DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION <u>LITIGATION SECTION MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2012</u>

Following advance and proper notice, the meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: Johnna Darby; David Felice; David Soldo; Ryan Connell; Joseph Bodnar;

Christopher Viceconte; Onofrio de Gennaro; David Dorey; Barry Klayman; Craig Springer;

Douglas Cummings

Old business

• <u>2011-2012 Recap</u>

Immediate Past Chair David Soldo reported on the highlights of last year, e.g., CLE events (Ethics; Litigation Fundamentals; and Service of Process) and the Second Annual Judicial Cocktail Reception.

New business

• Speaker Series

Judge Slights is scheduled to address the Section at the October 9 meeting. He will be discussing the Complex Commercial Litigation Division. A sub-committee was formed, consisting of Barry Klayman, Onofrio de Gennaro, and Ryan Connell, who will work to develop an agenda for the series. An update will be presented at the next meeting.

• CLE for Upcoming Year

The Section must do at least one CLE program a year. Options include ethics; technology; Medicare set asides; and the possibility of cross section programming. Doug Cummings will look into the Medicare set aside idea and will report at the next meeting.

Cocktail Reception

This years' reception will coincide with the Superior Court's judges' meeting (March 7, 2013). Karl Randall is leading this initiative and exploring venues. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

• Final Meeting

It was suggested that we again consider holding the final meeting at Johnna Darby's office. David Dorey and Onofrio de Gennaro offered to help plan.

• <u>Superior Court Judges' Preferences</u>

David Felice, Karl Randall, and Travis Hunter have been leading this initiative. Details regarding the form and the availability of same to members of the bar were discussed. An update will be presented at the next meeting.

Excess funds from last year

Excess funds from last year totaled less than \$100.00. They were donated to the Combined Campaign for Justice.

• Rule 26 Amendment -- Proposal

Barry Guerke has requested Section support for a proposed amendment to Rule 26. Those in attendance agreed that a short mission statement that can be circulated to the Section would be helpful. Mr. Guerke would be asked to make a presentation at the Section's November meeting.

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

The Litigation Section's next meeting has been scheduled for October 9, 2012 at noon at the Delaware State Bar Association, 301 N. Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

Submitted by:

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