

MSBA CIVIL LITIGATION SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 10, 2008

Location: MSBA Office - Minneapolis, MN

Attendees: Jan Conlin
Honorable Gary Larson
Honorable Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks
Honorable Marilyn Justman Kaman
Bill Sjöholm
Guen Easley - MSBA
Kim Basting – MSBA
Melissa Wendland – New Lawyer Section
Paul Godfrey
Galen Robinson
Dan McGrath
Clay Taylor
Brett Olander
Paul Godfrey
Bruce Candlin, by phone
Mark Delahanty, by phone
Charlie Bird, by phone
Will Partridge, by phone
Marcy Wallace, by phone

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Secretary's Report**

The September meeting minutes were approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

The Section's bank account balance has increased to \$81,000.

3. **Statute of Limitations**

Time's Up Manuals were sent out to 15 new Section members last month.

4. **District Court Opinions**

Ed Matthews is meeting with members of the Labor and Employment Law Section to discuss coordinating efforts to secure district court opinions.

5. **Judicial Directory**

Judge Halbrooks arranged for an article to be placed in the Minnesota District Court Judges Newsletter, describing the Judicial Directory project. Mark Delahanty is drafting the article. Judge Kaman agreed to look into the possibility of getting on the December MDJA meeting agenda. Charlie is preparing an e-mail to be sent out to all Section members, describing the project and soliciting volunteers to help collect profiles from district court judges throughout the state.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Membership**

The Section welcomed the Honorable Marilyn Justman Kaman back to the Governing Council.

Brett Olander agreed to contact Taryl Clark, a state senator and lawyer from St. Cloud, to see whether she would be interested in joining the Council.

2. **Annual Meeting**

The Section is considering a half day CLE to be held on the afternoon of the annual dinner. A selected fact scenario will be presented to a mock jury in an abbreviated trial format. The audience will view the jury deliberations live on closed circuit video.

The mock trial CLE would be followed by a brief cocktail hour and annual dinner and program. The April meeting would be scheduled for a different day.

3. **Section Lunches**

Melissa Wendland, of the New Lawyers Section, proposed a co-sponsored Section luncheon.

4. **Judicial Funding**

Several Council members have registered for the 1000supporters.org MSBA effort.

5. **Use of Section Funds**

Jerry Laine, of Mid Minnesota Legal Services, approached the Section about a donation. The Council determined that it would not be appropriate for the Section to make this type of donation. A committee of Judge Kaman, Bill Sjöholm, and Galen Robinson was formed to review possible uses for Section funds and to make recommendations to the Council.

The next meeting is November 14, 2008, 7:45 a.m., at the MSBA Offices.