

**FAMILY LAW SECTION
EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 10, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Tampa Airport Marriott**

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Welcome by Co-Chairs Susan Savard and Nicole Goetz. Introduction of Committee Officers for the 2008-2009 Bar year; Roll Call.

- II. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Approval of Minutes from telephonic meetings of the Committee of August 15, 2008 and August 22, 2008.

 - b. Recent Events Concerning the proposed statutory amendment to 61.075 (10):
 1. A telephonic meeting of the Committee was held on August 15, 2008 to determine if the Committee felt statutory reform on the issues of security and interest on deferred equitable distribution payments were necessary. The Committee consensus was that statutory reform was in order. A drafting subcommittee was appointed. See attached minutes of the August 15, 2008 telephonic meeting for detail of discussions.

 2. The drafting subcommittee's proposal for amendments to 61.075(10) were forwarded to all Equitable Distribution Committee members.

 3. A telephonic meeting of the Committee was held on August 22, 2008 which addressed concerns relating to the proposed language of the statutory amendment. During the meeting, further revisions to the proposed language were made. Following redrafting during the meeting, the Committee voted in favor of the proposed language. See attached minutes for detail of discussions.

 4. The subcommittee of the Legislation Committee appointed for purposes of the proposed statutory amendment to the equitable distribution statute met telephonically on August 28, 2008. Following discussion, the proposed language of the statutory amendment was approved, without revision, for

submission to the full Legislation Committee on September 10, 2008.

5. The telephonic conference of the Equitable Distribution Committee scheduled for August 28, 2008 was cancelled in light of the fact that the Legislation Subcommittee made no suggestions for revisions to the proposed statutory amendments.

III. ISSUES ON THE HORIZON: NEW BUSINESS

- a. Should the proposed amendments to 61.075(10) become a legislative priority for the Legislation Committee for this year, we will need to assist the Legislation Committee, if needed, in volunteers for Tallahassee.
- b. Consider whether statutory revisions should be made to the factors enumerated in 61.075 (1) (a) through (j).
- c. Review/editing of Equitable Distribution Committee description for posting on the Family Law Section website.

The current description is as follows:

EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION – Analyzing the law concerning the division of assets and debts in a family law case, this committee works to improve Florida's equitable distribution, looking at presumptions, special equity and the option of temporary equitable distribution relief.

IV. Adjournment and thank you to committee members!