

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: CBA-Solo Small Firm Section

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

- a) Periodic networking meetings in 5 locations monthly or semi-monthly, some with CLE, some without. (Downtown Denver, West Denver Metro Area (Jeffco), Denver Tech Center, Colorado Springs, new one - Parker/Castle Rock/Elizabeth/Kiowa. – Continues to be successful programs each month or every other month as scheduled. Participation is between 5 and 25 per meeting depending on topic and location.
- b) University of Colorado and University of Denver College of Law opening your own law practice seminars - 3 attorneys from CBA-SSF with 20-30 students participating – this is an ongoing project
- c) Business of Practicing Law full day seminar in September 2008 – CLE of Colorado helped with program, very successful attendance.
- d) Professionalism Vignettes – CBA-SSF was a test pilot venue for these video programs which seemed to work extremely well and be well received by all who attended the various programs where they were shown.

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

No projects are incomplete this year. See above for ongoing projects

3. Report on CLE programs

The Section co-sponsored a full day Business of Practicing Law CLE, the section has ongoing monthly or semi monthly networking meetings which often have an hour long CLE component and at most of the meetings of the members of the sections (3 annually) there is an hour CLE Program.

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

None needed for CBA-SSF section at this time.

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

Scott Walker – Chair 2008-2009, Chair Elect 2008-2009 (for chair 2009-2010) currently vacant; Eric Nesbit Treasurer 2008-2009; Martha Karnopp – Secretary 2008-2009; Brian Popp immediate past chair 2008-2009. This section does not have a ladder style executive committee

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):

This has not been discussed at an executive council meeting, but I would expect the CBA-SSF would recommend that it be retained in its present form and for its present function

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

Nothing significant to report other than as noted above. Networking groups have expanded and increased, CLE programs are well attended, the professionalism vignettes were well received

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

Michelle Gersic and Reba Nance are our two liasons and they keep the ship afloat. Kudos to both of them as they make my job as chair look easy.

Cc: Chuck Turner, CBA/DBA Executive Director