PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION
FAMILY LAW SECTION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2017
Vice Chair, Ann Funge, Esquire, presided.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: Ann called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. She welcomed everyone and acknowledged the presence of the Honorable Judge Pechkurow, the Honorable Judge Papademetriou, the Honorable Diane Thompson, Custody Master Michael Viola and William Shenk, Clerk of Courts.

II. CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES: The January minutes were approved.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: The financial information was not available as of the time of the meeting.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Executive Committee meeting February 16, 2017 at the South Conference Room at the Philadelphia Bar Association.

B. Executive Committee voted to approve the Resolution in favor of reinstating Parent Coordination. The following eight (8) Executive Committee members voted in favor of approving the resolution: Michael Bertin, Ann Funge, Leanne Litwin, Eileen Murphy, Kathleen O'Malley, Shabrei Parker, Randi Rubin and Lee Schwartz. The following two (2) Executive Committee members abstained from voting: Ann Armistead and Mark Allen Taylor.

C. The Help Desk continues to need volunteer attorneys to sign up for Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Lee Schwartz, Esquire, to schedule at lee@schwartzjordan.com.

V. PROGRAM: HIAS Pennsylvania attorneys Stephanie Costa and Justin Mixon and Stephanie Gonzales, Esquire provided an immigration primer for family law practitioners addressing immigration relief for domestic violence survivors, crime victims and trafficking victims and how to deal with a client's immigration status in family law matters. There was also discussion of current concerns of the immigration community in Philadelphia and Philadelphia's status as a Sanctuary City. An outline of family law issues relevant to immigration matters was distributed to the section along with two (2) handouts: The White House Executive Order: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements and A chart entitled, “Comparing Forms of Immigration Relief for Immigrant Victims of Crime.”

A. Notable Points – See attached handouts for more information.
VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Committee meeting times/dates and announcements are disseminated over the Family Law Section’s listserv.

VII. **GOOD & WELFARE:** None.

**NEXT SECTION MEETING:** Monday, March 6, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. on the 15th Floor of the Philadelphia Family Court building at 1501 Arch Street

**NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. on the 11th Floor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Committee Room South at 1101 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Randi L. Rubin, Esquire
Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS(3):**
- Philadelphia Bar Association Resolution Supporting Proposed Amendments to Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure Governing Parent Coordination
- Outline of Family Law Issues Relevant to Immigration Matters
- The White House Executive Order: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements
- A chart entitled, “Comparing Forms of Immigration Relief for Immigrant Victims of Crime.”