

DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

LITIGATION SECTION MEETING – FEBRUARY 18, 2016

Following advance and proper notice, the meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. at the DSBA Offices.

Present: See attached sign-in sheet for those who attended in person.

Old Business

1. January Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

2. Sub-Committee Activity – Superior Court Judicial Preferences

Doug Cummings reported that positive feedback was received from Judge Cooch regarding the report prepared by the Sub-Committee, which identified judicial preferences that Section Members found helpful. The Sub-Committee's report will be included in discussion at the statewide Judges' Meeting on March 3, 2016.

3. Sub-Committee Activity – Sheriff's Service and File & ServeXpress Notification

Bill Brady reported regarding further Sub-Committee investigation, including his receipt of notice of Sheriff's service in a Chancery matter. Doug Cummings reported regarding CivilView, an under-utilized application providing free email notification of Sheriff's service in Superior Court matters venued in New Castle County. To register for CivilView, email Ron Fioravanti, rfioravanti@nccde.org, and request application.

New Business

1. Superior Court Bench and Bar Cocktail Reception (March 3, 2016)

Travis Hunter confirmed with Wilmington Club menu selections and sent invitations to Superior Court Bench. Many RSVPs from Section Members have been received. Appreciation was expressed to this year's sponsors: Blank Rome LLP; Cozen O'Connor; Elzufon Austin Tarlov & Mondell, P.A.; Maron Marvel Bradley & Anderson LLC; Morris James LLP; Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP; Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP; Richards, Layton and Finger, P.A.; Venzie, Phillips & Warshawer; and Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP.

2. Fundamentals of Civil Litigation CLE (May 12, 2016)

Adam Orlacchio reported that agenda has been confirmed. Together with Ryan Connell and Patricia Winston, adjustments to be made to list of scheduled speakers due to recent judicial appointments. Discussion followed regarding rule

changes to fundamental CLE requirements for newly admitted attorneys and increase in frequency of Section's Fundamentals CLE to yearly basis.

3. Delaware Law Review

Pat Costello provided an update regarding conversations with representative from Delaware Law Review and upcoming article deadlines (April 1, 2016 or December 1, 2016). Discussion regarding potential article topics followed.

4. Luncheon Speaker – The Honorable William L. Witham, Jr.

Judge Witham engaged the Section by leading a discussion regarding practice trends in litigation venued in Kent County and the Veteran's Treatment Court.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

The Litigation Section's next meeting is schedule for April 6, 2016 at noon at the DSBA Offices, 405 N. King Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

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