MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE PROBATE AND ESTATE PLANNING SECTION

May 17, 2008 10:35 p.m.
State Bar of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan

I. The joint meeting of the Probate and Estate Planning Council was called to order at
10:35 a.m.

II. A. Council Members Excused: Robin D. Ferriby, Hon. Kathryn A. George,
Shaheen I. Imami, Marilyn A. Lankfer, Harold G. Schuitmaker, James B.
Steward, Thomas F. Sweeney, Lauren M. Underwood

B. Council Officers and Members Present:
Nancy L. Little
Douglas G. Chalgian
George W. Gregory

C. Susan M. Allan       Amy R. Morrissey
      W. Josh Ard           Rebecca A. Schnelz
      Daniel E. Cogan       Richard J. Sirani
      John R. Dresser       Marlaine C. Teahan
      Mark K. Harder        Robert P. Tiplady
      Ellen Sugrue Hyman

Others Present: Kris Arnett, Constance L. Brigman, Samuel D.
Carpenter, Rhonda M. Clark-Kreuer, Hon. Phillip E. Harter, Mark E.
Kellogg, J. David Kerr, Douglas A. Mielock, Jeanne Murphy, Honorable
David M. Murkowski, Melisa Mysliwiec, Tracy Sonneborn, James P.
Spica, Larry Waggoner, Derek A. Walters

III. Introduction of Guests: All attendees, including guests, introduced
themselves.

IV. Secretary’s Report: Motion was made by Daniel E. Cogan, supported by
Richard J. Siriani to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2008 Council
meeting. Motion passed.

V. Treasurer’s Report: George W. Gregory presented the Treasurer’s report.
George W. Gregory made a motion to approve the report. Motion was
supported by Richard J. Siriani. Motion passed. Attachment #7

VI. Chairperson’s Report: No Report
VII. Report of the Committee on Special Projects: No Report.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Internal Governance


3. Michael Irish Award - Brian V. Howe, chair: No report.


B. Education & Advocacy Services for Section Members

1. Amicus Curiae - Mark K. Harder, chair: No report.

2. Continuing Education & Annual Probate Institute - Nancy L. Little, chair: No report.


5. Pamphlets - Ellen Sugrue Hyman, chair: No report.


C. Legislation and Lobbying

Legislation - Harold Schuitmaker and John R. Dresser, co-chairs:
2. **Michigan Trust Code** - *Mark K. Harder, chair*: See Minutes from Joint Meeting of the Council and Committee on Special Projects.


**D. Ethics, Professionalism and Standards**


**E. Administration of Justice**


2. **Uniformity of Practice** - No report.

**F. Practice Issues, Related Areas & Liaisons**


5. **Business Law and Business Section Liaison** - *John R. Dresser, chair*


7. **Elder Law/Elder Law Section Liaison** – *W. Josh Ard:*
8. **Family Law/Family Law Section Liaison** - Patricia M. Ouellette: No report.


10. **Tax Section Committee/Tax Section Liaison** – Lorraine F. New:

11. **State Bar Liaison** - Francine Cullari: No report.

12. **Trust/Michigan Bankers Association Liaison** - Daniel E. Cogan: No report.


**IX. Other Business:**

**X. Hot Topics:**

**XI. Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas G. Chalgian