

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
OF THE PROBATE AND ESTATE PLANNING SECTION
OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**
Friday, January 13, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

University Club of Michigan State University
3435 Forest Rd, Lansing, MI 48910
and
Remote

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome** (Mark Kellogg)
 - a. Chairperson Mark E. Kellogg called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM noting that the meeting was being recorded and that the resulting recording is to be deleted once the minutes of the meeting have been submitted by the Secretary and accepted by the Council.
- II. **Zoom Roll Call Confirmation of Attendees** (Mark Kellogg)
 - a. In Person: Mark E. Kellogg, Richard Mils, Hon. Shauna Dunning, Ryan Phillips, David Sprague, Melisa Mysliwiec, Elizabeth Siefker, Michael D. Shelton, and Steven A. Heisler.
 - b. Remote: James Steward, James P. Spica, Daniel Borst, Angela Hentkowski, Kenneth Silver, Christine Savage, Sandra Glazier, Nathan Piwowarski, James F. Anderton, Katie Lynwood, Susan Chalgian, Daniel Hilker, Andrew Mayoras, David Lentz, Stephen J. Dunn, Kathleen A. Cieslik, Georgette David, Rebecca Wrock, Lindsey DiCesare (ICLE), Alaina Nelson, Rebecca Bechler (Public Affairs Associates), and Andrea Neighbors (Administrative Assistant)
- III. **Excused Absences** (Mark Kellogg)
 - a. Warren Krueger
- IV. **Lobbyist's Report** (Public Affairs Associates)
 - a. This week was the formal start of the legislative session and committee assignments were given out.
 - b. The Governor delivers her State of the State address on January 25th and February 8th will be her budget.
 - c. Rep. Kelly Breen will chair the House's traditional judiciary committee. The House's leadership has divided the judiciary committee's responsibilities between two committees. Rep. Kara Hope will chair the criminal justice committee. Graham Filler has agreed to help us with some of our initiatives
 - d. Senator Stephani Chang will chair the Senate's judiciary committee.
- V. **Monthly Reports**
 - a. **Minutes of Prior Council Meeting** – December (Nathan Piwowarski) –Attachment
 - b. Motion by Nathan Piwowarski, second by Jim Spica to accept minutes with addition of Angela Hentkowski, Christine Savage, Daniel Borst, Elizabeth McLachlan, Georgette David, James F. Anderton, James P. Spica, Kenneth Silver, Michael Shelton, Neal Nusholtz, Rebecca Wrock, Sean Bloom, Sandra D. Glazier, and Warren Krueger to the attendees list. Approved.
 - c. **Chair's Report** (Mark Kellogg)

- i. Hopeful that the legislation that the council has been working on will be enacted.
 - ii. Assigned the Legislative and Drafting Committee the question of the ability to deduct the amount of a mortgage when determining whether assets can be transferred through a small estate proceeding
 - d. **Treasurer's Report** (Rick Mills)
 - i. The milage rate for reimbursement has increased. The correct amount is on the current Expense Reimbursement Form and is available on the State Bar website.
 - ii. Motion by Piwowarski, second by Spica. Approved.
 - iii. Suggested council member donation to Hearts & Flowers is \$35.
 - e. **Committee on Special Projects** (Melisa Mysliwec)
 - i. There was not a CSP meeting this month.
 - f. **Amicus Committee** (Andy Mayoras)
 - i. There has been no new amicus activity.
 - g. **Tax Committee Tax Nugget** (JV Anderton) – Attachment 3. JV Anderton reviewed the information included in Attachment 3.
- VI. **Written Report Only**
- VII. **Other Business.**
- VIII. **Adjournment**
 - a. There being no other business before the Council, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Piwowarski, Secretary

The next Council meeting will be held on Friday, February 10, 2023.