



ADR Section

Notes from the Chair

January 10, 2006

Grazie for December Social – Thanks to Linda, Ellen, Mary and Kim for their planning and execution of a delightful social in December. We heard a heartwarming retrospective of nearly ten years as a Section from the 8 of 10 past chairs who attended.

Vote on Support for RUAA – The RUAA Sub-committee recommends support of RUAA (2000) as amended which will be introduced in the 2006 Legislative Session. There will be Section vote on February 14. See, Memo (January 9, 2006) with attachments to the Section from Jan Frankman.

Section Executive Council Reviews By-laws – Exec is reviewing By-laws and Model By-laws to conform to MSBA changes. Exec also wants to change the Annual Meeting month to May. Watch for notice and time to comment shortly. We will vote on 2/14.

MSBA Planning Policy Track Programming – Section Executive Council has expressed an interest in participating in a Policy Track at the MSBA Convention in June, 2006, in Brainerd. We will continue our conversation with the Diversity Committee for possible collaboration.

Hamline University Invites Submissions for Publication – The December 2005 Bench and Bar notes an invitation for submission of articles, case notes and comments for Hamline's Spring 2006 Symposium Issue on Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Collaborative Law Institute Proposes Rule of General Practice – See the Section website for posting, for your information, of a proposed new rule addressing the practice of collaborative law.

Section Executive Council Continues to Gather Information re Katrina Relief - Following approval by the Section in November, 2005, of donations totaling up to \$2000. to Katrina Relief specifically in support of community mediation centers, Exec is in communication with those in the Gulf States who will provide info re specific needs.

Second Annual Law Student Networking Reception – Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun and important event. All Section members are invited to a reception in the MSBA offices on Tuesday, February 7, from 5-7:00 p.m. to meet, greet and inform law students about Section work and opportunities.

Nominations for David Graven Public Service Award – A plaque and \$1000. donation to charity will recognize a lawyer who exemplifies high standards of the profession and commitment to public or community service. Nominations due February 24, 2006, to E. Anderson at MSBA.

HELP WANTED: For Section positions and Nominating Committee. Contact Jan Frankman for more info at frank040@umn.edu or 651 209 1882.