

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, January 10 at 3:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Mary Lovik (co-chair), Rebecca Shiemke (co-chair), Lorna Beard, Nancy Gallagher, Delores Hall, Hon. Amy Ronayne Krause, Jeannine Laible, Jennifer Lamp, Ashley Lowe, Sarah Mason, Lori Pourzan, Sarah Prout

**Advisors Present:** Michele Giordano

**Liaisons:** Amanda Chubb (SBM staff)

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

**II. Approval of November 2010 Minutes**

Lorna Beard motion to approve, seconded by Amy Ronayne Krause, unanimous approval.

**III. Current Projects**

- New FOC mediation and conciliation workgroup

The newly formed workgroup met the first week in January. They will be seeking input from FOC administrators for their understanding of conciliation and how it is being used, and what issues they are hearing about.

The problems in the system seem to be both systemic and then problems with the individuals who are doing the mediation (intake workers are scheduling, etc), and potential issues with lack of training. There are no local administrative orders governing these practices.

Mary Lovik was invited to join a planning meeting on Michigan Association of Court Mediators, where the conversation involved all types of ADR. Their annual meeting is in September and they will make available a three hour presentation on these issues.

- *Family Law Journal* (FLJ) Schedule

Jeannine Laible will e-mail an article abstract for her article due 2/22.

Jennifer Lamp and Jeannine Laible will edit Karene Moore and Rebecca Shiemke's article due 3/25.

Shelia Hankins will write on supervised visitation program in cases; due 4/25. Sarah Prout and Mary Lovik will edit.

Mary Lovik to tentatively write an article due 6/24.

Future possible topic - article on conciliation.

Members were reminded to continue recommending articles/authors.

- Sexual Assault PPO court forms update

Forms will be posted online as of January 18 and will be open for public comment for a month. The Michigan Forms Committee will meet in March to review the proposal and any public comments received.

- *Michigan Bar Journal* issue update

Co-chairs thanked the issue authors for adhering to deadlines and getting everything together timely. The MBJ editors were impressed with the group's submissions. Next deadline is Feb 18 when article rough drafts are due.

- Revisions to Health Care Law Section brochure

Health care law section has updated a brochure on mandatory reporting by health care providers. The committee would like to help revise the materials in light of the fact that some reporting can have serious adverse consequences and the current brochure would benefit from more information on safety planning. The statute is specific about what needs to be disclosed and the form in the brochure goes beyond the statute and revisions to brochure to be more cognizant of safety issues.

The Committee voted to establish a subcommittee tasked with making amendments. Ashley Lowe support, Jennifer Lamp second, all in favor. Mary Lovik will co-chair this workgroup and will ask Leslie Hagen for her help. Jennifer Lamp, Jeannine Laible to volunteer on workgroup. Amanda will note to committee that this is ongoing and additional volunteers are welcome.

## **V. Legislation**

- ADM File No. 2010-30: Proposed New Rule 2.412 of the Michigan Court Rules and Proposed Amendments of Rules 2.403, 2.411, and 3.216 of the Michigan Court Rules

After discussion the committee more time to consider. Mary Lovik will draft a document for the committee's consideration.

- ADM File No. 2009-29: Proposed amendment of MCR 5.208

After discussion the committee deferred a position and will put this back on the next meeting agenda.

## **VI. Good of the Order**

- Next meeting date – February 10 at 3:30 pm.
- Congrats to Lori – got nominated for Women Who Inspire, Women's Center – 10 people in Lansing

## **VII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.