

Domestic Violence Committee Meeting 2/27/09

Participants:

Heidi Naasko
Janet Prater
Mary Lovik
Liz Eggert
Rebecca Shiemke
Kay Hansen
Amanda Chubb
Leslie Hagen

Minutes from January: Rebecca will circulate minutes from January for approval, due to lack of quorum.

Family Law Journal: Rebecca reviewed the schedule of articles circulated prior to the meeting and reported on articles received from Mary Lovik/Rebecca Shiemke and Debbie Tucker.

Submission needed by April 24, to committee members and to the Journal Publisher and Norm Robbins by May 8. Heidi will submit an article on international parental kidnapping to Liz and Janet to review and work with them to focus it on DV issues.

Liz was added to the schedule for July. She will review literature on Parental Alienation Syndrome. Mary and/or Rebecca will send a bibliography. Rebecca will update the schedule and resend it.

Rebecca will ask Susan Reed to do article in the fall on immigration issues.

MJI Survey on Judges' training needs: Amanda reported that SCAO is putting the survey designed by the committee into a weekly judges' email announcement. Results will be captured by State Bar and circulated to committee by Amanda.

Law School For Legislators: Mary reported that one participant attended, a staffer from Rep. Johnson's office. Amanda will follow up with Elizabeth Lyon to see if we can get the faculty (Lore Rogers/ Dan Saunders) onto a committee agenda, to make all or part of the presentation they developed. Amanda will send a powerpoint of the presentation to committee members.

Oakland County Training: Judge Hansen reported that Dr. Andrew Levin will speak May 11 at the Cooley Law School site in Auburn Hills, teleconferenced to Lansing and Grand Rapids (Cooley donating space). Dr. Levin to speak on vicarious trauma for attorneys. Amanda will forward Dr. Levin's recent article on the subject and his curriculum vitae to the group. Local facilitators needed in Lansing and G.R. Anyone interested to volunteer should let Judge Hansen know; or send suggested candidates to her.

\$1000 has been committed to this event. Planners are waiting for the Pro Bono Initiative of the State Bar to meet March 16 to vote on a proposal for \$1200 additional funding. Amanda will check on the procedure for the committee to allocate its funds.

Letter to Federal Bench/US Probation: No report from Leslie. She will follow up to see if they would be interested in a training from our committee.

District Judges' Meeting, 2009: Site: Crystal Mountain in August. Judge Hansen to contact Judge Krause to see if we can get on agenda.

SCAO Workgroups: State bar wants recommendations for attorneys to review caseload management guidelines under ADM File 2003-07. Amanda sent the information to the committee so that people can volunteer if desired.

Good of the Order: Leslie reported on Federal developments:

- OVW got \$220 million in the Stimulus Package.
- Stimulus package has increased penalties under HIPAA.
- Sen. Leahy has introduced amendments to VAWA, which Leslie will circulate.]
- Gang bill (Feinstein) contains provision to address questions of forfeiture by wrongdoing present in *Giles v CA*, a 2008 US Supreme Court opinion.
- Tribal law & order act reintroduced. Would make sweeping changes in Indian Country, to make it easier for feds to prosecute DV / SA in Indian County.
- *US v Hayes* decision came down 2/24/09 in US Supreme Court, regarding elements of predicate offense to support a charge of violating federal firearms restrictions imposed on persons convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors.

Next meeting 10 am by phone March 14.