

**FAMILY LAW SECTION
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 24, 2008
Grand Floridian, Orlando
Midyear Committee Meetings
11:30-12:30 in the Palm Beach Room

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME: INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS/ROLL CALL.

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II. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Minutes from September 5, 2007 approved.

B. Recent seminars:

1. Oct. 4-5 – Overview of Marital Agreements.
 - a. Good evaluations, good attendance.
2. Nov. 14 - Domestic Violence.
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Attendance –92 participants. Great job by faculty (Judge Karan).
3. Dec. 12 - Mechanics of Board Certification.
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Not much info available yet

C. Proposed reimbursement form for speakers

Allyson Hughes suggests and consensus is: car rental – reimbursement limited to mid-size or smaller. After Transportation the reimbursement form must state “Must be based on 21 day advance purchase on air and car rental.”

A subcommittee to draft a form letter to accompany letters to speakers discussing the reimbursement policy was appointed to include Amy Hamlin and Doug Greenbaum.

III. NEW BUSINESS/UPCOMING SEMINARS (2008 -2011).

A. 2008 SEMINARS

1. Cert. Review is sold out.
2. Feb 22: Mental health professionals
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Identifying and handling the parties; Legal professionals - representing and litigating against parties with mental deficits including ethical concerns, HIPAA etc. Deborah Day and Scott Rubin will be speakers
 - c. Magistrate Kirigin will speak on Baker and Marchman Acts.

3. Apr 2: Additional mental health issues affecting children.
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chairs: Elisha Roy, Carin Porras
 - c. Speakers: Charlie Jamieson on what to do as parent when there is an allegation of sex abuse;
 - d. Judge Susan Greenhawt and psychologist Jan Faust will address the effective use of mental health professionals and evidentiary/child hearsay/privilege issues

4. April retreat – Albuquerque
 - a. Walking tours set up. Art and architectural tour and then an adult tour at night.
 - b. Two CLEs planned. One is about collaborative process and the other is about parenting plans.
 - c. Brochure to be sent out soon.

5. NOTE: Per Charlotte Karlan– there has been a request for a seminar on collaborative law.

6. May 21: Family law ethics.
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chairs: Odette Bendeck, Eddie Stephens
 - c. Good shape for speakers, materials.
 - d. Need to finalize brochure with more specifics on topics.

7. June 18-19: Annual meeting in Boca.
 - a. Section Meeting is June 18.

8. July 31-Aug 3: Legislative update in conjunction with leadership retreat
 - a. Live seminar (also available telephonically)
 - b. Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort, Golf Club and Spa

9. September 10-11: General Meeting (Tampa Airport Marriott)
(NEED TO CHECK/CONFIRM DATES)

10. September 18-19: Dependency and paternity.
 - a. One day, two locations (Tampa & Ft. Lauderdale)
 - b. Chairs Howard Raab, Lucy Espey-Francis, Carmen Gillett
 - c. Potential speakers: Robin Scher, Eric Bruce, Judge Karan, Magistrate Schlissel
 - d. Also plan to have a dependency judge (John Frusciant) depending upon his availability.

11. October 23-27: Trial and mediation preparation – speaker Terry Fogel; this is at Fall retreat – cruise on Royal Caribbean Enchantment of the Seas
12. November 12: Mechanics of Board Certification
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
13. December 10: Insurance – Life, health, and other insurance issues
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chairs: Sheryl Moore, Bonnie Sockel-Stone

B. 2009 Seminars

1. January 23-24: Certification Review
2. February 25: Representing the disabled.
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chairs: Charlotte Karlan, Lucy Espey-Francis, Jeannie Etter
3. March 19-20: Champagne Divorce on a Beer Budget;
 - a. One day/Two locations
 - b. Chairs: Doreen Inkelees, John Schutz
4. April 15-10: Section Retreat
 - a. New Orleans, Hotel Monteleone
 - b. CLE component uncertain
5. May 20: Tax Issues
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chairs Alberto Romero, Eric Bruce
6. June: Annual Meeting
7. July 15: Legislative Update
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
8. August 13-16: Trial Advocacy Workshop
 - a. Ritz Carlton, Naples
9. September: Equitable Distribution
 - c. One day; two locations
 - d. Chairs: Carin Porras, Ryan Doherty, Kathy Beamer
10. October: Fall Retreat

11. November 10: Mechanics of Board Certification
 - e. Telephonic Seminar
12. December 9: Fees, Charging Liens, and Contract Provisions
 - f. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chairs: Linda Braithwaite, Eddie Stephens

C. 2010 Seminars

1. January: Certification Review
2. February 24: Unusual Assets for Distribution
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chairs: Charlie Jamieson, Luis Insignares
3. March 18-19: Child Support & Alimony
 - a. One day/Two locations
 - b. Chairs: Michael Addicott, Charles Wilmot
4. April: Spring retreat
5. May 19: Adoption
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chair: Ashley Myers
6. June: Annual meeting
7. July 14: Legislative update
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
8. August: Leadership Retreat
9. September: Nontraditional families; cohabitation, grandparent issues
 - a. One day/Two locations
 - b. Chairs: Alberto Romero, Charlie Jamieson, Charlotte Karlan
10. October: Fall retreat
11. November 17: Mechanics of Certification
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
12. December 8: Ethics
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chairs: Odette Bendeck, Jeannie Etter, and Evan Marks

D. 2011 Seminars

1. January: Certification review
2. February 24: Collaborative Process
 - a. Telephonic Seminar –
 - b. Information based ;not skills training. At this seminar, provide information on where training is available for those who want to get training.
 - c. Chairs - Linda Braithwaite & Lucy Espey Francis.
3. March: Office Management & Paralegals
 - a. One day seminar given in two locations.
 - b. Half day on office management and half day for paralegals.
 - c. Chairs: John Schutz & Sheena Benjamin Wise
4. April: Spring Retreat
5. May 19: Immigration, Domestic Violence, Hague Convention & Passports.
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chairs: Judge Karan & Bonnie Sockel-Stone
6. June: Annual Meeting
7. July: Legislative Update
8. August: Trial Advocacy
9. September: Children's Issues – Custody & Support.
 - a. One day/Two locations
 - g. Chairs: Allyson Hughes, Alberto Romero, Doug Greenbaum, and Sheena Benjamin-Wise.
6. October: Fall Retreat
7. November: Mechanics of Certification Review
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
8. December: Enforcement - Unusual Writs and Remedies.
 - a. Telephonic Seminar
 - b. Chairs: Jeannie Etter & Amy Hamlin

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION.

A. Speaker list subcommittee:

1. Allyson Kapner to compile list of speakers, including biographies, topic of lecture, date and title of seminar; also to include authors of articles in Florida Bar Journal (copy of article, including bio)
2. John Schutz and Ralph T. White will provide Allyson Kapner with information regarding speakers from their recent seminar.
3. Program chairs for each seminar must email this info after each seminar.

B. Newsletter Subcommittee:

1. Submit article to Commentator
2. Eddie Stephens will write an update regarding the CLE Committee's activities.

C. Technology Update:

1. Eddie Stephens attended the big bar meeting where technology was one of the topics. There are three kinds of technology that he believes the section should incorporate if it has not already done so:
 - a. Telephonic seminar
 - b. Webinar – he thinks this will not come to pass
 - c. Live broadcast over the internet – This looks to be the direction we are heading in because of the sharing of revenue with the big bar. This might be a better money maker for the section because live seminars tend to end up costing money given the revenue sharing with big bar.

V. Adjournment; Thank you to committee members!

Motion to adjourn Seconded.