

CBA CRIMINAL LAW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
9-1-15

Members Present: Tom Jackson; Violeta Chapin; Tom Hammond; Hon. Ted Tow; Janet Drake; Zach McCabe; Charlie Garcia; Lindsey Webb; Hon. K.J. Moore; Ken Kupfner; Hon. Chris Cross; Lindy Frolich; Hon. Karen Romeo; Ann Roan.

Staff Present: Heidi Ray; Amy Sreenan.

Members Absent: Maureen Cain; Tom Raynes; Zeke Knox; Hon. Steve Bernard; Norm Mueller; Hon. Morris Hoffman.

Tom J. calls the meeting to order at 5: 40 p.m.

Minutes: May 5, 2015 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$23,000 in our coffers.

Luncheon Meetings: We are unable to discuss our Greeley lunch meeting because neither Zeke nor Judge Bernard is present. The Adams County lunch meeting is going to be a meet-the-bench meeting, probably in early October, reports Judge Tow.

The October CLE: Janet tells us that a tremendous amount of work has been done. It is set for October 29. The introductory speaker will be Robin Walker Sterling from DU Law, followed by a panel on procedural justice from CCJJ. Next will be speakers on overrepresentation from the Crime Prevention and Control Commission, followed by a panel discussion about uncomfortable conversations. Judge Cross says the plan for this panel is based on a book called *Courageous Conversations About Race* that examines implicit bias. Our keynote speaker will be John Chisolm, the elected DA from Milwaukee. Judge Cross notes that following this day-long presentation, the Arapahoe County Bar Association is holding an evening presentation on how more minorities can get on the bench.

This CLE will be co-sponsored by the Sam Carey Bar Association. Tom J. says that because this is sponsored by our section, the usual scholarships (6 for PDs, 6 for DAs, 6 for ADC, apply). Zach says that he may ask for more scholarships for DAs to attend because of the importance of this topic.

The Spring CLE: Tom J. asks the room for ideas. Janet suggests a juvenile focus. Although there is a separate juvenile section, they don't always focus on juvenile delinquency issues. We suggest exploring something with them next Fall on issues surrounding direct files and transfer hearings. Ethics is suggested as a possible topic for the Spring. We will continue to discuss this at our October meeting.

Scholarships: It is confirmed that our standing agreement for 6 scholarships for Public Defenders, ADC lawyers and prosecutors remains in effect for programs sponsored by our section. Any scholarships beyond programs our section sponsors will only be considered on a case-by-case basis after meaningful advance notice.

Legislative update: although Jeremy is not present this evening, Charlie informs us that Brownstein's law firm has a new app to track bills. It may be found at Brownstein's website (www.bhfs.com) and right now can be used to track all the ballot initiatives.

Written policy on pending legislation: Generally, we try to have room for a minority position and room for the judges to abstain. Janet suggests re-examining our bylaws and formulating a policy. Tom J. agrees to do so. Janet suggests engaging Jeremy to see if we can borrow ideas/language from other sections. Charlie volunteers to help out, along with Tom H., Tom R., Maureen Cain and Judge Tow.

Attendance at meetings: Tom J. will reach out to Judge Hoffman about his teaching schedule. We all understand that everyone has a life outside of this committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.