

MSBA'S APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION COUNCIL
Minutes of February 3, 2011 Meeting

Attending: Robin Wolpert, Jon Schmidt, Steve Buterin, Andrea Reisbord, Karen Cole, Louise Behrendt, Jeff Muszynski, Rachel Bond, Erik Hansen, Peter Gray, Liz Kramer, Paula Vraa, Ashley Hacker.

1. **Approval of minutes.** The January minutes were approved with a few corrections.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Jon Schmidt reported that the balance as of Dec. 31 was \$3,516.62.
3. **Appellate Lunches.** Feb. 10 lunch at the Judicial Center with Professor Carpenter. Please get the word out. Justice Anderson sent an e-mail inviting the judges and clerks to attend.

The next lunch will be on April 28 with Lyle Denniston from the SCOTUS blog. He will discuss the Guantanamo Bay cases. Discussion was held on whether to co-sponsor the event with another section due to the flight and hotel costs for the speaker. The Council decided to pay for the event alone, but advertise the lunch with other sections.

4. **Court of Appeals Reunion / Annual Meeting.** Discussion was held on whether to combine the two events. The Council decided to keep the events separate. After discussing when to hold the events, the Council determined to hold the annual dinner in mid-May and the court of appeals reunion lunch in early June (likely using an in-state speaker).
5. **Appellate Practice Institute.** Scheduled for Friday, March 4.
6. **Pro Bono Programs For Appellate Practitioners.** Erik Hansen discussed the CLE training. Due to several events planned this spring, the Council determined to start the training in the fall, but advertise the training and pro bono opportunities at the Appellate Practice Institute and other upcoming events. The fall event will start with the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights pro bono program and run on a 3 year rotation with the unemployment compensation cases and PDs Office program. The pro bono sub-committee will continue discussions regarding posting materials on the website, brief banks, and planning the fall training event (trying to avoid the last week of September and the last week of October to prevent a conflict with the fall appellate lunch). Suggestion for Chuck write a letter on behalf of the Section to Chief Justice Gildea and Chief Judge Johnson to update regarding the Section's work on pro bono programs.
6. **New Business / Other.** Karen Cole and Louise Behrendt are updating the templates and articles on the Appellate Section's website. There are two articles that have not been distributed. If you know of law students who might be interested in helping update the articles, please direct them to Karen and Louise.
7. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned.

Jon Schmidt
Secretary/Treasurer