

MINUTES
CBA Family Law Section Executive Council
Friday, October 19, 2018
Wellshire Inn

1. Call to Order, Attendance (excused and unexcused absences); reminder to **send absences to current Secretary** (Jeremy Ramp)

Present: Laura Ammarell; Jamie Cage; Jeremy Ramp; Amy Screenen; Laura Page; Bonnie Schriener; Kevin Sidel; Rose-Anne Landau; Anne Gill; Halleh Omid; Danae Woody; Kristi Wells; Trish Cooper; Kate Lewis;

On Telephone: Joe Pickard; Ben King;

Excused: Robin Beattie; Terri Harrington; Beth Henson; Kimberly A.S. Utesch; Mike DiManna; David Littman; Deb Anderson; Joan McWilliams; Jennifer Feingold; Marie Moses; Steve Epstein;

Unexcused: Cathy Cheroutes; Catherine Puttmann; Ann Gushurst; Diane Wozniak; Jennifer Rice

Approved Minutes of September 2018 Executive Council Meeting

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Anne Gill & Ann Gushurst spelling corrections
Moved, seconded & approved

2. Officer's Reports:

Chair (Laura A covers for Robin Beattie):

- a) Judge Arp Supreme Court Standing Committee on Family Issues – Judge Arp will be at our meeting in November. Asked EC to submit goals to discuss this meeting.
- Robin has received some feedback;
 - Chris Radeff proposal provided in September and attached again (atty-mentors for new judges); consensus from EC that this is good idea to present to Judge Arp;
 - Joe Pickard – proposal provided in materials; due process issues with status conference hearings, no notice, no conferral, etc.; escapes review; consensus from EC to present this issue; Bonnie discusses discovery master idea along with these issues;
 - Being forced to set hearings too quickly and not being given adequate time; Halleh: some counties not giving us info on their process, procedures, expectations—this information not available for new judges;

- White paper needs to be distributed; Kristi W will contact McBride and get a copy to distribute to the EC

Bonnie: Cathy Cheroutes is up for 5th Judicial District Court Judgeship; interview is next week; call or write in support; we have been discussing the need for family law experienced candidates, so support for Cathy is encouraged.

Add Josh Sauer and another YLD'er to the scholarship committee; prior scholarships have gone unused.

- b) CJI Dinner – night before, full table and it was a great event.

Chair Elect (Laura Ammarell):

- a) Family Law Institute 2019 – August 15-17; planning committee of Danae, Laura P., Marie, Meredith Cord; co-chair is Barbara Jensen; call for proposals went out this week and already starting to receive proposals; consideration of changing the dates—troublesome for folks because of school start, kid college, vacations, etc.; fall in Vail is beautiful and being considered. Does change in date allow more people to attend? Format this year—start mid-way through day on Thursday and conclude mid-day Saturday; no pre-conference and instead weave in practicum into separate track; longer practicums; recruiting judges for this process to get their thoughts and change perspectives/allow for exchange of ideas and positions between bench and bar; some attention to how we take care of ourselves in this profession; key note speaker in process of being confirmed, and will make the request via the budget committee; Laurie Poland was kidnapped from her front yard as 3 year old, physically & sexually assaulted and left in an outhouse for 3 days until rescued; heads coalition to end child abuse; national speaker on abuse and trauma;

Secretary (Jerremy Ramp):

- a) No Report

Treasurer (Jamie Cage):

- a) Approval of Treasurer's Report
- b) Adjustments/corrections discussed last time have been made and budget updated; discussion of scholarships timing and amounts paid from last year/future years; motion to approve budget, seconded and approved

Higher Logic Demo: Shanna Montoya

Shanna has built the program; Higher Logic is discussion program and way to elevate and get in front of members; expect to be benefit to our members; finalizing launch date; show video presentation and will roll out in few weeks; CBA Community; post discussion like we do in list serve, and archives it; easy to post—Microsoft Word based;

can reply via email to sender or whole group; allows for uploading of documents and videos; we can push out notifications, e.g., for the mp3 lunches; calendar and links to events; networking with people through this portal; opportunities to connect for things like FLI; launch date is soon and will be part of roll out program; in phases, but we are in phase 1; replaces current listserve; 1 month transition to list serve; be daily digest as default but can switch to real time; better format for digests; member directory

Suggested & decided that Shanna should come to the November 16 meeting to introduce the program before the luncheon to members. Announcement will come out few days before that meeting.

