

MINUTES  
FAMILY LAW SECTION  
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
Telephonic Meeting Wednesday, November 19, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

Carin Porras  
Odette Bendeck  
Heather Apicella  
Deborah Day  
Lucy Espey Francis  
Summer Hall  
Amy Hamlin  
Julia Ledis  
Charlie Jamieson  
Charlotte Karlan  
Ray Rafool  
Holly Schuttler  
Bob Shalhoub  
Bonnie Sockel-Stone  
Eddie Stephens  
Denise Stubbs  
Sheena Benjamin Wise  
Debra Welch  
Charles Willmott

I. WELCOME: ROLL CALL

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2008  
Motion for approval Jamieson, Rafool second – unanimous

b. Recent events:

1. Report on Sept. 18 seminar in Ft. Lauderdale on paternity and dependency issues: Howard Raab, Carmen Gillett, Lucy Espey-Francis  
Seminar went very well; good location  
Attendance 52. Figures not finalized yet on what the Section made.

2. Report on Fall retreat (Royal Caribbean cruise)  
27 attended and it was excellent  
Seminar and speakers well received.  
Lots of questions, much excitement.  
GMs Barbara Beilly and Norberto Katz stepped in  
to speak at last minute; did great job

3. Report on Mechanics of Board Cert telephonic seminar (11/12/08):  
Caryn Green, Ingrid Keller  
Mechanics of Board Cert – 15 participated  
Very informative and went smoothly.  
Good speakers; good job by the chairs

c. Report on code of conduct at CLEs: Sheila Norman, Holly Schuttler, Melinda Gamot  
Tabled for today because members not available to report

d. Report on marriage handbook: Doug Greenbaum, Elisha Roy, David Manz, Ken Gordon  
Doug Greenbaum thinks draft will be ready next week. Carin will review and forward next draft to committee so we can finalize in January.

e. Report on Big Bar retreat: Ingrid Keller, Amy Hamlin  
Amy attended with Ingrid Keller  
Big topic of discussion was how much we spend on cert review and how money shared with the big bar. Sub-committee appointed to look into it and report back. Eddie was volunteered for that.

f. Bundling telephonic seminars: pricing discussion  
Bundling telephonic seminars to increase profitability. Concept is to have single registration for multiple telephonic seminars. Summer is continuing to research. Amy Hamlin and Denise Stubbs will work with Carin on trying to work on the project.

### III. UPCOMING SEMINARS

a. Report on Dec. 10, 2008 telephonic seminar: Insurance issues:  
Sheryl Moore, Bonnie Sockel Stone (brochure has been mailed out)

Mechanics need to be resolved.  
Web Credenza is probably best option

Nov 24 noon follow up meeting; 46 signed up so far

b. Report on Marital & Family Law Review course: Jan. 23-24, 2009 : Caryn Green, Elisha Roy, Melinda Gamot, Carin Porras (brochure available on website)  
Seminar is in good shape.

Hotel rooms still available for Thursday and Saturday  
Some changes this year.

c. Report on Feb. 26, 2009 telephonic seminar: parenting plans/issues : Charlotte Karlan, Deborah Day, Elisha Roy, Holly Schuttler (NEED BROCHURE)  
Charlotte says the program is coming along. Will cover history and include judicial panel. Jerome Novey may speak on trial he already had involving this issue. GAL, psychologist, and lawyers each giving perspectives. Materials will include parenting plans. Others who have parenting plans should send them to Charlotte at [charlotte@miamidivorce.com](mailto:charlotte@miamidivorce.com)

d. Report on paralegal seminar for FLAFCC meeting: Feb. 27, 2009: Susan Savard, Carin Porras  
Outline of program is done. They have speakers lined up. Be sure to send our paralegals to the seminar.

e. Report on Mar. 19-20, 2009 seminar: Quality divorce on a budget: Chairs: John Schutz, Doreen Inkelees  
John in court today so he could not report in. Summer reminded to get brochure done soon.

f. Report on Mar. 25, 2009 seminar: Electronic discovery: Amy Hamlin, Susan Greenberg (discussion re honorariums for speakers)  
Amy found a good speaker but the speaker usually gets an honorarium. Question: Can the section pay a speaker or can we get a sponsor to cover it? CLE big bar manual talks about reimbursement and our section does that as well. Concern is about setting an unwanted precedent. Big bar manual says no unless full time college of law faculty or other narrow exception. Speaker is from Virginia company called Sensei Enterprise. Gave presentation to Academy that was comprehensive and well received. Wants \$1,000. Susan Greenberg said they will kick in \$500. Sensei said they will accept \$500. Per Summer: Speaker ordinarily would be paid by section. Sponsor would pay the Section. The sponsor donation would not be subject to 80/20 bar split.  
Odette – avoid setting policy on honorarium and just use sponsor and address on case by case basis. Can sponsor pay speaker directly and still be given credit on the brochure.

Holly – favors consideration on case by case basis rather than set new policy.

Lucy Espey – concerned about opening the issue

Summer – will research whether firm can pay speaker directly and still be given credit as a sponsor on the brochure.

Denise – can contribute other names as speakers as a Plan B

Carin concerned about opening this door. Would prefer that we find a speaker who will not charge. Concerned that bar will not permit sponsorship credit unless the bar pays the fee direct.

Debra Welch echoes Carin's concerns

Motion by Odette: If Holly's firm can pay the speaker directly and be listed as a sponsor on the brochure, then pay the honorarium. If that cannot be done, do not pay the speaker and a new speaker must be found.

Holly second

Vote: 11 in favor; 5 opposed. Motion carries.

**NOTE TO SUMMER:** Quickly research whether sponsor can pay the speaker directly and still be given credit on the brochure.

#### IV. SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

a. Newsletter for website: Eddie Stephens (update)

Eddie will have something to Carin in 10 days.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Telephonic seminar on property/foreclosure issues; possible date Jan. 14, 2009:

Report/presentation by GM Diane Kirigin

Motion by Odette to add this seminar to our programs.

Jamieson second. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

b. Invitation to submit outline for presentation in President's Showcase for annual meeting June 2009.

Per Scott Rubin, Jay White has invited us to submit an outline for June meeting which if accepted will be part of the program in President's Showcase. Should be educational with wide appeal.

Odette questions whether this will draw a sufficient audience to make the effort worthwhile. Eddie says several years ago we were approached and could not find people who could put in the time. Lucy suggests David Manz program on military divorce could be a good topic for the outline. Odette agrees to put together an outline and submit. Carin will find out how long this program will be. Lucy, Carin, Holly and Bob agree to assist. Possible topic – electronic discovery relating to family law. Motion by Lucy to advise the Section chair that we are interested in

submitting an outline. Second by Holly. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

VI. Adjournment; Thank you to committee members!

Motion to adjourn by Odette. Second by Jamieson. Motion carries by unanimous vote.