

CBA LITIGATION COUNCIL
June 3, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: CBA Offices, Denver

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Person: Vice-Chair: Jake Eisenstein
Nicoal Sperrazza
Peter Goldstein
Peter North
Alden Hill
Gerry Pratt
Kathy Riley
Michael Mihm
Lidiana Rios
Kayla Dreyer

By telephone: Michael Chapman
Luke Ritchie
Kimberly Schutt

CBA/CLE
Personnel: Elizabeth Akalin

Vince O'Brien
Jeremy Schupach

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 9:00 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approved.
3. **FINANCIAL REPORT by TREASURER:**
Ms. Wolfe reported that CBA Best Practices guidelines will be distributed to the various sections in late summer at which time she will create a budget in accordance with those guidelines.
4. **OLD BUSINESS: LITIGATION SECTION REBOOT.**
Luke Ritchie reported on the recent CBA Leadership Summit at which a final report was presented on the CBA's REFOCUS 20/20 strategic plan. CBA leadership has spent a great deal of time and energy on REFOCUS 20/20 and are very excited to see it implemented in the coming months primarily through the rollout of the CBA's best practices booklet at the end of the summer. The

Litigation Section is committed to implementing as many of the best practices as possible.

5. COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership.** Alden Hill and Nicoal Sperrazza discussed preparing a Welcome Newsletter to new members and an annual newsletter providing an update to all Membership. Intend to have a draft newsletter by next meeting.
- B. Events.** Jake Eisenstein reported on last week's JAMS Settlement Seminar CLE, which was by all accounts a good success. Kathy Riley is going to work on lining up a Larimer County judge lined up for another luncheon CLE on evidence.
- C. Rules.** Peter Goldstein presented on Rules Committee developments and variations in practices and procedures. Discussion ensued regarding Litigators' Handbook and various preferences that the bar is required to accommodate depending on the particular court in which they are appearing. One suggestion was to make a central repository of all the District Judge's specific initial Delay Reduction Orders and/or initial Case Management Orders available to all Litigation Section Members. Mr. Goldstein also reported on newly proposed Pattern Interrogatories. Mr. Goldstein finally provided a primer on the Civil Rules Committee's process, and recent changes thereto. Discussion also ensued regarding a new rule on civility and professionalism. Rules Committee did not believe it was appropriate for a rule. Mr. Pratt explained that professionalism coordinating counsel continues to explore ways, perhaps other than via a new rule, to address problem that Judges are reporting with civility.
- D. Newsletter/Website.** Lidiana Rios discussed ideas on Newsletter content and having a draft ready for upcoming meeting. Discussed that Website Committee and Newsletter Committee naturally overlap and there should be interaction. Mr. Eisenstein suggested Membership mini-blog for Newsletter consistent with idea of micro-volunteerism. Newsletter and Website should be combined.
- E. Listserve.** Confirmed that Litigation Section would use CBA's existing listserve infrastructure. CBA just needs content. Elizabeth Akalin agreed to provide Section leadership with list of required materials/information.
- F. Symposium.** Kayla Dreyer and Sam Starrit confirmed that the committee is putting together a list of potential topics and have set a date for Spring 2018.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Brainstorm a Litigation Section Mission Statement: Luke Ritchie, Peter Goldstein, Peter Black discussed what has been important to them in their years on the council: inclusive of plaintiffs and defense bars, promoting professionalism/civility, educating public and attorneys. Serving as a credible – perhaps the most credible – voice that the legislators and rules committee hear on important issues that impact the legal practice.

B. Brainstorm Re Speakers for Future Meetings: Ms. Sperrazza provided suggestion and discussion ensued about having members' reception in El Paso County or Larimer County. Mr. Goldstein will prepare a proposal for an El Paso County members' reception for the next meeting. Ms. Riley suggested brining in the Deans from either CU Law or DU Law. Luke Ritchie committed to reach out to Dean Smith at DU and check his availability.

7. ADJOURNED at 11:48 a.m.

Prepared by:

/s/ Luke Ritchie
Secretary

Approved: _____
(date)