Call for 15 second videos to describe what community means as marketing for this roll out.

3. CBA Family Law Section Committee and Liaison Assignments (Chair to Report):

FOR THIS MEETING, THE CHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEES WHO SERVE ON THE EC WERE ASKED TO MEET WITH THEIR COMMITTEES AND REPORT THEIR PLAN FOR THE YEAR.

1. Amicus: Nathan Dowell (Chair), Anne Gill, Bonnie Shriner, Steve Epstein, Tina Paterno, Courtney McConomy, Alisha Coombs; potential amicus request coming up—will follow up; 2017 CA 2105; request from COA as to whether we want to weigh in on this; Anne & Nathan will discuss; we can email vote before next session if we need to, given the short timeframe; Anne will let us know.
2. Book Sales/Bench Book: Cyndy Ciancio (Chair), Angie Arkin, Kate Lewis – Trish reports that based on conversation with Cyndy, all on target and going well. Excitement for the new product.
3. Budget: Meredith Cord and Kevin Sidel (Co-chairs), Jamie Cage, Robin Beattie, Bonnie Schriener, Laura Ammarell, Beth Henson, Jerremy Ramp

Kevin: Amy's great idea of recording the lunch presentations; phone connection is bad, people want to listen but can't on that date, etc.; cost to put online would be \$50/program, or for 8 per year, \$400 per year; we would charge \$10 for the mp3 recording; good for 2 years; thru Bar rather than thru CLE; budget committee supported & seeks approval from EC; Amy can handle logistics and start the recordings next month; motion, second, & unanimous approval; no longer have phone availability since so problematic; there's link that will be on the website; Danae will help get the word out;

4. By-Laws: Bonnie Schriener, Rose-Anne Landau—no report.
5. Education: Jennifer Feingold(Chair) – no report
 - a. CLE:
 - i. Basic Skills: Meredith Cord Katharine Lum (Chairs)—Jerremy reports that speakers & topics getting lined up
 - ii. Spring Update: Bill King and Steven Epstein (Chair)
 - iii. Evidence Practicum: Rachel Kranz and Courtney Cline (Chair)
 - iv. Family Law Institute: Laura Ammarell and Barbara Jensen
 - v. Fall Update: Robin Beattie and Hannah Westmont (Chair); next Friday; will announce at today’s luncheon
 - b. Monthly Lunches: Robin Beattie (Chair), Laura Ammarell, Jennifer Feingold, Beth Henson, Halleh Omid, Carrie Eckstein—reconvening on Tuesday to nail down all of the lunches; next few months are set but need to get February on; any proposals welcome;
 - c. Young Lawyers: Jamie Cage and Kate Lewis (Co-Chairs), Katy Lum, Samera Habib, Halleh Omid, Danae Woody; Jamie reports:
 - i. Twice yearly event: Entire committee
 - ii. Periodic brown bag CLEs: Trish Cooper (Chair); Nov 19th Kristi W is presenting on “the sexy side of stock.” 7:30 am breakfast; Announcement approved but don’t think it’s gone out yet; will get distributed; good written materials; in CLE office;
 - d. Mentoring: Diana Powell (Chair), David Littman, Kristi Wells, Jamie Cage, Todd Stahly. Kristi will follow up with Diana.
6. Expert Directory: Joe Pickard (Chair), Helen Shreves; no report from Joe.
7. FLI 2019: Laura Ammarell (Chair)—covered above.
8. Grants: Jennifer Feingold (Chair), Jamie Cage—no report and nothing submitted to budget committee.
9. Judicial Liaison: Beth Henson & Diane Wozniak (Co-Chairs); each member of EC, Angie Arkin and Chris Cross.

