

CBA SPANISH LANGUAGE LAWYERING COMMITTEE

Minutes from 11/11/10

Present:

Liz Giordano
Bryony Heise
Kelly Ryan
Catherine Chan
Rob Ramirez
Troy Braegger
Grace Chisolm

1. Meeting Minutes from 10/22/10 approved.
2. **Nuestras Cortes** – Troy Braegger provided an update. He needs volunteers to translate the two new presentations – Anatomy of a Civil Trial and Criminal Trial. Liz will send out an e-mail to call for volunteers.
3. **Weld County Task Force and Greeley Legal Nights.** Greeley Legal Nights was held on Wednesday, November 10th. There were about 60 people who attended and 12 attorneys. Also, 2 CU students showed up who assisted in translation. There was a variety of issues that individuals needed help with – not just a focus on immigration.

Prior discussions have focused on the Committee's long-term involvement in supporting this initiative. Rob believes the legal nights are becoming more efficient and self-sufficient; and that the assistance with the two 2 students greatly helped. The Greeley Legal Nights is also receiving administrative support from Angela Reyes with Colo. Legal Services.

2011 dates need to be confirmed with the Colorado Lawyers Committee.

4. **Happy Hour from November 3rd at Uptown Tavern.** Bryony Heise reported that small group of individuals showed up, quite a few new people. Chuck Turner the Exec. Directory from the CBA showed up. We "raffled" off the bottle of Pisco and a CLE.

Would like to set another date in January – either the 19th or 26th.

5. **CLE for the Spring.** The committee wants to continue moving forward on planning a CLE for the spring as a way to attract additional support for our committee. We would like to begin the CLEs in March.

Troy Braegger suggested putting together CLEs on 10 different topics for 1 hour max. In the areas of family law, immigration, criminal, overview of the court process, overview of contracts. The group wanted some broader topics

Kelly Ryan will provide contact information for Andy Schmidt for Wage & Hour, Catherine Chan has a contact at the EEOC.

6. **Legal Pamphlets** – Update from Bryony Heise. The criminal and family law brochures are done. Bryony will be finishing up the immigration brochures.
7. **DU Law School Students** – Update from Grace Chisolm. The students are not sure what direction the whole Lawyering in Spanish program is going. Grace Chisolm requested the support of the CBA. Liz will contact Ralph Torres and John Moyer. Catherine Chan offered to contact Paul Chan.
8. **Secure Communities** – Kelly Ryan requested the committee to write a letter to Gov. Ritter opposing Secure Communities. She described Secure Communities as an unfunded program by Immigration Customs and Enforcement that mandated all arrestees to be fingerprinted and have the fingerprints sent to ICE. Gov. Ritter is trying to sign this under the table so that it won't fall on the incoming Democratic administration. Letters have been written from many different organizations opposing the enactment of SC. Our Group voted to support Kelly's letter. Liz had previously contacted Chuck Turner to get the approval of the CBA to submit the letter. Chuck had indicated that the CBA had submitted a letter already. Kelly explained that the CBA letter did not adequately address the real concerns of the program.
9. **Docket Article** – Report form Kristen - Rob has it started.
10. **Meeting Adjourned.**