

**CLE Committee
Minutes of Committee Meeting
June 23, 2010
Boca Raton, Florida**

Meeting convened at 11:15 a.m. on June 23, 2010

Doug Greenbaum called the meeting to Order, and thanked all seminar speakers and those who assisted in planning and presentation of the seminars this year. It was a successful year.

Minutes from prior meeting were reviewed and approved.

Doug Greenbaum reported on the financial aspects of the committee. Total revenues were \$116,979, with net profits of only \$10,646. Doug will meet with Terry Hill this coming week to discuss why the CLE costs charged to the Section were so high. We had only two live seminars, and the remainder were telephonic seminars.

The cost of telephonic seminars should be substantially less; materials are posted on the web and there are no speaker costs. Doug will investigate why the costs charged by the Bar are so high and report to the committee at the fall meetings. The finances are not inclusive of after-market sales.

The next seminar planned will address Social Security taxes and bankruptcy as they relate to family law. Linda will be the chair of this seminar.

The seminars are structured such that attendees e-mail questions to the presenters for discussion. It may be a good idea for each telephonic seminar for the sub-committee and planners to e-mail "dummy" questions in case the attendees do not send any.

July seminar: Legislative Update presented by Elisha Roy. This is a 2 hour seminar. Please e-mail proposed discussion questions.

Doug distributed a chart to committee members outlining up-coming seminar dates, topics and seminar chairs. The dates for future seminars are tentative. The seminar chairs may pick any Wednesday during the month of the seminar that works and is convenient.

Diane Kirigin spoke briefly about the July leadership retreat at Hammock Beach, the legislative round table, cruise, etc. She also discussed the joint retreat with AAML in October which will be held in Key West. Topic: Passport to Paradise, Navigating the Perfect Storm. It will address the issue of legal malpractice in the

family law setting. The fall retreat will be in Napa Valley, California. The topic will be substance abuse.

Up-coming seminars:

October: Chair, Charles Jamieson: Faculty and agendas will be in place in 1 – 2 weeks.

November: Chair: Patricia Alexander. She has confirmed 2 speakers.

December: Chair: Odette Bendeck. Topic is Ethics. Odette is looking for Judges to speak at this seminar.

2011:

January: Topic of witness preparation was discussed

Dr. Day commented that the number of seminar attendees has been declining. Elisha Roy noted that it is quality of the seminars, not quantity that must be stressed. The seminars are being watered down. Carin Porras noted that there has been a delay in getting the seminar brochures out. Feedback from the seminars is that attendees are not getting as much out of the seminars as they have in the past. They don't know the speakers and there are no speaker bios. Not as many of the speakers are Board Certified as in the past. Charles Jamieson commented that most attorneys are bombarded with telephonic seminar brochures.

Odette Bendeck suggested that it may be best to cancel the seminars for January, March and September when the section has other major seminars. We should consider cancelling the seminar in May as well (AAML seminar).

A discussion ensued concerning a link to the speaker's website for bio or whether the bios should be in the seminar brochures.

Odette Bendeck raised the issue of the speaker bank and whether the speakers on the list were well received. Are most of the speakers listed in the bank Board Certified? Julia Wyda has been maintaining the speaker bank as an Excell spreadsheet. The chair of each seminar is to send program evaluations to Julia to include feedback in the speaker bank.

Diane Kirigin thanked the committee for the hard work.

Patty Alexander suggested that the committee consider a series of seminars on one topic. Carin Porras noted that the after market sales for seminars are available for 18 months following any given seminar and may be downloaded and watched at a later date.

Doug Greenbaum noted that the Bar charges the section between \$8 and \$10 for

every charge card payment for the seminars. There are always costs involved with the Bar.

Odette Bendick moved to defer to the larger seminars during the months of January, March, May and September and that no telephonic seminars be held during those months. Motion seconded by RT White. No opposition. Motion carries.

Topics for the remainder of this year ad 2011 discussed.

September: Evidence. Patty Alexander suggested that we do this as a trial series. Odette Bendeck suggested that we address the topic of witness preparation in the same seminar.

Patty Alexander suggested a seminar on charging and retaining liens and possibly hearsay.

Elisha Roy noted that October is customarily an update on case law and that this may compete with Cert. Review in January. Sheryl commented that there are more attendees in a case law update seminar. Michael Gildea suggested that the evidence topic be cancelled for September and moved into the trial series. For October, we should keep the case law update and non-traditional families. C. Jamieson is still in the planning stages of the non-traditional families topic. It was also suggested that we move the "Ask a Psychologist" topic into the trial series. Dr. Day suggested that we move through the trial series as though it were an actual trial.

Cost of seminar series was discussed. Registration for 4 seminars should be \$450.00, or if registered individually, \$120.00 each. Carin Porras noted that if there is only one registration fee for the series, we should be able to charge less. The cost will be determined by what it will cost us to put them on. A registrant can sign up for one individual seminar or for the full series. There will be 4 topics/seminars to each series.

Allyson Hugh suggested that we combine pre-recorded video taped portions and live speakers. Another suggested topic was depositions with sub-seminars on expert depositions, psychologist depositions and forensic depositions. Another bundle of topics discussed was witness preparation, depositions, psychologists and evidence. If the seminars are of high quality and at a reasonable cost, it should be a good seller. Charles Jamieson suggested that we consider 2 series of seminars per year and that we begin now. He will move his program to accommodate this schedule.

Doug Greenbaum will schedule a telephonic meeting before the Leadership Conference in July to discuss the seminar series concept, topics, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.