

## LITIGATION SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Sept. 14, 2016

Excused: Jon Hafen, Dan Steele, Anthony Loubet, Phil Lott

In attendance: Rod Andreason, Mike Stahler, Heather Sneddon, Jen Tomchak, Tim Pack, Matt Orme, Jim Magleby, Christina Micken, Judge Roth, Judge Dawson, Katy Strand, Erik Christiansen, Ben Harmon, Ian Hiatt, James McConkie, Alexis Jergins, Judge Stone, Peter Strand, Doug Farr, Keith Call, Heather Thuet, Cameron Sabin

By phone: Kim Neville, Jess Krannich, Sade' Turner

### 1. **Welcome and Chair's Report** (Rod A.) - 8:00

#### a. Introduction of EC Members:

Committee members introduced themselves. Judge Roth announced his retirement from the Board. He will be replaced by Judge Pohlman. Rod A. discussed new committee structure with committee Chairs and members each leading an event. The officers are able to provide support too. The email circulated on Monday has helpful contact and CLE organization tips.

#### b. Approve June meeting minutes - 8:15

Erik C. moved to approve the June meeting minutes. Peter S. seconded. Meeting minutes passed unanimously.

#### c. Report on Bar Relations Meeting and CLE instructions - 8:18

Mike S. reported about meeting with Connie Howard. Lexie Goates will be taking over for Metra Barton. The officers will continue to work with the Bar to improve financial reporting to the section. We are currently coordinating with the Bar regarding the video CLE. All CLEs should be video-recorded. All members organizing a CLE should remember to have their CLE videotaped and request web-casting. This is a great way to bring in revenue for the section and also reach members who are outside Salt Lake County. Web-casting and video-taping can be done at any venue.

CLE advisory committee (Jon H., Mike S., and Keith C.) met to help other sections put on CLEs to the same "gold" standard as the Litigation Section.

### 2. **Treasurer's Report** (Heather S.) - 8:24

August financials – We will have approximately \$45,000. We paid a speaker reimbursement fee and food for the Trade Secrets CLE. We expect \$5,500 in expenses in September for the Golf CLEs.

In September, we will receive membership dues for this year. We are expecting \$44,000. This is a substantial improvement from this time last year due in large part to the officers' dealings with the Bar Commission.

We should receive approximately \$44,000 after the \$7 fee per member is deducted from our available funds.

We want to spend a lot of this money to benefit our members and should price events accordingly.

### 3. **Recently Completed Events - 8:28**

#### a. **Shh! Don't Tell! The Federal Defend Trade Secrets Act** (Erik C.)

The presentation took place at the Federal Courthouse. Jim Magleby presented. 125 people attended. It was very well-attended and well-received. The topic was very timely.

#### b. **Bar Review/And Justice For All Benefit** (Heather T.)

The event was held at Christensen & Jenson and featured Sean Toomey's watercolors. The artwork is still on display. All proceeds are going to AJFA. The event was well-attended. We have already raised \$2,500. Six pieces are left for members interested in purchasing.

#### c. **Golf and CLE: Salt Lake and Cache County** (Matt O.)

Dan Steele organized the Salt Lake County event with Matt's help. It was well-attended with a panel of Justice Lee, Judge McHugh, and Judge Griffith (from DC Circuit Court of Appeals), discussing their judicial philosophies and appellate practice.

The Cache County event also went well and was profitable.

#### d. **Fourth District Reception** (Rod A.)

This event took place at the Marriott. We should consider other venues next year. Liisa Hancock organized it, and she did a great job.

### 4. **Upcoming Events: 8:36**

#### a. **Quarterly Litigation Lunch: Complex Litigation Pilot Program** – Sept. 20

(Erik C.) Judge Lawrence, Judge Stone, and Judge Harris will present about the pilot program for third-tier cases. Erik C. will moderate. This is a very timely topic and attendance is expected to be good.

#### b. **Golf and CLE** (Matt O.)

##### i. **Utah County: Personal Injury Bootcamp** – Sept. 22

This event will be at Hobble Creek. Jeff Eisenberg and Jordan Kendall will present on basics of personal injury law.

