

## Report of the Family Law Section to the Delaware State Bar Association

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The following is the Annual Report of the Family Law Section to the Delaware State Bar Association Executive Committee for the 2013-2014 term.

### Section Membership and Meetings:

The Family Law Section has 124 members.

The Section has met on the fourth Thursday of each month. Each meeting consists of reports of good and welfare, issues for the Family Court liaison to address with the Family Court, a short substantive "Food for Thought" presentation, and other section business. The meetings are also conducted by teleconference to encourage participation from those outside of New Castle County.

Food for Thought presentations have included a presentation by Amy Quinlan, Esq. on the Limited Legal Assistance Program sponsored by the Administrative Office of the Courts; Janine Howard O'Rangers on the Task Force on Open Family Court Proceedings, the PFA Committee's suggestions and thoughts, and Michael O'Rourke on using a private investigator in family court cases.

### Officers for 2013-2014

Chair: Kara M. Swasey, Esq.

Vice Chair: Dana Reynolds, Esq.

Secretary: Achille Scache, Esq.

### CLE Program

The Family Law Section sponsored the Annual Family Law Update on December 13, 2013, at the Christiana Hilton. The CLE was well attended and included the following presentations: **Shared Residential Placement** by Dr. Edward Wilson, Dr. Samuel Romirowsky and The Honorable Michael K. Newell; **Legal Ethics and Social Media** by Margaret DiBianca, Esquire; **The Intersection of Family Law and Bankruptcy** by Tiffany Poole, Esquire; **New This Year: Changes in the Law and Rules** by the Honorable Desales Halley, Gretchen Knight, Esquire, and Suzanne Seubert, Esquire, **Visitation Center 101** by the staff of the Hudson State Visitation Center, and **the Annual Case Law Update** by Curtis P. Bounds, Esquire.