

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

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2012

Place: University Club, 3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI 48909

Attendance: COUNCIL: *Present*: Traci Rink, Jim Harrington, Rebecca Shiemke, Carol Breitmeyer, Richard Halloran, Daniel Bates, Elizabeth Bransdorfer, Christopher Harrington, David Hoort, Mathew Kobliska, Donna Mobilia, Antoinette Raheem, Steven Reinheimer, Kristen Robinson, Erika Salerno, Alison Sleight, Ross Stancati, Gail Towne, Stacy Van Dyken, Randall Velzen, *Absent*: Robert Treat
GUESTS: Rebecca Decoster, Tina Yost, Symantha Heath, Catrina Ferrugia, Mia Porter, Sahera Housey, John Schrot, Kent Weichmann, Daniel Victor, Elizabeth Sadowski, Natalie Alan, Mieke V. Weissert, Peter M. Kulas, Steve Dunn, Karen L. Mitchell, Riisa Specker, Patricia Oulette, Bill Kandler

AGENDA

I. Administrative Matters

- A. Call to Order: 9:30 AM
- B. Chairperson's Report: Introductions of members and guests.
 - (i) The January Council meeting has been moved to January 26, 2012.
 - (ii) The December Council meeting will be at the Gerald R Ford Ballroom at the Amway Grand Plaza.
 - (iii) Chris Harrington will keep track of who has written their articles.
 - (iv) We will person the ICLE table and hand out stuff.
 - (v) Review the material about JP Morgan
 - (vi) We will continue our law school outreach.
 - (vii) Everyone should get involved
- C. Recording Secretary's Report: October minutes were accepted
- D. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was accepted
- E. Council Vacancy Election: All the candidates introduced themselves and spoke, several members spoke for those who could not be there. The election was held and Sahera Housey was elected to fill the term vacated by Connie Thacker.

II. Key Committees

- A. Amicus – Anne Argiroff/Erika Salerno: Looking at a request to get involved in Green v Lawrence. The case is about change of domicile issues. Rebecca explained the process of how the committee gets involved in cases.
- B. Court Rules – Carol Breitmeyer/Matt Kobliska: A decision on Admin Order 12-2019 amendment was tabled until we get a further report
- C. Legislation – Kent Weichmann/Barb Kelly: There was a general discussion about legislation but no official report. Discussion about Statute of Repose, Probate Council is tweaking the language.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Alternative Dispute Resolution - Antoinette Raheem/Randy Velzen: Particip[ating with the Domestic Violence Committee in developing brochures. The next conference call will be November 28, 2012 at 8:00AM
- B. Alternative Family – Carol Breitmeyer: Developing ideas and input for the next Council meeting.
- C. Annual Meeting – Traci Rink
 - *Lansing, September 18-20, 2013 Country Club of Lansing*

- D. CLE/ICLE - Elizabeth Bransdorfer: Looking for topics for future CLE programs.
 - E. Domestic Violence - Rebecca Shiemke: Working with ADR Committee as indicated.
 - F. Family Court Forum - Barb Kelly: No Report, will be held first Friday of June.
 - G. Family Law Journal - Antoinette Raheem: There 2,550 members in the section, 500 requests would be the breakeven point. Set up would cost us between \$3,000 - \$6,000. The Committee will develop a proposal on the Journal.
 - H. Family Support - Carlo Martina/Kent Weichmann: No Report.
 - I. Journal Advertising – Kristen Robinson; Advertising is down, please refer leads. Make sure info is included in Journal about how to submit articles and questions.
 - J. Membership/Mentor Roundtables – Liz Sadowski: Discussion on hoanouts and developing a budget for the Committee.
 - K. Midwinter/Midsummer Seminars: Submit payment for Winter and ideas for Summer location.
 - L. Political Action Committee - Neil Colman: Please submit checks.
 - M. QDRO/Taxation - Joe Cunningham/Bob Treat: No Report
 - N. Technology - Liz Sadowski: Suggestions for a Tech Track at the next Institute.
- IV. **Ad Hoc Committees**
- A. Parenting Coordination – Richard Halloran/Kent Weichmann: Seeking legislative sponsors for new term.
 - B. Procedures Committee- Jim Harrington/ Barb Kelly; Working with Peter Cunningham at State Bar.
- V. **Announcements/New Business**
- Meeting adjourned at 11:11AM

Next Meeting: December 6, 2012, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI breakfast starting at 9:00 am and the meeting starting promptly at 9:30 am and ending at 11:30 am.