

**DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
LITIGATION SECTION – MINUTES**

The Meeting convened at 12:10 p.m. on January 18, 2006 at Saul Ewing, and was attended by Kim Gattuso, Bill Doerler, Catherine Damavandi, Alex Mili, Jim Drnec, Chris Loizides, Bill Kelleher, Laurie Polleck, Rick DiLiberto, and Tom Kovach

1. The minutes from the December 21, 2005 meeting were approved.
2. Kim Gattuso reported on the section's proposed Federal Discount Rate legislation. The committee is still revising its draft and hopes to have it prepared by February. There was also a discussion about soliciting input from section members with respect to how the issue is currently being handled, and whether they are aware of any Court orders which already address the subject.
3. Kim Gattuso reported on the Ombudsman Program that the section previously discussed. The DSBA suggested setting up a committee to discuss the issue. Kim sent an e-mail to the chair of each section asking for a participant for the committee. Kim reported that she spoke with Kevin Gross about the program and indicated that he would be willing to speak to and serve on the committee. There was also a discussion about meeting with President Judge Vaughn and Chancellor Chandler about the proposed program.
4. Kim Gattuso reported on the section's forms exchange. She was unable to provide an update as she could not reach Kathy Miller, who is organizing the collection of forms.
5. Catherine Damavandi reported on the proposed "practical" CLE discussed at previous meetings. She is attempting to coordinate the CLE with the Court and the New Lawyers section.. Bill Kelleher and Jim Drnec are working on the fact pattern and sample motion. The CLE will address practical applications associated with arguing motions. The target date for the CLE is May or June. June was suggested to permit summer associates to attend. There was also a discussion about asking Judge Jurden to speak on the topic of civility in motion practice as she recently issued a decision addressing the subject.
6. There was a discussion regarding conducting another free CLE, similar to the trip to Sambos last year. The section is still considering its options, and the timing for the event. Catherine Damavandi will contact the DSBA's insurance partner to see if they are interested in developing a program. The participating sponsor will need to develop a video for viewing on the bus. Rick DiLiberto suggested that the program not be scheduled during the last week of June as the legislature is in session then.
7. Under new business, Kurt Fetzer has asked that the section be informed that although his old partner has merged with Corbett, he is still operating his own court reporting business.
8. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.
9. The next meeting will be held February 15, 2006, at Saul Ewing LLP.

Submitted by,

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