see how they did it, and the response was that they kept a print copy with a watermark "Reference." They also had an online version for library staff, but did not allow free printing for the public. Recommend that we ask CWI to also make handbook available this way. Jen Brumley to reply to the librarian at CWI.

Fred Zundel reported on potential submissions for the Advocate. Top of his list are:

Mary Shea—LGBTQ Marital rights, *Obergefell* case.

Steve Stokes on the nuances of military law in relation to divorce.

Other submissions were:

Merritt Dublin, on application of ICPC in Adoption and Child Protection, practical guidance, social reform. Additionally, has an idea regarding children's rights in family law cases.

Natalie Greaves, on special consideration for children with special needs (apx. 1000 words).

Non committed, but would do if we needed it:

Tom Smith – bankruptcy & divorce

Fred Belzer, difference between an attorney and GAL.

Per Dan Black, we need about 4 articles, of 2400 words at upper limit. Discussion was had that all seemed interesting or useful, but there are too many to fit in one issue. Perhaps Merritt can condense her two ideas to one article, and work with Fred Belzer on his too, as he is not a firm commitment. Natalie's would be good, and is shorter than the others. As Tom Smith is not particularly anxious to write an article unless needed, the four articles would be Mary Shea, Steve Stoke, Merritt's two combined with Fred, and Natalie's. Motion was made for Fred to contact the authors regarding the decision. Approved unanimously.

Seat 6. Technology. No report.

Seat 7. District Support. No report.

Seat 8. Resources. No report.

Seat 9. Special Projects and Awards. No report.

Seat 10. Community Service. No report.

6. Old Business. No report.

7. New Business.

Practice Section Update, by Renee Karel.

We are fine on our projected funds and probably no need to spend down by end of year. Mahmood to confirm with us in January.

Annual Meeting is set for July 18-20. If we want to present, we need to get on calendar.

MCLE request from the Bar. If we have signup sheets, please remind people to write legibly, both name and bar number. If people attend by phone, they should email Dayna for CLE. If people are on signup list,

no need to contact Dayna. Also, if we want to use Go To Meeting, we can for free.

Reminder that we might want to use other practice sections as referrals, if we get a potential case that is out of our wheelhouse.

There was some interest expressed between the employment section and the diversity section on collaboration with us on LGBTQ issues.

Section Budget.

Reviewed and discussed next year's budget. Suggest that we increase the conference travel budget, as we are using that more now. Perhaps lower the estimated revenue for CLEs to \$20,000. Renee to work on and present for next meeting on January 8, for submission to bar by January 15.

8. Meeting adjourned.