Council of the Trust and Estate Section, Colorado Bar Association

Notice of and Agenda for the March 3, 2021 Meeting

To:Council MembersTrust and Estate Section of the Colorado Bar Association

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Notice of Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the 2020-2021 Council of the Trust and Estate Section of the Colorado Bar Association will be held:

Date and time:	Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 3:15 p.m.
Place:	THIS MEETING WILL BE CALL-IN ONLY DUE TO COVID 19

Call-In Instructions Call-in instructions are as follows: 1.425.436.6390 Access Code: 420360

Minutes of Previous Meeting, Financial Reports & Attachments

- 1. Minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting of the Council
- 2. Financial spreadsheets as of February 28, 2021
- 3. Memorandum from CBA Real Estate Section Council Meeting

Trust and Estate Section Council Agenda March 3, 2021

In an attempt to adhere to the allotted meeting duration of one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes, the Chair will exercise his/her prerogative to limit the time for any report or discussion on a topic to ten (10) minutes. This conforms to Robert's Rules of Order.

- 1. Review/approval of Minutes of the February 3, 2021, meeting of the Council
- 2. Chair's Report and Administrative Matters (Spencer Crona)
- 3. Secretary/Treasurer's report (Molly Zwerdlinger)
- 4. Tax Section Liaison (Georgine M. Kryda)
- 5. Elder Law Section Liaison (Patrick Thiessen)
- 6. Real Estate Section Liaison (Chad Rounds)
- 7. Family Law Section Liaison (Kim Willoughby)
- 8. Statutory Revisions Committee (Lauren DaCunha)
- 9. Legislative Liaison (Darla Daniel & Steve Brainerd)
- 10. Council Notes (Kristin Dittus)
- 11. CLE/Estate Planning Retreat (Tim Bounds)
- 12. Orange Book Forms Committee (Lisa Hardin)
- 13. Rules and Forms Committee (Gordon Williams)
- 14. Civic and Community Affairs Joint Committee of the Elder Law Section (Sandra Sigler)
- 15. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Committee (Melissa Schwartz)
- 16. Probate Trial and Procedures Committee (Kathy Seidel & Norv Brasch)
- 17. Colorado Estate Planning Handbook (David Johns)
- 18. Green Book (Josie Faix)
- 19. Trust & Estate Practice Support Committee (Jennifer Hazelton & William Ellison)
- 20. The Colorado Lawyer (Emily Bowman)

- 21. Communications Representative/Ambassador Program (Lindsay Andrew)
- 22. Board of Governors Representative (Jonathan Haskell)
- 23. Miscellaneous/FYI
- 24. Adjournment

Council of the Trust and Estate Section of the Colorado Bar Association Minutes of February 3, 2021, Meeting

Council met on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 via audio-visual conference due to the ongoing COVID19 situation. The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:15p.m. by Spencer Crona, Chair.

The following members of Council participated by Zoom/phone and constituted a quorum:

Spencer Crona, Chair Tim Bounds, Vice Chair Molly Zwerdlinger, Secretary Charles Spence (2nd year member) Georgine Kryda (1st year member),Tax Section Liaison Amy Symons (1st year member) Simon Tolbert (1st year member)

Also in attendance were:

Andy White, CBA Legislative Liaison Katie Roberts, CBA Staff Lauren Da Cunha **Kristin Dittus** Jonathan Haskell Louisa Ritsick Leia Ursery Josie Faix Kathy Seidel David Kirch Chad Rounds Darla Daniel Sandra Sigler Melissa Schwartz Patrick Thiessen Kim Willoughby

1. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The Minutes of the January 6, 2021, Council meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Chair's Report (Spencer Crona)

Spencer commented on cancelling last meeting. Nominations are being solicited on CBA format for appointment to Council.

3. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Molly Zwerdlinger)

Molly reviewed the financial reports for January and year-to-date. No changes in the reports from last month. Discussed cost to publish Ambler Award Nominations in Bar publications. Motion made and approved to publish Ambler Award Nominations in Colorado Lawyer for \$675 and Docket for \$475 and to approve deadline for April 30th.

4. Tax Section Liaison (Georgine M. Kryda)

No report. Case law update was in January and was well received.

5. Elder Law Section Liaison (Patrick Thiessen)

Elder Law retreat will be virtual in August. Next month's CLE is going to be HMS and should be interesting. Spencer presented on draft bills on CAPS and supportive decision making agreement. Elder Law voted to oppose both of those measures. Have not been formally presented as bills yet. There are serious concerns about them that is the basis for the Elder Law votes.

