

VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Family Law Section, the Vice Chairperson for Legislation shall (1) preside over meetings of the Legislative Committee; (2) deliver the report and recommendations of the Legislative Committee to the Section at the Section meetings; and (3) serve as the Section's principal spokesperson for the MSBA on family law matters at the Legislature.

The mission of the Legislative Committee is to review, analyze, and assess the effect of any proposed policy or law that has a direct or indirect impact on the practice of family law in the state of Minnesota. The Legislative Committee, after due consideration, shall decide whether to recommend the proposed policy or legislation to the Section for a vote by the membership.

Responsibilities of the Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Committee shall:

- (1) Chair the Legislative Committee which shall meet on a monthly basis, prior to the Section meetings.
- (2) Keep abreast of the legislation proposed in the House and Senate by reviewing, on a weekly basis, the Legislative Website for the introductions of bills in the Minnesota House and Senate that have an impact on family law.
- (3) Register with the Minnesota House and Senate email list serves to receive the Session Daily (House) and the Senate Briefly, as well as notification of the Civil Law and Elections Committee (House) meetings and the Judiciary Committee (Senate) meetings.
- (4) Review all proposed legislation prior to the Legislative Committee meetings and facilitate discussion and consideration of proposed legislation.
- (5) Serve as the spokesperson for the Legislative Committee to the

Section, representing to the Section the discussions and recommendations of the Committee.

- (6) Testify at hearings at the House and Senate regarding proposed Legislation having an impact on family law.
- (7) Serve as spokesperson for the Section with other Sections, Legislators, and the public, on all legislation having an impact on family law.
- (8) Attend the Minnesota CLE on the Legislative Process offered in January of each year.
- (9) Communicate with the Lobbyist for the MSBA to keep abreast of activities at the House and Senate that will impact family law, such as when bills will be taken up by the Committees of the Senate and House.