

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 6, 2011 – 10 to 12 PM
State Bar of Michigan Building, 306 Townsend St.

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Michael C. Brown, Leslie A. Hagan, Danielle D. Jackson, Jennifer Veronica Lamp, Jennine Provencher Laible, Lori L. Pourzan, Mary M. Lovik, Ashley E. Lowe, Bruce E. Petrick, Sarah R. Prout, Eilisia G. Schwarz, Rebecca E. Shiemke
Commissioner Liaison: Dana Warnez
SBM Staff: Robert Mathis, Janeice Morrow, Carrie Sharlow

- I. Call to Order and Attendance. Quorum met.
- II. Approval of November 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

- III. Subcommittees: Meeting Updates and Reports

- Training and System Education:
Members: Lori Pourzan (chair); Sarah Prout, Jennifer Lamp, Danielle Jackson

This subcommittee met December 1, and will meet again on December 15 at 3 PM.

The subcommittee focused on two training opportunities: one in April/May 2012 and another in October 2012.

Several topics have arisen for the April/May 2012 Training: (1) Fathering after domestic violence with Professor Daniel Saunders, Shelia Hankins, and Oliver Williams as speakers; (2) A presentation with the Friend of the Court; (3) A presentation with the annual conference of Child Protection Services (CPS); (4) A presentation with the Association of Court Mediators. Various committee members will contact their resources for further ideas and return these to the subcommittee.

The October 2012 Training will focus on Pro Bono opportunities in Domestic Violence Cases. Rebecca Shiemke and various individuals worked on a similar training in 2011, focusing on how to handle a divorce case with domestic violence involved. The resources from this training are still available on the Domestic Violence Committee website (Password: January2011)

One key issue that the committee wants to work on is actually assigning pro bono domestic violence cases to attorneys who attend this training. Since this might be an attorney's first domestic violence case, the committee also

wants to arrange for support/mentoring. The committee will look at ways to facilitate support/mentoring of attorneys that accept pro bono cases, such as inviting pro bono coordinators from legal services providers to connect with the pro bono attorneys the day of the training.

- SCAO Family Mediation Best Practices Project:
Members: Mary Lovik (chair); Bruce Petrick, Danielle Jackson, Rebecca Shiemke, Judge Amy Ronayne Krause
The subcommittee will meet on Monday, December 19 at 2 PM.

The SCAO has drafted Standards for Mediator Conduct. This document will be sent to the subcommittee for review and comment. The subcommittee comments will then be sent onto the full committee for approval and then onto the Board of Commissioners.

- Personal Protection Orders:
Members: Ashley Lowe (chair); Jennifer Lamp; Rebecca Shiemke
- Legislative Subcommittee:
Members: Rebecca Shiemke (chair); Danielle Jackson; Mary Lovik, Dana Warnez
A meeting is currently being scheduled for January 2012.

IV. *Family Law Journal* Articles

- January 2012 Issue –Due to Journal Editor by December 8, 2011.
- February 2012 Issue – Confidentiality and Mediation, written by Mary Lovik and Rebecca Shiemke, due to editors S. Prout and B. Petrick by December 21, 2011. Due to Journal Editor by January 8, 2012.
- March 2012 Issue – Barriers to Prosecution of Domestic Violence Cases, written by Jennifer Lamp and Eilisia Schwarz, due to editors S. Prout and A. Lowe by January 24, 2012. Due to Journal Editor by February 8, 2012.
- April 2012 Issue – Bullying, written by Lori Pourzan, due to editors S. Prout and D. Jackson by February 24, 2012. Due to Journal Editor by March 8, 2012.
- May 2012 Issue – Family Court Orders, written by Judge Joseph Oster, due to editors M. Brown and Judge Amy Ronayne Krause by March 24, 2012. Due to Journal Editor by April 8, 2012.
- June/July 2012 Issue – Batterers in Redemption, written by Lisa Laurence and Sasha Robinson, due to editors D. Jackson and B. Petrick by April 24, 2012. Due to Journal Editor by May 8, 2012.

V. Public Policy

- [SB 0743](#) (Jones) Children; abduction; uniform child abduction prevention act; create. Creates new act.

After a lengthy discussion, the committee voted unanimously to oppose this bill, and if there is concern over child abduction, to make the appropriate amendments to the child custody order. The committee highlights three reasons for its opposition: (1) the bill creates an unnecessary conveyance of jurisdiction; (2) there is no need for a separate bill outside of the Child Custody Act; and (3) the bill would create unintended consequences.

Carrie Sharlow will send a public policy position report template to Sarah Prout.

VI. Portal Training

Robert Mathis gave the committee an overview of the SharePoint Portal. If members of the committee have any questions regarding the Portal, they should contact Rob or Carrie.

VII. Next Meeting: January 17, 2012, 2 to 4 PM, via teleconference.

Another in-person meeting will be scheduled in March or April 2012.

VIII. Adjournment