

Family Law Section
Continuing Legal Education Committee
Wednesday, June 18, 2008
Boca Raton Resort & Club

Call to order

Introduction of those in attendance (Chair retained copy of attendance sheet)

Old Business

Approval of minutes January 24, 2008

- Motion to approve minutes
 - Motion by Eddie Stephens
 - Second by John Schutz
 - Approved

Recent Seminars

January 25-26, 2008 Marital and Family Law Board Certification Seminar

- Report by Caryn Green
 - The seminar was a huge success and committee is making significant progress on next year's seminar

February 22, 2008 How to identify, represent and litigate against the mentally ill or addicted party

- Report by Charlotte Karlan
 - There was a great response to the seminar – 81 participants

April 2, 2008 How to represent parents accused of child abuse

- Report by Carin Porras
 - Another great telephonic seminar with 101 participants and much participation during the seminar by the attendees

April 23-27, 2008 Spring Retreat

- Report by Allyson Hughes

- Very relaxing and enjoyable.

May 21, 2008 Ethics seminar

- Report by Eddie Stephens
 - Best attended telephonic seminar with 130 participants.
 - Many thanks to Odette Bendeck – she moderated like a pro.
 - Last minute replacements were phenomenal and didn't miss a beat.

New reimbursement forms for speakers handed out

- Motion for approval of new form by Eddie Stephens and second by RT White – New form APPROVED

New Business

a. Upcoming Seminars for 2008-2011

- 2008
 - i. July - Leadership retreat in Marco Island/legislative update – very important as discussion will be held on new parenting bill and equitable distribution statute. Real time broadcasting potential over the internet.
 - ii. September – still waiting on confirmation of dates
 - iii. October – Scott Rubin and Terry Fogel confirmed
 - iv. November – mechanics of board certification – telephonic – all can attend
 - v. December - Insurance – Life, Health and Other. - Sherryl Moore confirmed
- 2009
 - i. January – board certification – per Caryn, the seminar is well on its way to completion; limited parking at Grand Floridian; sign up now
 - ii. February – representing the disabled – Charlotte Karlan confirmed – there is a change in the program to the extent there will be no discussion of service animals; fine tuning needed but confirmed that

Debbie Day is speaking; there may be a topic on military post traumatic stress disorder as it relates to parenting

- iii. March – divorce on a budget – Doreen Inklees and John Schutz confirmed
 - iv. April – Scott Rubin confirmed seminar program
 - v. May – Tax Issues and Estates & Trusts - Eric Bruce confirmed.
 - vi. August – Trial Advocacy – Allyson Hughes confirmed.
 - vii. September – Equitable Distribution - Debra Welch confirmed
 - viii. October - Fall retreat – Per Peter Gladstone – location and events “top secret”
 - ix. December – Attorney’s Fees and Charging Liens – Eddie Stephens confirmed.
- 2010
 - i. February - Unusual assets for distribution - Charlie Jamieson confirmed.
 - ii. March – Support Issues - Charles Wilmot confirmed.
 - iii. May – Adoption – Amy Hickman and Ashley Myers confirmed
 - iv. December – Ethics – Odette has confirmed
 - 2011
 - i. March – Office Management - John Schutz confirmed
 - ii. May – Immigration and DV - Bonnie Sockel-Stone and Judge Amy Karan confirmed
 - iii. September – Children’s Issues – Allyson Hughes confirmed
- b. Discussed need for additional telephonic seminars – David Manz suggested it is premature to discuss and further suggested we plan something for March 2009. Ashley and John Schutz to report back in September 2008

- c. Discussion of bundling telephonic seminars – John Schutz stated that this has been approved before by the big bar after some dissention. Sherryl Moore stated that it would be helpful if you could register online; Eddie Stephens said that the web site does not have this capability yet; this would work just for telephonic; all in favor of looking into this; Carin to check with Summer
- d. Code of Conduct at CLE's - Sheila Norman volunteered as did Holly Shuttler and Melinda Gamot; these volunteers are to report back in September 2008 with ideas of appropriate conduct for speakers and guests.
- e. Coordination of websites - Eddie Stephens will address; Sherryl Moore also requested that he look at event calendar on the website as the material is different.
- f. Real-time broadcasting - Investigating cost to implement real-time broadcasting –benefit is that it is “on demand”; yearly subscriptions availability? Peter Gladstone has concerns that people won't show up live, we will continue to investigate cost issue

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

- a. Regarding the speaker list – a volunteer is needed to create a speaker bio bank to be managed and updated; should also include ratings; Summer to hold and pass it forward each year;
- b. Newsletter Subcommittee – Eddie Stephens volunteered to write a short article in the commentator – update of year.

Holly Shuttler suggested a seminar on electronic discovery

MEETING ADJOURNED.