

**Publications Committee
Minutes
September 9, 2009
Tampa Airport Marriott**

Co-chair Luis Insignares called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m..

Present were those members and attendees whose names and signatures appear on the attached attendance log.

Luis recognized the committee's co-chair, Ingrid Keller, who was present. He also acknowledged co-chair Laura Davis Smith, who was not able to be present for this meeting.

Minutes of June 24, 2009 Meeting

Copies of the minutes were circulated. Ingrid moved their approval. Jack Moring seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Florida Bar Journal

Ingrid noted that there are quite a few articles in the pipeline. They are in the process of being edited and will be submitted in a timely manner. She asked that any others who may wish to submit proposed articles to please do so. The issue of crossover articles was raised. It was stated that if the article in question is not directly related to family law, then the author should approach the appropriate substantive law section. Cheryl Dodd is the contact person at The Florida Bar. Further discussion concerned theme-related issues. Unlike the Commentator, issues of the Journal are not arranged around central themes per se. What the Section is looking for are well-written, scholarly articles eliciting the reader's interest. It was discussed that perhaps some of the articles tie in with the theme of the Section's chair's term of service (e.g., current chair Peter Gladstone's theme deals with children's issues). Further input will be sought from Peter and from Chair-Elect Diane Kirigin.

FAMSEG

Jack discussed that FAMSEG is a work in progress and that he is getting a lot of positive feedback. He discussed his goal to have the monthly issues out during the first week of each month. The September issue was delayed while awaiting the finalized brochure for the Fall Retreat. The brochure having been received, FAMSEG will go out shortly.

Family Law Commentator

Luis indicated that he would be calling all concerned to get the issues back on track. The current issue, dealing with trial advocacy was to have been released in conjunction with the trial advocacy seminar in August, but that did not happen. Laura has taken over helming that issue, and she is awaiting one remaining article. Discussion centered on getting the issue out even without the missing article, the thought being that a timely-produced "light" issue is better than nothing. Doreen Inkeles indicated her willingness to do a quick article on depositions and speaking objections. Patricia Alexander discussed a letter she received from a reader critical of an article in

the domestic violence issue of the Commentator. The article in question dealt with the abuse of the domestic violence injunctions. The letter writer felt the article was biased; she provided documentation to support her position. Patty has forwarded the letter to the author of the article, Sonja Jean. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that correspondence be sent to the letter writer thanking her for her comments and perspective, and for her contribution, and advising her that her submission will be forwarded to the editor for consideration to be included in the next issue of the Commentator that centers on domestic violence. The motion was unanimously approved. Co-Chair Laura Davis Smith was tasked with drafting the correspondence.

The Fall 2009 issue is helmed by Amy Hamlin, who, though not present, had previously reported that her issue is already 80 to 90% finished. The theme of the article is office management and related topics. The articles are still in need of being edited. Luis indicated that he would distribute articles amongst the committee for that purpose. An article on the upcoming Fall Retreat will be included in this issue, and Patty volunteered to write the article to accompany the photographs from the Retreat.

The Winter 2009 issue deals with discovery and commercial issues. Robyn Vines is in charge of that issue. She stated that the article is still in concept stage, and Luis asked that, if possible, potential contributors should be immediately contacted and given a deadline of early November for submission. Robyn indicated that she would devote her best efforts to complying with that deadline.

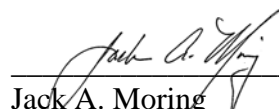
The Spring 2010 issue deals with non-traditional families. Abigail Beebe is in charge of that issue. Summer Hall reminded everyone that each author's photo and bio should be submitted at the same time as the article (photos in .jpg or .tif format only; no .pdf versions please), and that the author's release should be submitted at that time as well. It was agreed that FAMSEG is a good way of publicizing upcoming themes and soliciting contributors. Jack indicated that he would see to it.

Luis reiterated that in an effort to get the Commentator back on track, that those persons responsible for their respective issues do their utmost to get them in as soon as possible, and for the next several issues by November.

New Business

Section Chair Peter Gladstone attended a portion of the meeting and was recognized. There was some further discussion about including a contempt-related article in each Commentator issue. Luis indicated that he would prepare/revise an Excel spreadsheet for all upcoming articles and the themes related thereto and would circulate it. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned shortly after 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted



Jack A. Moring
September 12, 2009