



ADR Section

Notes from the Chair

February 14, 2006

By-laws Revisions – Please join an *ad hoc* By-Laws Committee to continue review of Section By-laws and Model By-laws to conform to MSBA changes and to make other desirable changes. Exec has begun the full review and needs your help!! This should not be a long and tedious task and will be accomplished mostly by email exchange. Contact Jan Frankman at frank040@umn.edu or 651 209 1882.

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 has been advised that although immediate needs are not great in community mediation centers in the Gulf States, there may be need in the future. Exec will stay in contact with NAFCM representatives in the area for updates.

Second Annual Law Student Networking Reception – Linda Close and Jan Frankman

attended 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. Seventy law students from the four area law schools attended a briefing session provided by MSBA followed by the reception. Students were appreciative of the opportunity to learn about the MSBA and its Sections and to meet members.

Nominations for David Graven Public Service Award – A plaque and \$1000. donation to charity will recognize a lawyer member of MSBA 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 now and in the future. Linda Close is convening a nominating committee who will provide us with a slate for election. We currently are without a Secretary, Legislative Vice Chair and Ethics and Standards Committee Chair. Please Contact Jan Frankman for more info at frank040@umn.edu or 651 209 1882.

MSBA Website re Judicial Independence: A website to provide a clearinghouse for information on the importance of judicial independence has been established by link at www.mnbar.org or directly at www2.mnbar.org/JudIndependence/index.htm Bar President Susan Holden has encouraged members to become familiar with the site and to take responsibility to inform the profession and the public of the importance of judicial independence.

Anniversary Article to Be Published: Watch for an article to appear in the April publication of Bench and Bar commemorating the tenth anniversary of the ADR Section. We became a Section on April 22, 1995, and have had ten very full years of participation in the evolution of ADR locally and nationally.