

DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

LITIGATION SECTION MEETING - SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

Following advance and proper notice, the meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. at the DSBA Offices.

Present: Douglas Cummings; Adam Orlacchio; Patricia A. Winston; Ryan Connell; Johnna Darby; Katharine Mayer; Ryan Ernst; David Dorey; Karl Randall; Bill Brady; Nichole Warner; Jason Jowers; Onofrio de Gennaro; Kathleen Murphy; Barry Klayman; Bernard Conaway; Patrick Costello; Ashley Altschuler; Charles Brown; Kristen Swift; and Sarah Ennis.

Old Business

1. Combined Campaign Cup

Doug Cummings reported regarding the success of this event. David Dorey commented from his perspective as participant. It is anticipated the Section will again co-sponsor this worthwhile event next year.

2. Meeting with N.C.Co. Resident Judge Cooch and President Judge Jurden

Doug Cummings reported regarding the results of this meeting, also attended by Patricia Winston, Travis Hunter and Ryan Connell:

a. Judicial Preferences:

The Section was permitted to send a letter to Superior Court Judges identifying the benefits of posting of Judicial Preferences. Judge Cooch invited comment from the Section on His Honor's preferences page.

b. Trial Scheduling Orders:

Challenges in obtaining Trial Scheduling Orders should be communicated to Superior Court Bench and Bar Liaisons, who are identified on the Superior Court's website. If unfruitful, and the matter is venued in New Castle County, Judge Cooch would accept a letter requesting assistance.

c. Hearings on Discovery Motions in CCLD:

If faced with challenges in obtaining hearing dates, it was suggested that the parties send a letter to the presiding Judge requesting appointment of a Special Discovery Master.

New Business

1. Superior Court Cocktail Reception – March 3, 2016

This event will take place on March 3, 2016 at the Wilmington Club. Travis Hunter will take the lead on planning this event, which is enjoyed by the Superior Court Bench and Bar alike. The Section will solicit funds from firms and recognize all contributors. Discussion was had regarding invitations.

2. Luncheon Speakers

Doug Cummings reported on the Section's progress in inviting speakers and soliciting speaker topics. Judge Wharton will speak at the October 13th meeting. Judge Jurden has expressed a willingness to speak. A discussion was had regarding additional speakers and topic ideas.

3. CLE Topics and Planning

Adam Orlacchio reported regarding his, Patricia Winston and Ryan Connell's efforts coordinating the Fundamentals of Civil Litigation CLE which the Section will sponsor. This will be an informative, six-hour event with speakers from each court and likely taking place in May 2016 at the DSBA Offices.

4. Sheriff's Service and File & Serve Notification

Bill Brady led a discussion regarding the benefits of receiving File & Serve email notifications upon completion of service by the Sheriff's office. Bill Brady will further investigate and report as to findings.

5. Decisions of Interest – Delaware Law Review

Patrick Costello volunteered to be the Section's Liaison to the Delaware Law Review. The Section is actively looking for authors and topics for prospective submissions.

6. Litigation Section Website

Discussion was had regarding ideas for content to be posted to the Section's website, in addition to Meeting Minutes.

7. Additional Matters

- a. Johnna Darby suggested Members consider writing for The Journal if they seek additional writing opportunities. Johnna Darby requested Members contact her if interested.
- b. Johnna Darby solicited feedback regarding whether Members have issues with receipt of DSBA listserv emails.

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

The Litigation Section's next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2015 at noon at the DSBA offices, 405 N. King Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, DE 19801

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