CBA TRUST AND ESTATE SECTION STATUTORY REVISIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

March 2, 2022

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3. Approval of February 2, 2022 Minutes

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February 2, 2022

1. Introductions

Chair, Dylan Metzner, called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

We are still meeting via Zoom, there is an option to meet in person or virtual for 2022. Please participate however you feel most comfortable. Dylan and Jonathan will plan to be here in person.

2. <u>Approval of January 5, 2022 Minutes</u>

To occur at March meeting.

3. <u>Announcements</u>

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b. Adoption of Notary Program Rules

i.See attached Notice of Permanent Adoption of Notary Program Rules 8 CCR 1505-11. Ms. Kryda attended hearing and noted questions had to deal with cultural sensitivity and some other logistical questions. No updates for SRC.

4. Legislative Report

Mr. Tyler Mousney is the new legislative liaison. He was unable to attend. Mr. Metzner reported that the UPC Bill was introduced as SB092 sponsored by Mr. Gardner. Mr. Brainerd said the Bill will be presented on February 16 to the judiciary committee and Ms. Daniel will present on behalf of the bar.

5. <u>SRC Approved Proposals</u>

a. <u>Active Matters</u>

(i) Disclosure of Fiduciary Fees, §§ 15-10-602 and 15-12-705, C.R.S. (approved in 2015-2016) (Gordon Williams);

Probate Trial and Procedure has no objections. Information of Appointment form needs to be updated by Supreme Court. Dylan will coordinate with PTP on the form.

(ii) Amendment to Visitor Reporting Statute, C.R.S. § 15-14-113.5 (Gordon Williams);

Elder Law opposes the proposed language. Based upon this there is no reason to proceed on the Visitor Reporting Statute. This item will be removed from the agenda.

(iii) Amendment to Personal Representative Priority Statute, C.R.S. § 15-12-203(4) to include Agent under power of attorney who is granted "hot power" to remove and appoint fiduciaries (Gordon Williams).

Proposed language: 15-12-203(4.5) If no conservator or guardian is acting, then an agent who is authorized under a financial power of attorney to nominate a fiduciary in accordance with 15-14-724(1)(g)(ii), C.R.S., may exercise the same right to nominate, to object to another's appointment, or to participate in determining the preference of a majority in interest of the heirs and devisees that the principal would have if qualified for appointment.

Modified Proposal 1:

If no conservator or guardian is acting *has been appointed*, then an agent who is authorized under a financial power of attorney to nominate a fiduciary in accordance with 15-14-724(1)(g)(ii), C.R.S., may exercise the same right to nominate, to object to another's appointment, or to participate in determining the preference of a majority in interest of the heirs and devisees that the principal would have if qualified for appointment.

Modified Proposal 2:

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The above is new language that SRC needs to approve which takes into account the possibility that a Conservator or Guardian is serving and the protected person also has a financial power of attorney that is still effective.

Please review the above 3 options and we will vote on this at the March meeting.

b. <u>Inactive Matters Approved by SRC but Not Moving Forward for Various</u> <u>Reasons</u>

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c. <u>Inactive Matters Approved by SRC and Moving Forward</u>

(i) Uniform Probate Code (UPC) 2019 Revisions (Bette Heller and Darla Daniels)

This was approved by SRC, Council, and LPC in January 2022. It is part of SB092 sponsored by Sen. Gardner of the Colorado Uniform Law Commissioners. The Bill will be presented on February 16 to the judiciary committee and Ms. Daniel will present on behalf of the bar.

6. <u>Unapproved Matters under Consideration by SRC - Reports from Subcommittees</u>

- a. Child Support in Probate Subcommittee (Pat Mellen, Chair)
- b. Lodged Wills- Investigate issues with lodging wills and the return of lodged wills. (Bette Heller).
- c. Beneficiary Deeds Statute Update re Named Insureds for Casualty Coverage (Carl Stevens). Ms. Lindsay Andrews mentioned that Keith Lapuyade presented to Probate Trial and Procedure this morning regarding insurance issues. Mr. Stevens will reach out to Mr. Lapuyade regarding his research. Mr. Metzner will reach out to business law section to see their thoughts on this issue and coordinate with Mr. Stevens.
- **d.** Uniform Cohabitants Economic Remedies Act (Connie Eyster). Joint committee with family law section. Meets right after SRC on first Wednesday.
- e. Uniform Community Property Disposition at Death Act (Connie Eyster). This committee has met 2 times and there are only 10 sections. Meets at 11am on first Wednesday.

7. <u>Inactive Matters</u>

- 8. <u>Report from Elder Law Section</u> None
- 9. <u>Report from Other Sections of the Bar</u> Thank you to Mr. Thiessen for his case law update and all his hard work to the bar.

10. <u>New Matters</u>

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11. Passed Proposals for Inclusion in Omnibus Bill or Stand Alone Legislation

CBA TRUST AND ESTATE SECTION STATUTORY REVISIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 5, 2022

1. Introductions

person.

Chair, Dylan Metzner, called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

Happy New Year. If anyone was affected by the fires the T&E Section is supportive of you and please reach out to Dylan (dmetzner@joneskeller.com) or Jonathan (jhaskell@wadeash.com). Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are still meeting via Zoom, there is an option to meet in person or virtual for 2022. Please participate however you feel most comfortable. Dylan and Jonathan will plan to be here in

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Motion passed unanimously.

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b. Rulemaking Hearing – Colorado Secretary of State Meeting is being held tomorrow at 1pm. If interested in attending contact Dylan. Georgina Kryda will attend on behalf of T&E and will report in February regarding hearing.

4. Legislative Report

Andy White is no longer with CBA. The T&E section wishes him well. A new CBA legislative person will be announced by Council today.

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Approved by SRC and Council. This is ready to go to LPC.

d. Lodged Wills- Investigate issues with lodging wills and the return of lodged wills. (Bette Heller)

Meeting on Thursday 1/13 at 9am. Thereafter, meeting will occur every month on the 2nd Wednesday moving forward 9am. Issue is lodged Wills are being sent back by some counties after probate has opened and in cases before probate has closed.

f. **Beneficiary Deeds Statute Update re Named Insureds for Casualty Coverage** (Carl Stevens)

Mr. Stevens reports that the subcommittee it considering whether we need to amend a statute based upon a Minnesota court that held insurance coverage a decedent purchased to cover the decedent's home did not insure the property after decedent's death because the property passed to a third party pursuant to a beneficiary deed.

Uniform Cohabitants Economic Remedies Act (Connie Eyster) g.

Ms. Eyster has been in contact with Family Law and will meet on the first Wednesday each month. It will be a joint committee with family law. This is a potential change in policy to give cohabitants more rights regarding economic relief options. Ms. Willoughby brought up that family law does not want to get rid of common law marriage.

Uniform Community Property Disposition at Death Act (Connie Eyster) h. .

17 Sections to be reviewed. Goal is to review by end of 2023. Meeting occurs at 11am to 12:30 on the first Wednesday of each month.

7. **Inactive Matters**

8. **Report from Elder Law Section**

Ms. Blattner reported that the Elder Law retreat is scheduled August 25-27 in Vail, CO. It will be a hybrid event. The next meeting is on 1/20 and reach out to Kayla Nelson with any questions you may have.

9. Report from Other Sections of the Bar

Ms. Kryda – Case law update is on 1/12. Mr. Patrick Thiessen will report on behalf of T&E.

10. New Matters

None a.

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