6. Real Estate Section Liaison (Chad Rounds)

Memo was provided to members. Mentioned website on how to register for program that matches lawyers for support. Discussed ethics changes regarding EDI at real estate meeting. Also discussed redaction of race based restrictive covenants in the record without displacing the records. No additional report.

7. Family Law Section Liaison (Kim Willoughby)

There are common law issues. Family Law Section was involved in cases dealing with the issue. Many judges mirror the concept of getting rid of common law, but probate trial and procedure committee does not have interest in tackling this right now.

8. Statutory Revisions Committee (Lauren Da Cunha)

The legislature is on recess until February 16th. Electronic Wills was passed, but questions raised on whether it was placed in the right Article. UFIPA has sponsors. UPC 2019 revisions making progress. Subcommittee looking into issue of family allowance. Ethics committee is revisiting opinion 132 after Rabin case.

9. Legislative Liaison (Stephen M. Brainerd & Darla Daniel)

E-Wills was enacted. UFIPA and UTC Part 5 will be presented February 16th. Living Will advanced directive has late bill status. Waiting on permission to introduce this bill.

10. Legislative Update (Andy White)

There was no report.

11. Council Notes (Kristin Dittus)

Two articles lined up by Bill Schmidt and Georgine Kryda. Kristin suggested summary of notary laws as an article. Josie reminded people they could also include professional development notifications in Council Notes. Sandra Sigler suggested electronic wills as an article.

12. Continuing Legal Education & Estate Planning Retreat (Tim Bounds)

Agenda for Retreat has been finalized. Details to come via email. Retreat will be virtual. Thank you extended to Council for budget increase to accommodate the keynote speakers for Retreat. A CLE regarding E-wills coming up on February 24th. Spring Update is March 10th. Topics will be focused on Medicaid for estate planners. Going to fill in the lunch and learns for the fall.

13. Orange Book Forms Committee (Lisa Hardin)

There was no report.

14. Rules & Forms Committee (Gordon Williams)

There was no report.

15. Civic & Community Affairs (Sandra Sigler)

Preparing for more events across the state. There was a combination of virtual and inperson events this past year. A 2021 handbook will be printed and looking for support.

16. Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity Committee (Melissa Schwartz)

Melissa reminded people to complete individual leadership form and take bias tests. Part of commitment was to reach out to diverse members and encourage them to get involved with the section. Applications need to be on the standard form from the CBA. There is a list of 80 diverse members in the section and Melissa would like members to help reach out to these members. There will be summer leadership training before new leadership is instituted. Melissa wants suggestions on how to structure the training. Tuition scholarship for Retreat approved for diverse member or student. Spencer suggested we have scholarship for student AND a diverse member. Motion made to make two scholarships available; approved by Council.

17. Probate Trial & Procedures Committee (Kathy Seidel & Norv Brasch):

See Family Law notes above regarding their lack of desire to address common law marriage related issues.

18. Colorado Estate Planning Handbook (David Johns)

There was no report.

19. Green Book (Josie Faix)

Estimates it will be back from printer at beginning of March. JDF forms removed, but a list of the forms will be included. Title standards were put back in and include the new deed forms approved this year.

20. New T&E Practice Support Committee (Jennifer Hazelton & William Ellison)

There was no report.

21. The Colorado Lawyer (Emily Bowman & David Kirch)

Rebecca Schroer would like to do an article on trustee duties. Gordon Williams will do an article on creditor rights in probate. A few other articles have been proposed. Should have productive Colorado Lawyer year in 2021.

22. Communications Representative & Ambassador Coordinator (Lindsey Andrew)

There was no report.

23. Board of Governors Representative (Jonathan Haskell)

The meeting was in December. Jessica Brown wants to promote pro bono work for minority business owners. Spencer Rubin has said young lawyers have increased their board size and has much success with events during the pandemic. Judge Gary Jackson spoke about diversity and how terrible Colorado is at promoting diversity in the legal profession. There is a concern of lack of black and Latino judges in areas where there are high populations of individuals who are black and Latino. CBA's financial position is good since the pandemic has reduced the number of in-person meetings. The Waterman Fund is there to help lawyers with financial and emotional wellness.