##### ii. **St. George: TBD** – Oct. 21

#### c. **Judicial Reception/Bar Review** (Jen T.) – Nov. 2 or 30

The committee discussed the best date for the event. It will be set for November 30 in the Matheson Rotunda from 8-9 a.m.

----- Bench Book Committee Report

Bench Books (Chair: Sade' T.; Doug F., Ian H., Phil L.): Sade' T. reported that her committee is planning on completing ten bench books this year and will divide assignments among the four committee members.

d. **Fall Forum/Trial Academy** (Rod A.) – Nov. 17-18

We have a great line-up with a full two days of litigation presentations.

5. **Committee Introduction and Goals** 8:46

a. **Membership** (Chair: Tim Pack; Dallas Young, Phil Lott, Bryan Pattison)

Our numbers are strong and we want to keep them that way. Everyone should encourage their colleagues to join. We all need to be ambassadors. Tim P. is going to create talking points for all board members to keep in mind when talking to potential members.

Someone also suggested that we approach Ron Russell about joining the Board. Jon Hafen was tasked with approaching Ron. The thought is that it would be nice to have a representative from the federal bench.

b. **Publicity** (Chair: Erik Christiansen; Kim Neville, Rob Crockett)

Erik C. reminded everyone to get him their items for the Zealous Advocate. Also, if you need to get out a notice or reminder to the section, contact Lincoln Mead at the Utah State Bar.

c. **Quarterly CLE** (Chair: Jess Krannich. Sade' Turner, Keith Call, Doug Farr, Kathy Strand, Erik C., Kim Neville, Ben Harmon)

Jess K. is still getting feedback for ideas. He is considering the following: (1) host an ethics/professionalism CLE right before reporting is due; (2) judgment collections; (3) maintain a database of programs that have been done; and (4) keep an idea bank for future programs.

Heather S. suggested that we continue to keep a list of suggested topics on the agenda.

Erik C. suggested a CLE by Kimball Parker about digitally mapping the law (Co-Counsel.com)

d. **Judicial Outreach**

Rod. A. suggested that the Judicial Outreach sub-committees for bench books and judicial receptions be broken out as two separate committees.

Judicial receptions/Introduction to Matheson (Chair: Judge Dawson. Judge Stone, Judge Roth, Jen Tomchak, James McConkie, Jim Magleby, Dallas Young, Tom Seiler, Kim Neville, Anthony Loubert, Rob Crockett): Judge Dawson reported that he will continue the Introduction to the Matheson Event and oversee the receptions. He asked for a co-chair. Judge Stone volunteered.

e. **Law Student Relations** (Chair: James McConkie; Kirstie Ingle, Tom Seiler, Andy Roth, Sarah Hafen)

The committee reported that they are getting up to speed and setting dates.

f. **Trial Academy** (Chair: Jon Hafen; Jim Magleby, Judge Dawson, Jess Krannich, Cameron Saben, Katy Strand, Whitney Krogue, Peter Strand, Ian Hiatt)

Jon H. will report next month. The Section is planning a multi-day, NITA style training. Erik C. recommended that we get advertising out early. Heather S. suggested we work with law school relations because students will act as witnesses.

- g. **Special Events** (Chair: Dan Steele; Matt Orme, Heather Sneddon, Whitney Krogue)

This committee will plan Golf and CLE, Cheese and CLE, and Ski and CLE events. Please contact them if you have ideas for any other creative CLE activities.

- h. **Bar Conventions** (Chair: Jon Hafen; Joe Amadon, Judge Dawson, Heather Thuet, Ben Harmon, Bryan Pattison)

Jon H. and Heather H. are working on the annual convention; Ben will work on spring convention.

- i. **Health & Wellness** (Chair: Heather Thuet. Tim Pack, Christian Hansen)

Heather reported that the committee will continue hosting yoga on Fridays and the running group on Wednesdays. She is also planning dine-o-rounds with Scott Evans (a restaurateur), which will include food and wine.

- j. **Public Service** (Chair: Keith Call. Christina Micken, Peter Strand, Cameron Sabin, Joe Amadon)

This committee will report next month.

## 6. **Other Business:**

The next meeting will be on **Oct. 12, 2016** at 8:00 a.m. at Parr Brown.