

**COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Section of Taxation – Executive Council**

**March 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Time and Place**

The Executive Council of the Section of Taxation met at 12:00 p.m. on March 26, 2009 via conference call.

**Attendance**

Chair	Neil Pomerantz
Vice-Chair	Rachel James (absent)
Secretary	Steven Weiser
Treasurer	Stuart Sargent

Members	Andrew Elliot Andrew Kroll
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Others	Erica Driver (CBA) Adam Cohen Allen Sparkman
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Absent	Rob Keyser Hank Vanderhage Peter Rose Tracy Villeco
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**Call to Order**

Neil Pomerantz called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made (Steven Weiser, seconded by Adam Cohen) to approve the minutes from the February Council meeting. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

We continue to have more funds than at the same time last year. Nothing of particular interest to note.

**CLE**

No report.

## **Topical Lunches**

No report.

## **Pro Bono**

Last docket call, the judge made no mention of DU or CBA assistance available to taxpayers.

## **Legislative Report**

### **Federal:**

Adam Cohen reported that a recent patent reform bill did not refer to the patenting of tax advice.

### **State:**

Michael Valdez was unable to provide a revised copy of a bill concerning tax shelter disclosures. Steven Weiser and Eric Zinn reviewed the bill and provided additional comments (to Adam's prior comments) to Michael to pass along to the bill sponsor. Neil will search the legislature's website for the latest version of the bill and will circulate to the Council.

Neil is unaware of any additional significant tax bills that are pending in the legislature.

## **Newsletter**

No report.

## **Tax Tips**

No report.

## **Website**

No report.

## **Agency Positions Committee**

No report.

## **Internal Revenue Service**

No report.

## **Colorado Department of Revenue**

Neil referred to the Department's website as a resource for private rulings. It appears that the Department is doing a good job of getting these rulings posted.

### **Interprofessional Committee**

#### **ABA Report**

No report.

#### **Section Reports**

**Business.** The Business Section is concerned with the SOS office over secured transaction filings and the disclosure of certain information publicly (some filings contained social security numbers). Mike Coffman has prohibited online access to secured transaction filings until confidential information is redacted. The Business Section found this troubling (to immediately deny access to public records or change those public records). Deals are being held up on account of the SOS actions.

The SOS has stated that they have developed software to detect information that should be redacted, and will redact it promptly so that filings are promptly made available.

**Trusts & Estates.** No report.

**Real Estate.** This Section is looking for nominations to the executive committee.

#### **CBA Board of Governors**

No report.

#### **Section Scholarships**

Andrew Kroll sent a letter to Mark Vogel regarding the initiation of the scholarship application/recommendation process.

#### **Old Business**

A slate is shaping up. We are looking for 2 or 3 new council members, but at this point the officers have been identified. A formal slate should be proposed by the next meeting.

Life Achievement Award – nominations have been made. A number of people came together to nominate Bob Rich. Neil proposes getting back to all people who made nominations and requesting more information about each nominee (only the people nominating Mr. Rich provided detailed information supporting the nomination). Erica agreed to request additional information concerning the other nominees.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2009, at 12:00 p.m. at the offices of the Colorado Bar Association, Ninth Floor, 1900 Grant St., Denver, CO.

*Ending Time: 12:44pm*

*Steven M. Weiser,  
Secretary*