

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE**

Teleconference

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD SATURDAY January 31, 2009 at 10:00 AM

- I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 am.
- II. Welcome and Attendance Rebecca, Heidi, Kathy, Judge Kay Hanson, Janet Prater, Charlotte, Sarah Proutt, Mary Rubio, Amy
- III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for November and December 2008 approved unanimously, no opposition.
- IV. Report of the Co-Chairs
 - Legislation of interest – tabled until next meeting.
- V. Old Business
 - **Updated *Family Law Journal* (FLJ) Schedule:** We are looking for editors for the February and March 2009 articles (the military and DV). If you're interested or available please let the one of the co-chairs know.
 - Cathy Church will take an article in May 2009. Topic will be a new GAL program.
 - Sarah Prout will do an article in June 2009. The date is June 29 tentative to the editors; subject will be DV and the best interest factors. Rebecca and Charlotte will edit.
 - Janet would like to do an article on mental health treatment for children of domestic violence. Date is not chosen, probably summer time.
 - When drafts are complete, please send to Norm Robbins in hard copy only. Address and procedures are in documents already distributed to the group. No electronic copies will be accepted.
 - **Update on MJI Proposal and Status of Survey:** Mary and Rebecca wrote a letter to the judicial trainers to add a DV segment to the training. We have not heard anything on whether the proposal has been accepted or declined. We also want to survey the judges about their knowledge on DV and training.
 - **Law School for Legislators Event:** February 17 at 11:30; the group will do a DV class for staffers, and legislature. We'll focus on Domestic relations law (civil side). Anyone can attend, but priority registration will go to Legislators and staffers. Amanda will send out a notice how to register.
 - **Oakland County Bar Association Training:** Hosted at Cooley Law School; training will be in Auburn Hills and webcast to other campuses. Topic is: Vicarious trauma for lawyers representing victims of DV. Scheduled for May 11, 2009.

VI. New Business

- **Letter to Federal Bench/US Probation** – Leslie was not able to join us, but we will push this to the next meeting.
- **Status of Draft Proposal for 2009 District Judges' Meeting** – We thought this was Charlotte's item but not. There will be a DV segment on the training. Next meeting is February 13 for the judicial training. If we have a proposal, it was suggested that we put proposals in writing. One topic suggestion which was how to deal with conflicting order.

VII. Good of the Order

- If you are willing to act as a mentor in family law matters or PPOs please send Heidi Naasko, Hnaasko@dykema.com an e-mail.

VIII. Meeting Schedule for 2009 (All meetings scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.)

- February 28
- March 14
- April 18
- May 9
- June 13
- July 25
- August - TBA

IX. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:19 am EST.