

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
FAMILY LAW COUNCIL  
Minutes**

Date: Saturday, October 6, 2012  
Place: Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

**AGENDA**

**I. Administrative Matters**

- A. Call to Order at 9:30 AM. A Quorum of 15 Council members were in attendance.
- B. Chairperson's Report
  - 1. The Chair created an Ad Hoc committee on Procedures. Its purpose is to create an institutional memory for future council members.
  - 2. The Chair was authorized to sign the State Bar Diversity Pledge on behalf of the Section. 15Y 0N
  - 3. We will tell ICLE that we want a table at the Family Law Institute in November. The Council authorized spending \$300 to provide items at the table. 15Y 0N
  - 4. A discussion was held about the Section Website Calendar and how it should be used.
  - 5. The Chair asked for support and received a unanimous voice vote to disseminate the Class Action notice regarding Federal Pensions.
  - 6. The Search function on the State Bar website has deeper levels.
- C. Recording Secretary's Report
  - 1. The Council approved by voice vote the Minutes from June and September's meetings.
- D. Treasurer's Report
  - 1. The report was accepted by voice vote.
  - 2. There was a discussion about the cost of e-blasts for the winter and Mid-Summer meetings.

**II. Key Committees**

- A. Amicus – Anne Argiroff/Erika Salerno
  - 1. Kudos were expressed by all, to Liz Bransdorfer for her work on case summaries.
  - 2. The Kadjukoswki brief has been submitted.
  - 3. Looking at request on Grange which would be due January 9, 2013
  - 4. We are awaiting a request about further briefs on the “one parent doctrine”.
- B. Court Rules – Carol Breitmeyer/Matt Kobliska
  - 1. The Committee recommended and the Council approved the adoption of amendments to MCR 2.117, 2.107 and 2.213. 15Y 0N
  - 2. The Committee recommended and the Council approved no action on MCR 3.925, 3.616 and 3.976. 15Y 0N
- C. Legislation – Kent Weichman/Barb Kelly
  - 1. The Committee recommended SB 1232 not be supported unless the language “ in a divorce proceeding” is removed. The Council agreed. 15Y 0N

### III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Alternative Dispute Resolution - Antoinette Raheem/Randy Velzen
  - 1. The Committee is developing pamphlets to explain ADR to litigants and attorneys.
- B. Alternative Family – Carol Breitmeyer  
No report
- C. Annual Meeting – Traci Rink
  - *Lansing, September 18-20, 2013*
- D. CLE/ICLE - Ron Bookholder/Elizabeth Bransdorfer  
No report
- E. Domestic Violence - Rebecca Shiemke  
No report
- F. Family Court Forum - Barb Kelly  
No report
- G. Family Law Journal - Antoinette Raheem  
No report
- H. Family Support - Carlo Martina/Kent Weichmann
  - 0. No report
  - 1. Discussion about the changes in the Uniform Child Support Order that will be used starting January 1, 2013. Major change is that it indicates all prior orders are no longer in effect.
  - 2. Discussion about a pilot program in Gnensee County about establishing paternity.
  - 3. Discussion about SCAO Memo 2012-07 about MCL 552.605(B)(3)
- I. Journal Advertising – Kristen Robinson
  - 0. Always looking for new advertisers.
  - 1. 5% discount to any advertiser who pays for 10 months upfront.
- J. Membership/Mentor Roundtables – Liz Sadowski  
No report
- K. Midwinter/Midsummer Seminars  
Judith O'Donnell (Winter) – *Bitter End Yacht Club Virgin Gorda*  
Traci Rink/Elizabeth Bransdorfer- Discussion about locations
- L. Political Action Committee - Neil Colman  
Council members should write checks to PAC for their donations.
- M. QDRO/Taxation - Joe Cunningham/Bob Treat  
No report.
- N. Technology - Liz Sadowski

### IV. Ad Hoc Committees

- A. Parenting Coordination – Richard Halloran/Kent Weichmann

### V. Announcements/New Business

**Next Meeting: November 3, 2012 at University Club, 3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI 48909 with breakfast starting at 9:00 am and the meeting starting promptly at 9:30 am and ending at 11:30 am.**