

Dispute Resolution Section
March 3, 2011
Balch & Bingham

In person:

Charles Booth
Sally Bowers
Julie Clark

Bill Gordon
Bill Coleman
Nick Gaede

Judy Keegan (Recorder)
T: 517-2248

By phone:

Jim Reddock
Judge (Dean) Carroll

Open: Nick opened meeting at 10:05 AM - He welcomed all and asked Judy to keep minutes.

A. Treasurer report by Nick - \$1170.00 from dues to Section

- Blast E-Mail April 1 and May 1 re: section dues

B. Education Committee - Dean Carroll

1. ASB Meeting - July, 2011. Joint with Litigation Section

Speakers: Justice Harwood, Cole Portis, Judge Ott, Phil Adams

Moderator: Dean Carroll

Good & Bad Practices in Mediation: What Mediators do that Lawyers
Like (dislike) and vice versa.

Written materials provided by the Sections so will allow CLE credit.

2. Birmingham Bar ADR Section Presentation: April 8, 2011 at Cumberland from 8 am - noon, sponsored by the Birmingham Bar ADR Section, Cumberland & ASB Dispute Resolution Section

3. Future - What are the education needs out there? To serve the community - legal / Dispute Resolution Section. Public outreach? More education for attorneys

4. Discussion about need for education:

(1) Sally Bowers - education of public re: mediation in family law

- (2) Ask Tony - about regular mention of mediation - Judy Some states require attorneys to discuss mediation with client if they are taking a case to litigation
- (3) Jim Reddock - on state agency - working with governor and attorney general
- (4) Judy ask Charles Booth, Jim Reddock, and Matt Bean to state agency meeting March 31st at the state bar. 11:30. Judy will invite Prof. Funderburg.

C. Public Outreach - Charles Booth

1. Expanding Probono Mediation Program is a Goal
2. Retired Judge Alsbrook - working on Shelby County pro bono progress, “How-To” booklet for judges, and move for local bar to get support

Sally reported she had worked with divorce program, (Judge Harrington Court) in Shelby County with Julie Palmer - divorce program

3. Sally raised the issue of Public Service announcement spots - Noah Funderberg has previously said that University of Alabama technology department may be able to help with another spot for TV. There are some reproduction issues. Judy will go to Dan Black Studio with film to get into video DVD form. Sally, who serves as liaison on Family Law Committee, will coordinate with that committee on video
4. Judy raised issue of \$ for mediation. Possibilities are:
 - increase attorney bar dues
 - filing fee increase in each county

D. Publications Committee - Judge Gordon

- Discussed and generally agreed should develop a system plan for writing and publishing articles on pertinent topics

E. Mediation Committee Report - Noah not present to report

F. Arbitration Committee - Bill Coleman

1. 12 people signed up - Topics
2. Would we want a modern arbitrator ACT - RUAA Discussion?
 - Bill will talk with Alyce
 - General agreement we should have a bill ready. Committee to review existing bill.
3. Code of Ethics: Who does this apply to? - All lawyer, arbitrators or only applies to arbitrators on the roster? Answer - only arbitrators on roster.

G. Membership

1. Nick asked that we encourage others to join Section: dues low - \$15
2. Judy/Rita will send blast email to all mediators and arbitrators re: membership on State Dispute Resolution Section
3. Nick will ask Martha Cook - chair Birmingham Bar ADR Committee - to do the same.
4. Nick - Brings up list serve - discussion follows. J. Clarke and Judge Gordon will look at establishing for Section.

H. Required by bylaws to set up a Nominating Committee

1. Sally Bowers will head up Nominating Committee. Sally will call Phil Adams and Debra Bell Passuer, to see if they would serve on the Nominating Committee

I. Open Discussion

J. No other business

K. Next meeting - Nick will send notice and set a telephone meeting in May

MEETING ADJOURNED