

MINUTES OF THE ISB COMMERCIAL LAW & BANKRUPTCY SECTION BOARD
MEETING

September 18, 2013

The Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section Board held a telephonic meeting on September 18, 2013 at 4:00 PM. The following members participated in the meeting:

Jim Messervy
Randy French
Katie Dullea
Alexandra Caval
Rob Maynes
Mahmood Sheikh (ISB Representative)

Board Members Megan Johnson was excused from participating. Joe Meier, a non-member, participated in part of the meeting.

Joe Meier spoke with the Board about the law referral service. Mr. Meier is on the law referral panel and they are in the process of trying to make the referral service more robust but they don't want to be so aggressive that it filters out new attorneys from participating in the program. They would like new lawyers to demonstrate experience for the section they wish to accept referrals for or to use a mentor. The panel suggested an arbitrary number of 5 cases before taking referrals from the service. The discussion centered around the form that the panel is proposing to use. Mr. Meier asked for the Board's input on the form. Randy French indicated that the form looked good but raised the concern that if the form was modified to add a mentor then it might impose a duty on the mentor to appear and fill in during the course of a course. Randy suggested leaving the form as it was and placing the burden on the attorney to locate a mentor. Janine indicated that if any other members had any other comments they could contact Mr. Meier directly via email.

Next Katie touched briefly on the status of the seminar. She indicated that she spoke with Matt and Patrick about a consolidated presentation and the speakers were not receptive to the idea. Janine indicated that the "Save the Date" for the seminar went out today so the date for the seminar is set. No other issues regarding the seminar were raised.

Lastly, the Board took up the National High School Mock Trial donation request. Janine noted there was no deadline for the request and that we haven't heard anything back from the group. Randy noted this group was in the process of raising money over several years. The Board cannot do a large sum in a single year. Randy suggested the idea of committing over a period of 2 or 3 years. Janine liked the idea and noted that we could sponsor a \$1,500 judges' event and pay it over 3 years. The idea was presented that we could take this to the section members and send out an invitation to the bar to contribute to a dedicated fund. The Board was not sure if this

request would go to section members only or if it would go to the entire bar. Mahmood stated that there was a pending resolution before the ISB on that very issue and cautioned that a similar section had taken this approach and that the result was the members responded that they did not want to contribute any funds and wanted to reserve the funds for member-driven services. Rob stated that the UI Moot Court team should be a priority because it most closely aligns with the section's practice and indicated that he thought we should do a one-time \$1,000 donation or less. Jim concurred with Rob and would not recommend locking the Board into a multi-year commitment. Janine asked if anyone wanted to suggest a contribution amount. The Board members were hesitant to suggest a number until after the Board discusses the seminar progress with Katie at the next meeting. Randy moved to table the matter until the next meeting. The Board voted, all members were in favor to table the matter, none opposed it. The matter is continued to the next meeting.

The next issue was the October tip of the month. Alex is up in October. She is to send the tip to Mahmood.

Next the Board address Megan's request to change the board meeting date and time for future meetings. The Board discussion indicated that Monday mornings would work. Janine suggested the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30 AM. Randy suggested 10:00 AM. Randy moved to change the future meeting date and time to the 3rd Monday of the month at 10:00 AM. The Board voted and the motion passed. The new meeting date for next month is October 21, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

No other issues were discussed and Randy moved to adjourn the meeting; Jim seconded the motion. The Board voted and the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM

Submitted by Alex Caval, member.