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CBA Committee/Section Chairperson Annual Report/Review

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Annual Report

(Please send to CBA by May 15, 2008 - Fax: (303) 861-5274)

Name of Committee/Section: Juvenile Law

1. Report on projects that the Committee/Section has completed:

Sponsored reception at National Association of Counsel for Children annual conference in Keystone, CO, August 2007; CLE program on Basics of Child Welfare Practice, June 2007; CLE program on Sex Offender Issues, March 2008; successfully published Special Juvenile Issue of The Colorado Lawyer, October 2007

2. Report on projects that are continuing and/or incomplete at this time, and suggested length of project:

Participate in Family Law Institute conference in August 2008 in conjunction with the Family Law Bar; Explore certification of Child Welfare Attorneys as recommended by

the NACC; Establish mentoring program for young attorneys interested in Juvenile Law in conjunction with CU and DU Law Schools

3. Report on CLE programs

All day CLE on Basics of Child Welfare Practice, June 2007; all day CLE on Sex Offender Issues, March, 2008

5. Report on any legislation the Committee/Section has worked on and/or sponsored (only need bill number, topic and result)

Monitor legislation on Direct File Bill and access to ICON for juvenile attorneys

6. Recommendations regarding goals and tasks by Committee/Section for ensuing year. Please note the name of potential future leaders:

Reach out to more attorneys in the private bar to participate; organize meetings in other jurisdictions throughout the year

7. Sunset Analysis: Should the Committee/Section be retained in its present form and for its present function. (Explain views of the chairperson and the committee members and state consensus reached, if any):

As chairperson, I believe it is important to maintain a separate juvenile section of the bar I would like to see our section work more closely with the Family Law Section on projects and networking

8. Successes or problems encountered during the past year. (Include recommendations for future):

It is a continuing struggle to reach out to the private bar for participation. Most of our members are government attorneys, (ACAs), or attorneys who are court appointed in child welfare and delinquency cases (GALs and RPC) They are often overworked and under paid and hard pressed to volunteer time to the section.

9. Comments on CBA staff that has worked with your group:

Erica Driver and Andrea Muller have both been great to work with

Signed

Dated May 6, 2008

Cc: Chuck Turner, CBA/DBA Executive Director