

MSBA'S APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION COUNCIL

Minutes of February 5, 2009

The MSBA Appellate Practice Section Council meeting was held at noon on February 5, 2009, at the MSBA offices in Minneapolis. The section chair, Sherri Hawley, led the meeting. The following topics were discussed:

December 4, 2008 Meeting Minutes: Were reviewed and approved by the council without change. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sherri Hawley reported that the October 31 balance was \$7,330. Kayla Jurens added information from December 31, 2008 when the balance was \$6,075.

Quarterly Lunches: The tentative date for the next lunch is April 27, 2009 and likely location is Mai Village on University Avenue in St. Paul. Council members noted many favorable comments were received about the lunch held at the Lexington. Since this is the first year, however, council decided to try another location.

Topic is undecided at this time, but two possibilities were identified: (1) issues involved in judicial recusal in light of U.S. Supreme Court review of *Caperton v. Massey*, (2) Minnesota senate recount and election litigation. The planning committee will continue to develop and explore possible speakers.

Appellate Practice Institute: Scheduled for March 6, 2009. Nothing new to report.

Year in Review CLE: Scheduled for February 23 2009 and registration notice has been mailed to section members. Sherri Hawley is unavailable to introduce speakers; either Steve Buterin or Andrea Reisbord will do introductions.

Annual Meeting & Dinner: A committee was formed to plan the meeting and dinner. Committee currently includes: Judge Bruce Willis, Jon Schmidt, Diane Bratvold, Sherri Hawley. Others noted they would assist if called upon. Kayla Jurens will circulate last year's meeting notice and attendance, with prices charged to members and non-members.

Other Business: Karen Cole and Louise Behrendt reported on discussions with MSBA staff about adding appellate forms to the mndocs service, which is available on the MSBA website. After discussion, both offered to continue to work on this project.

Meeting adjourned about 12:30 p.m.