

State Bar of Michigan

Domestic Violence Committee

December 13, 2008, 2:00 p.m. teleconference

- I. Call to order at 2:10 p.m.
- II. Welcome and Attendance. Present by phone Mary Lovik, Elizabeth Eggert, Christine Pfeiffer and Rebecca Shiemke.
- III. Approval of Minutes. There was no quorum so the minutes will need to be approved by electronic email vote.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Family Law Journal Articles. Judge Hansen was able to get an article on consume law issues from another author, Elizabeth Eggert edited it and Rebecca Shiemke submitted it to the Journal. The article was divided into two parts and will be published in the January and February edition. This means that our schedule is changed. Rebecca's article on why training is important will be due January 23. Rebecca will check with Judge Hansen to see if she can find an author for DV in the military, which would be due Feb 20. Then, the schedule resumes.
 - b. MJI Proposal and Survey. Rebecca reported that she emailed Dawn McCarty who confirmed receipt of the committee's proposal but indicated that planning has not yet begun. Mary reported that Amanda indicated that the judge's survey is still on hold at the Bar.
 - c. Law School for Legislators Event. Mary and Rebecca reported that the proposal was accepted by the Bar and we are scheduled for 2/17 from 11 am – 1 pm. Our faculty is Dan Saunders, professor at U of M School of Social Work and Lore Rogers, staff to the DV Board. Mary and Rebecca held a conference call with the faculty to discuss the program and they will all participate in a conference call with Elizabeth Lyon at the Bar to further discuss the program.
- V. New Business
 - a. Letter to Federal Bench/US Probation. No report as Leslie was unable to attend.
 - b. Oakland County Bar Association Training. Mary reported that Amanda made contact with the State Bar Pro Bono Initiative committee. They are interested in supporting the training, but are looking for trainings that reach more than one geographic area and that will support pro bono work. Our training can be webcast through Cooley to other locations including Lansing and our topic – vicarious trauma – will assist in the pro bono effort by removing an obstacle to recruiting

and keeping pro bono attorneys. We need to submit a 1-page proposal January 8. Liz reported on efforts to locate a speaker. Judge Hansen is working on holding the training near the drug court conference on 2/10 and 2/11 to try to use one of the national speakers. Liz reported on her research on the two potential trainers. The group discussed a few issues: 1) Whether the date is too soon with not enough time to plan. 2) Whether the proposed speakers are also familiar with domestic violence issues. Rebecca suggested contacting Sarah Prout who may have held a training on this topic recently. Mary suggested Peter Jaffe as a potential speaker. Next steps: 1) Liz agreed to follow up on the speaker suggestions. 2) Liz will contact Judge Hansen and fill her in on the committee's discussion and suggest a conference call with Mary and Rebecca to discuss status.

- c. Proposal for 2009 District Judge's Meeting. No report as Charlotte was not present.

VI. Good of the Order. No comments.

VII. 2009 Meeting Schedule. It was agreed that Saturday at 2pm is not a good meeting time. Mary will ask Amanda to circulate an email to the committee with Saturday at 10am dates and asking everyone to respond.

VIII. Adjournment. Approximately 3:00 p.m.