

Minutes
State Bar Domestic Violence Committee Meeting
Feb. 11, 2011

Attending: Lorna Beard, Shayla Blankenship, Michael Brown, Leslie Hagen, Amy Ronayne Krause, Gail Krieger, Jennifer Lamp, Mary Lovik, Ashley Lowe, Lori Pourzan, Janet Prater, Rebecca Shiemke, Amanda Chubb, Don McGinnis

Excused: Cathy Church, Robert Coleman, Jeannine Laible, Sarah Mason, Sarah Prout

Jan. 10 meeting minutes were approved. (moved Lori Pourzan, second Lorna Beard)

Current Projects:

1. Mediation/conciliation in FOC proceedings: Nancy Gallagher, Mary Lovik and Rebecca Shiemke met with Judah Garber, President of FOC Association to discuss concerns and strategies to address them (training, possible court rule changes). A future meeting is planned on Feb. 28 with the above individuals and Doug Van Epps and Tim Cole from SCAO.
2. Health Care Reporting Brochure: A subcommittee has prepared comments for revisions to the brochure. (Mary Lovik, Leslie Hagen, Jennifer Lamp, Jeannine Laible, Sarah Heuser from MDVPTB staff, Phyllis Van Order a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner from Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County). Committee comments are solicited in the next week. Amanda Chubb and Elizabeth Lyon will present these to the Health Care Law Section.
3. Family Law Journal: Article schedule was reviewed; a call for new articles was issued.
4. Sexual Assault PPO court forms: Forms have been submitted to SCAO and are on the website for comment. They will be discussed at a forms committee meeting on March 3.
5. Michigan Bar Journal Issue: Deadline for rough drafts is Feb. 18. Submissions should be sent to Amanda and Mary.

Legislation:

1. The committee's comments to proposed MCR 2.412 were reviewed (ADM File No. 2010-30). Lori Pourzan moved to submit the comments to the State Bar Executive Committee for transmission to the Supreme Court, with the recommendation that the comments be adopted. Janet Prater seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by all present.
2. ADM File 2010-36, amendments to MCR 3.705. This amendment was proposed by the Committee previously and has been given immediate effect by the Supreme Court. It is currently open for public comment.
3. ADM File 2010-17, amendments to MCR 3.707. Ashley Lowe noted that the problem in *Gupton v Johnston* (unpublished COA No. 288847, 1/29/2010) is one that has come up in other cases in her area. Discussion:
 - a. As amended, the rule would be silent regarding the time/process to file a motion to terminate/modify a PPO issued after a hearing. Would this

foreclose later motions to modify/terminate these PPOs? Would it leave the time for filing motions to modify/terminate these PPOs open, and thus fail to address the problem at issue with vexatious motions to terminate/modify filed immediately after issuance of PPOs after hearings.

- b. Members decided to table the motion and take time to study the proposal.
4. ADM File 2009-29, Amendments to MCR 5.208. The committee took no position on this proposal.

Good of the Order:

1. Leslie Hagen was congratulated on her appointment by the U.S. Attorney General to a task force on tribal prosecution of sexual assault in Indian Country. Tasked within one year to come up with a trial manual for federal prosecutors. In the second year, a manual will be developed for tribal prosecutors. Will also be issuing best practice recommendations.
2. Lori Pourzan was congratulated on her Women Who Inspire Award sponsored by Women's Center of Greater Lansing and Cooley Law School.
3. Congratulations to Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, who was appointed to the Court of Appeals.
4. State Bar President has contacted the Committee regarding the State Bar Diversity Pledge and will be attending our next meeting to discuss this.
5. Gail Krieger noted that the federal Office on Violence Against Women has announced several grant opportunities, including grants to courts for specialized domestic violence and sexual assault dockets. Interested members should Google Office on Violence Against Women, Open Solicitations.

Next meeting: March 11, 2011 at 3p.m.