

ABA Family Law Litigation Committee Conference Call Meeting Minutes

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PARTICIPANTS: Marguerite (Margie) Gualtieri, committee co-chair, Catherine Moreau, committee co-chair, and Charla Stevens, membership subcommittee chair.

Introduction

This was the second conference call of the new business year for the committee. Margie and Catherine attended the Section of Litigation Fall Leadership Meeting from September 28 – September 30, 2007 in Chicago.

Newsletter

Charla submitted an article on Collaborative Law for the newsletter. Margie reported that she is recruiting an author for the next newsletter as well, although the topic of the article is as yet undetermined. Margie will explore the possibility of including one or more a reprinted articles in the next newsletter edition. The Committee will strive to publish the next edition in early January 2008.

Teleconference Proposal

Charla and Catherine will continue to work up a proposal for a teleconference.

Membership

The total membership for our committee is 526. Charla will continue to draft letters to those members who both dropped and added our committee, as she did last year.

Website

Catherine reported that Cait Sainsbury, a lawyer in her office, has generously agreed to be the new website editor. Margie submitted a new message from the chairs for posting.

Other

There was a discussion of two other initiatives articulated in the Committee's 2007-2008 Strategic Plan. First, the planning of an off-site program for public interest lawyers at the Section Annual Meeting which is currently under consideration by the Section of Litigation. Second, the Committee plans to identify and formulate a policy that furthers the right of individuals to be competently represented by attorneys in family law matters. This is an initiative that will span the next 2 years, with a focus on presenting policy to the ABA in February 2009.

Next Steps

The next conference call is scheduled for December 5, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. eastern time.