

## MINUTES - FAMILY LAW COUNCIL, FAMILY LAW SECTION

Date: June 2, 2012

Place: Lansing, MI

### Attendance:

○ **Council Members Present:** Anne Argiroff, Elizabeth Bransdorfer, Carol Breitmeyer, Honorable Richard Halloran, Chris Harrington, James Harrington, III, Elizabeth Kitchen-Troop, Mathew Kobliska, Steven Reinheimer, Traci Rink, Kristen Robinson, Erika Salerno, Rebecca Shiemke, Ross Stancati, Connie Thacker, Gail Towne, Kent Weichmann,

○ **Absent:** Neil Colman, Donna Mobilia, Toni Raheem, Stacy Van Dyken

○ Guests: Liisa Speaker, Amy Yu, Peter M. Kulas, Bill Kandler

○ **Ex-Officio:** Elizabeth Sadowski

### I. Administrative Matters:

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 AM.

B. Terms ending - need qualified people

C. **Treasurer:** Move to approve reports (unanimous)

D. **Recording Secretary:** Minutes are approved

### II. Key Committees:

#### A. Amicus

1. Motion for committee to file same brief on *Mays* case in Court of Appeals that filed last time (approved, unanimous)

2. MCLA 702.3a, committee working on proposed language re: appeal of right language for domestic relations cases

3. Discussion regarding new proposed Amendment of MCR 7.203(A):

MCR 7.203(A) Appeal of Right. The court has jurisdiction of an appeal of right filed by an aggrieved party from the following:

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(3) In a domestic relations action, any order regarding custody, parenting time and domicile or any other order qualifying as a final order under MCR 7.202(6)(a).

- Amicus will meet this summer on this.

#### B. Court Rules

1. Working on the letter to the Supreme Court re: our amendment on post-judgment discovery.

2. "Default" court rule still a work in progress over summer.

3. Arbitration proposal is dead in the water.

4. EDRO bill has been introduced as legislation still looks like it will pass.

#### C. Legislation. Kent Weichmann

- No report.

### III. Standing Committees Reports:

- A. **Alternate Dispute Resolution.** Antoinette Raheem
  - No report.
- B. **Alternative Family.** Carol Breitmeyer
  - No report.
- C. **Annual Meeting.** Connie Thacker
  - Dinner at JW Marriott, September 20<sup>th</sup>
- D. **CLE/ICLE.** Ron Bookholder
  - No report.
- E. **Domestic Violence.** Rebecca Shiemke
  - No report.
- F. **Family Court Forum.** Barb Kelly
  - June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- G. **Family Law Journal.** Antoinette Raheem
  - No report.
- H. **Family Support.** Carlo Martina/Kent Weichmann
  - No report.
- I. **Journal Advertising.** Kristen Robinson
  - Agreed to give certain advertiser 5% discount for pay in advance.
  - Need new policy on this - 5% discount for any advertiser for one year (17 in favor).
  - Kristen will contact Roland Fancher re: the ad.
- J. **Membership/Mentor Roundtables.** Liz Sadowski
  - Liz said meeting occurred.
  - Steven R reports that Roundtable idea was discussed.
- K. **Midwinter/Midsummer Seminars.** Judith O'Donnell/Traci Rink
  - 18 people signed up so far.
- L. **Political Action Committee.** Neil Colman
  - No report.
- M. **QDRO/Taxation.** Joe Cunningham/Bob Treat
  - No report.
- O. **Technology.** Liz Sadowski
  - Move to remove the password on Family Law website (unanimous approval).
  - Move to table this "Dump the Wiki" (unanimous).

### IV. Ad Hoc Committees

#### **Resource Allocation Committee.**

- No report.

#### **Parenting Coordination.** Richard Halloran/Kent Weichmann

- No report.

#### **Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee.**

- No report.

#### **Equal Justice.**

- No report.

**V. Old Business**

**VI. New Business**

- New UCSO - Discussion
  - Tracy, done deal.
  - Practice pointer re: new UCSO form: Big difference is that nothing is preserved, from earlier orders, for example the “supercedes all prior orders” language included is of great concern. Consider striking the “supercedes prior orders” language on the form

Respectfully submitted,

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Carol F. Breitmeyer  
Recording Secretary

DATED: June 11, 2012