

## Public Law Section (PLS) Minutes – March 8, 2011

Present: Jim Alexander, Diane Alshouse, Jacqueline Bailey, Dana Banwer, Kim Basting, Christy Botts, Greg Brooker, Barry Greller, Tom Kalitowski, Carol Lansing, Nancy McLean, Kim Buechel Mesun, Mary Miller, Inta Sellars

February 2011 minutes were approved.

### Co-Chairs Report (Dana and Jim)

Client Security Board – Dana Banwer will be our recommended member of the board. She will apply. Applications are due March 11, 2011.

ABA Government and Public Sector Section – This section wants nominations for a council member. However, the member who is up for re-election is still eligible to be on the council. Greg Brooker is the treasurer of this section and there are three Minnesota members on the 22-person council. The PLS council decided not to nominate anyone at this time.

POST and CLE Data Practices Workshop on Law Enforcement Data - Margaret Westin asked Dana to ask the council if we would sponsor this event. We agreed that we would if there is no cost to the section. Dana will let Margaret know.

### Treasurer's Report (Kim Buechel Mesun)

There was only one transaction since the last meeting. The group discussed whether to raise dues and a motion passed not to do so this year.

### Committee Reports:

CLE (Greg) - The Annual Meeting CLE on elimination of bias and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be at Klas Center at Hamline on 5/20. The proposed agenda is to have it be three and a half hours and apply for two elimination of bias credits and one and a half regular credits. The plan is to start at 8:00 AM with registration and start the CLE at 8:15 or 8:30. The first session will be two hours without a break and then a break and a panel will talk about the ADA. Inta will contact Hamline about whether their staff will be able to set up for lunch while the CLE is going on by having the room split. The group decided to keep the price the same as last year, but only offer beverages in the morning rather than a continental breakfast. Kim Basting will look into the cost of putting the materials on a flash drive and also at putting them on-line to save the cost of copying. Materials will need to be completed three weeks before the event to put them on line.

Awards (Jim) – Only one person has been nominated so far, but the deadline is April 1. We will vote on them at the next meeting. Nominations packets will be sent to council members by e-mail before the

April meeting. Kim Basting will ensure that another e-mail is sent out about the awards mid-March, along with a reminder about Loaves and Fishes. Diane will find out how to get notice to the district judges. Reminders need to be sent to MCAA and the public defenders. Dana will contact the League of Cities and get the contact information to Jim. Kim Basting will check to be sure the notice is in the Legal News Digest. If you know a nominee from last year that was not given an award, contact the nominee to submit another award.

Local Government – The city attorney CLE was successful. There will be an article about it in the newsletter.

Legislation – Barry reported that there was no new legislation related to the PLS.

Community and Public Service – Nancy reported that Loaves and Fishes will need volunteers on April 6. She recommended that we send out an e-mail about ten days before the next Loaves and Fishes. Kim Buechel Mesun reported that the Stadium View School reader/writer workshop is on hold for the time being because students who were to participate were moved.

Newsletter – Greg thought the newsletter would go out this week.

#### New Business:

Dana told us about her new job at the Minneapolis Department of Regulatory Services, where she is a director. The council agreed that the PLS by-laws allow her to continue to serve on the council in her new position because she is still “an attorney at a public agency”.

The Race for Justice will be on April 17. Flyers were distributed to interested members. PLS members will participate and also we will donate \$250 that goes to LRAP. There will be a notice about the race in the newsletter.

#### Next Meetings:

April 12 – Hennepin County Attorney’s Office at the Government Center on 21C

May 20 – Annual Meeting at Klas Center at Hamline University

June 14 – Court of Appeals