

MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL LAW SECTION
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
April 20, 2010
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Present at the meeting: Steve Taratuta, Opolla Brown, Michael Marutiak, Hon. John Hammond, Steve Gobbo, Ralph Simpson, Ken Malkin, Matt Smith, David Gilbert, Charles Marr, and Dan Levy as members of the Council, Elaine Spiliopoulos – Administrator and Judge Hoort w/ Guest.

- I. Call to Order:
Meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.
 - a. Absences with Notice: Graham Teall, Barbara Levine, M. Jon Posner, Ericka Julian, , David Leyton, Michael Brady, Jonathon Sacks, Steve Lockhart and Jerry Surowiec – Motion was made and seconded to excuse these absences.
 - b. Absences without Notice: Elias Escobedo

- II. Approval of Agenda:
Motion was made and was seconded. The motion carried.

- III. Approval of the Minutes:
Motion was made and was seconded to approve the Minutes from the March 16, 2010 Meeting with Corrections. Approved without objection.

- IV. Treasurer’s Report:
Given by David Gilbert. A Motion to accept was made and seconded. Approved without objection.

- V. Amicus Brief:
The Amicus Brief from the CLS was filed. Further action on this issue was tabled pending discussions with lead counsel. The C.L.S. was asked to file an Amicus Brief in the case of People v. Duncan.

- VI. CSC 1st Jury Instruction:
Motion was made and was seconded. 11 members were eligible to vote. There were 8 for and 3 against the Motion.

- VII. Spring Conference.
The committee indicated that everything was on track and that they had implemented a “new” marketing plan which seems to be working out just fine.

- VIII. Annual Meeting:
A Committee was formed for the Annual Meeting. The persons on the Committee are David Gilbert, Michael Marutiak, Opolla Brown and Steve Taratuta.
 - a. Nominating Committee:

A Committee was formed to run the elections at the Annual Meeting. The persons on the Committee are Charles Marr, Steve Gobbo, Michael Marutiak, Dan Levy and Graham Teal.

- IX. Leadership Conference. A motion was made and seconded to approve the payment of Conference Fees and other necessary expenses for Ken Malkin to attend the SBM's Leadership Conference. 11 members were eligible to vote. There were 10 for and 1 abstained.
- X. New Business:
The Council approved a new Committee to look into the granting of scholarships to young attorneys from both sides of the fence as a way to encourage them to join the Section and Attend the seminars. The Committee is Mike Marutiak, David Gilbert and Steve Taratuta.
The issue of the proposed Case flow Management Guidelines was raised and tabled to give everyone a chance to read the proposal and to get feed back from our members.
- XI. Good and Welfare:
A discussion was held as to changing the location of the meetings.
- XII. Next Meeting = May 18, 2010.
- XIII. Adjournment
A Motion was made by the Chair to Adjourn at 7:56 p.m. There was unanimous support. The Meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Taratuta
Secretary