

Meeting minutes  
State Bar of Michigan  
Domestic Violence Committee  
Tuesday, May 6, 2008 4:30 pm

Present: Mary Lovik, Rebecca Shiemke, co-chairs; Candace Crowley, Cathy Church, Hon. Kay Hansen, Elizabeth Eggert, Christine Pfeiffer; Heidi Naasko; Guerline Ladouceur-Laurore

The committee was unable to approve the minutes from Jan. 26, Feb. 23 and April 1 2008 due to a lack of a quorum. Discussion regarding electronic vote and Rebecca will initiate action.

No report of chairs

Old Business:

1. DV Column Articles and Ideas:

Ellen Pence, Praxis International, has been contacted and has a good article on how intimate violence occurs and has agreed to allow its use in the Family Law Journal. The article needs to be two single spaced pages and Ellen Pence's piece is too long and needs to be reduced.

Cathy Church agreed to prepare an article on PPO use in criminal cases and contesting PPO procedure by May 8 as part of the monthly DV column in the Family Law Journal. She will forward a copy of the article to all interested parties by the afternoon of May 7, 2007. This will be for the June 2008 volume.

Heidi would like to write an article on a slap suit because her firm is handling a case that is currently in appeal. She has not done literary research on the topic. Mary and Rebecca will take responsibility to find out when the following issue is going to come out and let Heidi know.

Guerline is interested in the flip side of the parental alienation argument. She is seeing children being brainwashed by fathers and are very disrespectful (one child was told it OK to smear feces on wall when at mother's house and did so). Lundy Bancroft has written on batterers as parents and how they undermine victim. Mary will send information to all members. Elizabeth agreed to review Guerline's article.

Links to all referred information will be included as website links in copies of the minutes.

Heidi and Cathy excused themselves from the meeting at 5:00 PM.