

**CBA LITIGATION COUNCIL  
February 5, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

**LOCATION:** CBA Offices, Denver

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

In Person:                   Chair: Lorraine Parker  
                                      Vice-Chair: Jake Eisenstein  
                                      Secretary: Luke Ritchie  
                                      Kayla Dreyer  
                                      Natacha Gutierrez  
                                      Michael Mihm  
                                      Gerald Pratt  
                                      Rich Cashette

By telephone:               Lidiana Rios  
                                      Alden Hill  
                                      Joseph Rivera  
                                      Peter Black

CBA/CLE  
Personnel:   Elizabeth Akalin  
                                      Jeremy Schupach

- A.    CALL TO ORDER:** 4:08 PM
- B.    APPROVAL OF MINUTES from January 6, 2018** Approved.
- C.    Presentation by Dean Bruce Smith, University of Denver Sturm College of Law:** Mr. Ritchie introduced Dean Smith, who then presented on the current state of Denver Sturm College of Law, including, unique challenges as well as advantages faced by DU Law, its recent graduates, and its current and prospective students. Lively discussion ensued regarding the same and potential for significant collaborations between the Litigation Section and DU Law. Dean Smith was thanked for his lively and informative presentation.
- D.    Presentation on Jeremy Schupach:**  
Discussion regarding legislation to increase the jurisdictional amount of CO small claims court to \$35,000. EC has for several years now had lengthy discussion with members of Rules Committee and Judiciary regarding this potential change and the overall sense of EC members is that \$35,000 is appropriate increase given the motivations underlying the change. EC agreed to put further thought into whether or not to take a formal position on behalf of Litigation Section

regarding the increase. Not many other litigation-focused bills of note i.e., currently, no bills of note for Litigation Section to be concerned with.

**E. Continuation of Litigation Section Reboot:**

1. **Events.** Nothing to report.
2. **Nominating Committee:** § 6 below.
3. **Newsletter/Blog.** The Board agreed to add a blog post about the OARC Self-Assessment Program, as well as list it on the CLE portion of the website. Lidiana agreed to do it.

Elizabeth suggested and offered to send out an email to the membership once the OARC survey blog post is on the website.  
Lidiana also agreed to add the Symposium to the website calendar.

4. **Listserv.** No updates until new CBA listserv platform launches in Spring 2018.
5. **Rules.** Nothing to report.

**F. COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee.** Nothing to report.
2. **Appellate Practice Sub-Section.** Nothing to report.
3. **CLE.** Nothing to report.
4. **Newsletter/Website.** Nothing to report.
5. **Symposium.** Kayla Dreyer and Luke Ritchie updated the Council re the Fall 2018 Symposium, including: current agenda of presentation topics; current lineup of panelists; need for EC members' support in participating as / lining up panelists; need for EC members support in lining up attendees; and CTLA and CDLA unwillingness to collaborate on event.
6. **Nominating Committee.** Chair Parker advised that election cycle was fast-approaching and confirmed that member-wide announcement had gone out. Encouraged all EC members to consider colleagues that may be good additions to the EC and to encourage prospects to submit

applications for the same. Discussion ensued regarding current EC composition and areas for improvement.

**8. ADJOURNED at 5:50 PM**

Prepared by:

/s/ Lucas Ritchie  
Treasurer

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)