

MSBA'S APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION COUNCIL

Minutes of October 7, 2010 Meeting

Attending: Chuck Webber, Robin Wolpert, Steve Buterin, Diane Bratvold, Andrea Reisbord, Liz Kramer, Karl Robinson, Eric Hansen, Judge Willis, Jon Schmidt, Paula Vraa, Karen Cole, Jeff Muszynski, Ashley Hacker.

1. Approval of minutes.

The September minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report.

Jon Schmidt provided the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$4,741.28.

3. Appellate Lunches.

Robin Wolpert reported that the October lunch will occur on Monday, October 25. Justice Stras will preview the United States Supreme Court upcoming term. The invitation has gone out to our section and the public administration section. The invitation has also been sent to the state Public Defenders' Office and the Ramsey County Attorneys' Office. Chuck Webber will send the invitation to the federal judges.

There was a brief discussion of ideas for a January quarterly lunch. Due to the holidays, the January lunch should be set up by mid-November.

4. Appellate Practice Institute.

Chuck Webber is working on inviting Judge Murphy and Judge Loken to speak at the Appellate Practice Institute, which is scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2011. Volunteers for the Appellate Practice Institute planning committee included Steve Buterin, Judge Willis, Andrea Reisbord, Jeff Muszynski.

5. Pro Bono Programs For Appellate Practitioners.

Jon Schmidt provided a report on the Public Defenders pro bono program. Eric Hansen will contact the asylum / immigration program to determine the status. Suggestion to have a breakout session at the Appellate Practice Institute to discuss various appellate pro bono opportunities. Potential opportunities include: unemployment compensation, asylum / immigration, Minnesota Advocates, the Public Defenders' Office, the housing courts, as well as the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals program.

The council will gather the various pro bono appellate opportunities that are available and get information on the opportunities to the broader membership. The information can be published on the website and sent out via e-mail.

6. New Business / Other.

The year in review lunch / CLE will take place mid-January or February.

Chief Judge Toussaint is stepping down as Chief at the end of October. Discussion regarding recognizing Judge Toussaint. Possibly at the Appellate Practice Institute.

Discussion regarding welcoming Judge Stras as the new Justice. Decided to surprise him at the October lunch.

Discussion regarding recognizing Chief Justice Gildea's ascent to Chief.

Discussion regarding holding an event for current law clerks. The law clerk reunion for the Minnesota Court of Appeals will be in April or May.

7. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jon Schmidt
Secretary/Treasurer