24. Other Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35p.m. The next Council meeting will be held in March 2021.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Molly T. Zwerdlinger, Secretary

Colorado Bar Association Trust & Estate Summary For the Seven Months Ending January 31, 2021

		January	YTD	Budget	Variance	%	Last FY
Beginning balance	01-3160-31600		\$28,848.32		\$28,848.32	0%	\$22,262.87
Trust & Estate Section- Gen	neral						
Revenue	01-4???-31600	195.00	33,150.00		33,150.00	0%	32,070.00
Expenses	01-5???-31600	(1,020.00)	(7,496.51)		(7,496.51)	0%	(15,573.16)
Statutory Revisions Commit							
Expenses	015???3160			(1,000.00)	1,000.00	0%	
CLE							
Expenses	015???3161			(6,250.00)	6,250.00	0%	
Council Notes							
Community & Civic Affairs							
Expenses	01-5???-31613			(2,750.00)	2,750.00	0%	
Rules & Forms Committee							
Orange Book Forms							
Expenses	01-5???-31607			(500.00)	500.00	0%	
Local Liaison							
Uniform Trust Code							
Admin. Chair							
Estate Planning Handbook							
Admin Council Dinner							
Revenue	01-4???-31612					0%	1,640.00
Expenses	01-5???-31612			(4,500.00)	4,500.00	0%	(5,198.20)
Legislative Liaison							
Internet Editor							
Technology Committee							
Real Estate Liaison							
Green Book							
The Colorado Lawyer							
Diversity Committee							
Expenses	01-5???-31628			(1,000.00)	1.000.00	0%	
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Transfer Deposit							
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Expenses Joint CLE							
Expenses CLE Retreat							
Expenses CLE Section Only							
Total Expenses CLE				(6,250.00)	6,250.00	0%	
Council Notes Revenue							
Expenses							
Community & Civic Affairs Revenue							
Expenses Other Expense	01-5000-31613			(2,750.00)	2,750.00	0%	
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Rules & Forms Committee Revenue							
Expenses							
Orange Book Forms Revenue							
Expenses Other Expense	01-5000-31607			(500.00)	500.00	0%	
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Local Liaison Revenue							

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Molly Zwerdlinger

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Sent:	Sunday, February 28, 2021 5:19 PM
То:	Molly Zwerdlinger
Cc:	Katie Null
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Subject: Denver District Court Courtroom email

Greetings Bar Section Leaders,

I know it's been a frustration that people don't have a clerk's email address to contact a court. Denver District Court, Civil/DR Divisions, now have Division inboxes. Courtroom 409's is <u>02Courtroom409@judicial.state.co.us</u>. All the other DDC civil/DR courtrooms follow a similar pattern.

Feel free to let Bar Association membership know.

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- 02Courtroom215
- 02Courtroom259
- 02Courtroom269
- 02Courtroom275
- 02Courtroom280
- 02Courtroom303
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- 02Courtroom316
- 02Courtroom331
- 02Courtroom368
- 02Courtroom376
- 02Courtroom409
- 02Courtroom414

Respectfully,

Eric M. Johnson Judicial Liaison Committee



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KIRCH ROUNDS BOWMAN & DEFFENBAUGH PC

TO: CBA Council of the Trust and Estate Section

FROM: Chad Rounds

RE: Summary of 02/16/21 CBA Real Estate Section Council Meeting

DATE: 02/23/21

I attended the CBA Real Estate Section Council ("RESC") meeting on 02/16/21. It was conducted on Zoom. The following is my report on matters addressed which the CBA Trust and Estate Section Council ("TESC") might find of interest:

#1) Remote Notary Service Providers.

The RESC reviewed three Secretary of State approved service providers for the remote notary program to provide attorneys more information to rely on when retaining remote notaries for client's legal documents.

#2) Eviction Task Force Update.

Proposed Colorado legislation adds the right to a jury trial in all eviction actions. It is not comprehensive reform, but more a piecemeal effort triggered by the economic circumstances created by the pandemic. This tenant friendly legislation could have unintended consequences to the overall landlord-tenant legal landscape.

#3) Task Force on Redaction of Unenforceable Restrictive Covenants.

The goal is to remove unenforceable, but highly offensive, race based restrictive covenants from the public records. The task force is looking into options, but is running into the practical obstacles of redacting documents already in the public record. A legislative declaration to that effect might send a strong message that these covenants are more than just unenforceable but also unacceptable, while preserving the integrity of the real estate records. The physical redacting of race based portions of all relevant covenants would be a time intensive and costly project with expected pushback from government agencies and title companies. Concern was also raised about preserving legally protected religious restrictive covenants. Any CBA initiative to propose legislation on this issue probably will need to wait until next year.