



## IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

### MINUTES

June 29, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Via [Zoom](#)

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I. Meeting called to order at 12:05pm

II. The Recording Secretary conducted roll call of Council members. 8/18 council present. Quorum not reached

Council members present:

1. Brad Maze
2. Abril Valdes Siewert
3. Kimberly Buddin
4. Farah Hobballah
5. Arturo Alfaro
6. Russell Abrutyn
7. Ellie Mosko
8. Sarah Yore-Van Oosterhout

Council members absent:

1. Jonathan Contreras
2. Ruby Robinson
3. Caterina Amaro-Luedtke
4. Chris Dutot
5. Tania Morris Diaz
6. Marva de Armas
7. Ahndia Mansoori
8. Alexander Gibson Vernon
9. Rebeca Ontiveros-Chavez
10. Rebecca Robichaud

11 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

III. [Minutes from May 25, 2022](#) were not approved because quorum was not reached.

IV. Agenda was not approved, because quorum was not reached.

V. Membership open comment  
No open comments

VI. Reports

**A. Chair Report**

- a. New Initiatives under way
  - i. Publications
    1. Rebecca R. and Farah Al-kharsan are taking the lead as Co-Chairs. We want to use this as a way to promote and educate people about education
    2. Article waiting for approval for publication at end of summer
  - ii. Scholarship
    1. Arturo and Farah H. Co-Chairs - Establishing scholarship opportunities –
  - iii. Annual Meeting –
    - a. Virtual or in-person
      - i. Potentially hybrid
    - b. Roundtable of discussions
    - c. Social element?
  - iv. Funding for non-profits – need proposals
    1. MIRC + Lighthouse to submit written proposals for additional funding for various needs, such as interpreters. Brad will reach out to Sarah for Lighthouse. Elly Jordan will discuss with MIRC team.
      - a. Proposals due by July 15, 2022
      - b. Decision date by July 29, 2022
      - c. No specific parameters
  - v. Social event later this Summer, before school starts?
    1. Brad has reached out to a few rooftop or outdoor bar locations for a social event. August or early September. Will follow up with Arturo re: costs

**B. Vice Chair Report**

- No parameters for us doing a newsletter
- SBM would charge a fee to use them to send to our membership/graphics. Otherwise we would be responsible for doing it.
- Michigan Bar Journal- FY 2023 is immigration theme
  - Articles should be no longer than 2,500 words (including endnotes).
  - Articles are due by TBD , but that is really the final deadline. If you could get it to me sooner, it would be much appreciated!
  - Legal citations should be in accordance with the Michigan Appellate Opinion Manual found at [miappopmanual.pdf \(michigan.gov\)](#).
  - Other criteria can be found at Michigan Bar Journal: Article Guidelines (michbar.org) (including the copyright license authors must sign and information on the biography and photos that can be included with the article).

### **C. Treasurer**

- a. Budget Overview and Updates
  - i. 30,813.46 balance
  - ii. Two new members this past month
- b. Scholarship Committee
  - i. Farah and Ellie working on criteria
  - ii. This year: Two scholarships of \$1000 each
  - iii. Questions
    - 1. Can support \$2000 every year
      - a. Four \$500 scholarships or two \$1000 scholarships
    - 2. For tuition and/or book fees or to students for personal needs related to education

### **D. Section Representatives**

- Solo/Small Practice Section (Alexandra Gillet)
- Family Law Section (Fawzea Abusalah)
- Criminal Law Section (Edward Bajoka)

### **E. Subcommittee**

- a. Events/Programming Committee (Abril Valdes Siewert)
  - i. Trauma informed
  - ii. Potentially at July section meeting
- Membership Committee (Chris Dutot)
- Publication Committee (Rebecca Robichaud)
- Community Outreach Committee (Brad Maze)
- Public Policy Committee (Kim Buddin)
  - None
- Budget Committee (Arturo Alfaro, Treasurer)
  - See Treasurer report

### **F. Congressional Liaison Reports** (Sarah Yore-Van Oosterhout, Ellie Mosko )

- a. None

VII. Next Meeting: July 27th at 12:00pm

VIII. Adjourned at 12:34pm