- i. 18th Judicial District: Joan McWilliams, Diana Powell
- ii. Best Practices Groups – Liaisons
 - 1. Adams: Jamie Rutten
 - 2. Arapahoe: Steve McBride
 - 3. Boulder: Todd trying to reach...
 - 4. Denver: Peggy Walker
 - 5. Douglas: Becky Goldmanis
 - 6. El Paso: Meredith Patrick Cord
 - 7. Jefferson: Terri Harrington
 - 8. Larimer: Jennifer Rice

Diane is reaching out to Beth; uncertainty about whether change from last year's assignments; have them present at next meeting.

- 10. Legislative: Marie Moses and Dick Rotole (Co-chairs), Brenda Storey, Mike DiManna, Jerremy Ramp, Jim Bailey, Chris Radeff, Trish Cooper, Catherine Puttmann;

Jerremy & Trish: not much to report; uniform law season; UPA may be coming back;

- 11. Membership/Family Law Section Listserve: Danae Woody (Chair), Josh Sauer, Deb Anderson, Anne Gill, John Haas, Brian Popp, Vince Rahaman, Bonnie Schriener, Rose-Anne Landau;

Danae presents: attend luncheon and invite specialty bar; also received list of former members (93) who have fallen off to try to recruit them back; Trish asks about delta of net loss or net gain, and trends that can be identified.

- 12. Newsletter and Website: Terri Harrington & Catherine Puttmann (Co-chairs), Ben King, Kristi Wells, Laura Page, Rose-Anne Landau, Catherine Cheroutes, Kimberly Utesch, Ann Gushurst, Deb Anderson, Jennifer Rice, Katie Ahles, Carrie Eckstein

Kristi: writing article on Mag. Loewer; any other magistrates to write up? Laura P. suggests article on Meredith Cord.

- 13. Nominating: Jennifer Feingold; officers—no report

14. Scholarships: Kevin Sidel & Terri Harrington: per request and idea of Bonnie, adding some young lawyers--Josh Sauer has agreed and another YLD'er will be selected; for FLI and basic skills; young blood may help get the word out for scholarships since some went unfilled last year.
15. Judicial Nomination Committee: Helen Shreves (chair), Deb Anderson, Laura Ammarell –covered at beginning.
16. Board of Governors Liaison: Bonnie Schriener – no report
17. Colorado Lawyer Liaison: Halleh Omid and Courtney Leathers—Halleh reports; taking over from Trish; few articles in the works with internal revisions; first article will be in December addition; need more submissions; remember guidelines for articles; remember to check for topics that have already been covered, and you can search archives. Trish and Halleh have list of suggested topics. Can partner with others to write articles.
18. AAML Liaison: Trish Cooper, Marie Moses, Cyndy Ciancio; Trish reported on amicus brief possibility (see Amicus above) and whether consensus on the position; tight deadline; annual advanced CLE on Dec 7; will announce at the luncheon today; brochure going out and registration will go live; great speakers and program; new location; right down the street from prior location; topics touch on broad range of issues and high level of complexity, i.e., 3rd party legal standards, arbitration, prenups, etc.; 2 ethics credits; good mix of new and experienced presenters;
19. ICON Award: Mike DiManna- chair, Laura Ammarell (5 years until done, then next Treasurer), Denise Mills, Dave Johnson—no report

4. **Old Business:**

Chair of international law section has reached out about international custody issues, including removing child from a country, and have requested a speaker from our section; anyone from our section want to speak on the topic? Family law section want to co-host this with the international law section? No date yet. Trish volunteers. UCCJEA combined with Hague. Laura A. will connect him and Trish. Trish will discuss and consider possibility of co-hosting and report back.

5. New Business/General Announcements/Discussion:

Bar association and CLE moving end of December/early January; probably won't impact our section all that much; CLE's and such will now be in new location.

6. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING – November 16, 2018

Minutes by J. Ramp