

**ADR Section Meeting—September 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

**I. Introduction**

Katherine Witherspoon Frye, Dawn Crompton, Joshua W. Martin III, Bill McLaughlin, Bill Johnston, Suzanne Holly, and Robert Young attended the meeting.

**II. Approval of August 15, 2018 meeting minutes**

The Section approved the August 15, 2018 meeting minutes.

**III. Old Business**

**a. CLE program planning update**

The Section reviewed the status of upcoming CLE programs.

The November 7, 2018 CLE program will go forward as planned.

The Section should learn more about the upcoming Family Court CLE.

Section members continue to work towards presenting the CLE program on rule rationalization.

**THE SECTION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THE RULE RATIONALIZATION PROJECT AND PLANNING THE CLE. PLEASE CONTACT BILL JOHNSTON OR VERN PROCTOR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

The Section also discussed whether to partner with the litigation section in order to present a CLE program.

**b. Member recruitment, retention, and promotion**

The Section officers continue to reach out to members in order to reconnect them with the Section, as well as to offer members the opportunity to join a to-be-formed council, and perhaps groups to assist with projects such as the rule rationalization project.

The Section also seeks to recruit those who are not yet members who might have an interest in ADR.

Bill Johnston and Robert Young are reviewing the Section's bylaws with the intention of updating them for modernization and consistency. One item among the bylaws is to have a governing council, and the Section should seek to form such a council.

The Section continues to need to publish an article in the DSBA Journal.

**c. Continued consideration of award for promoting ADR**

Bill Johnston contacted Mark Vavala and Lewis Lazarus to discuss the process for creating a new award. Bill attended an awards committee meeting, and the idea of an ADR section sponsored award was presented to the committee. The general reaction was positive, but reservations expressed by committee members were that (i) such an award might overlap with/be duplicative

of other awards; and (ii) assuming that the award is established, how do we meaningfully select recipients outside of a few, select superstar mediators, and how to avoid having the award used for purposes of self-promotion.

Section members expressed a desire that the award potentially be named after an attorney responsible for advancing ADR in Delaware.

**d. Follow-up on rule rationalization project**

See above.

**IV. New Business**

No new business presented.

**V. Upcoming Dates/Events: NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICES OF YOUNG CONAWAY ON OCTOBER 17, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**VI. Adjournment**