

DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

LITIGATION SECTION MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 2015

Following advance and proper notice, the meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. at the DSBA Offices.

Present: Douglas Cummings; Adam Orlacchio; Patricia Winston; Ryan Connell; Bernard Conaway; David Soldo; Art Krawitz; Katherine Mayer; Mary Dugan; Karl Randall; Travis Hunter; Rick DiLiberto; Kathleen Murphy; Barry Klayman; Geoffrey Grivner; Patrick Costello; Evan Krick; Douglas Shachtman; Onofrio de Gennaro; Tim Houseal; Ashley Altschuler.

Old Business

1. September Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

2. Feedback/Comments on N.C.Co. Resident Judge Cooch's Judicial Preferences

Discussion was had regarding content on His Honor's preferences page, including comment from David Soldo regarding page limitations and font sizes. Doug Cummings relayed a message from Judge Graves, Resident Judge, Sussex County, that the Section's letter regarding the benefits of posting Judicial Preferences was received and is being considered. To be further discussed at the Section's next meeting.

3. Update on Sheriff's Service and File & Serve Notification

This topic was tabled for the Section's next meeting.

New Business

1. Update on Luncheon Speaker Series

Doug Cummings reported on the Section's progress in inviting speakers. President Judge Jurden will speak at the November 5th meeting. Judge Witham, Resident Judge, Kent County, has expressed a willingness to speak.

2. Additional Matters

Douglas Shachtman remarked on the recent Administrative Directive regarding the Superior Court's upcoming statewide caption change and discussion ensued. Judge Wharton commented that the change will not effect county venue selection.

3. Luncheon Speaker – The Honorable Ferris W. Wharton

Judge Wharton engaged the Section by leading a discussion regarding jury trials in Delaware, including a statistical comparison between civil versus criminal matters.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

The Litigation Section's next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2015 at noon at the DSBA offices, 405 N. King Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Submitted by:

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