PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION
FAMILY LAW SECTION MEETINGS

Meeting of January 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 by Meredith Brennan, Esquire and concluded at approximately 1:25 p.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Meredith welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the Chancellor, William P. Fedullo, Esquire and the new Executive Director, Mark A. Tarasiewicz.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no changes to the November 2013 minutes.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT

As of November 30, 2013 the Section’s treasury had a balance of net assets in the amount of $24,344.00. A copy of the report is attached.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Meredith announced that there is an updated Philadelphia County Domestic Relations Telephone Directory. This long awaited update is very comprehensive, approximately 45 pages, and is attached.

- A list of meeting dates for the Section, the Executive Committee of the Section and the Committee Assignments will be distributed with the minutes.

- Meredith discussed the proposed rule changes concerning support, and Equitable Distribution. A copy of the proposed changes is attached. Please note that the Comment period for changes, Recs 128-130, ends on 2/28.

- Kate Tana, Esquire discussed the proposed rule changes that will effect adoptions. It was noted that the majority of changes reflect the changes in the adoption statute. A copy of the proposed changes is attached. Please note the comment period ends on 1/27.

- Joni Berner, Esquire spoke about the efforts of the revitalized Mentoring Committee which has assembled a group of past Family Law Section Chairs to act as mentors. They are currently seeking potential mentee’s including individuals at various points in their legal careers, not just new members of the bar or new to the Family Law Section.
V. RESOLUTION

A resolution in support of marriage equality was passed unanimously. The resolution was made in conjunction with the LGBT Rights committee. Mark Momjian, Esquire spoke in support of the motion. A copy of the motion is attached, though Michael Viola, Esquire noted that with total number of states recognizing same sex unions is constantly shifting and that at least one state was added since the motion was drafted and Utah briefly permitted same sex unions until the Supreme Court issued a stay.

VI. PRESENTATION

Joel Bernbaum, Esquire presented "iPadding Your Practice: The Best Apps for Family Lawyers." His top picks included: Keynotes, Support Calc., Good Reader, and Printopia.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Programs Committee is seeking additional members for their committee, and anyone interested should email Scott Finger, Esquire or Ann Funge, Esquire. Other information relating to Committee reports and meeting dates will be disseminated over the List Serve.

VIII. GOOD AND WELFARE

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Next Section Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2014, 12:00 p.m., Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market Street, 11th Floor.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2014, 12:00 p.m., Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market Street, 11th Floor Committee Room South.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard B. Bost, Esquire
Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:
Treasurer’s report
Meeting List for 2014
Committee Assignments
Proposed Rule Changes: Adoption, Support and E.D.
Updated Domestic Relations Telephone Directory
Recent Slip Opinions