

Executive Committee, Real Property Section
Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 12, 2009

In attendance: Michael Balent, Brad Begelman, Judy Berkman, Veronica Finklestein, Alfred Fuscaldo, Cheryl L. Gaston, Michael Goss, William Keffer, Christine Paul, Ralph Pinkus, Neil T. Rubin, Dina Schlossberg, Paul Schmidt, Richard Vanderslice and Walter Zimolong, III.

Chairperson Christine Paul called the meeting to order.

There were no Minutes from the December Meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Al Fuscaldo reported that the Bar Association has not been able to update our financial report. We will review our financial report at our next meeting.

Section Luncheon. The Luncheon is scheduled for November 19, 2009.

Spring Social. Rick Vanderslice and Veronica Finkelstein agreed to organize this event. If possible, we will have the Young Lawyers Section co-sponsor the event. Wally Zimolong has two contacts that might be able to sponsor and/or host the event.

CLE Programs. Chairperson Paul advised us that she would like to schedule two to three CLE events for the Section. We decided that lunch sessions would be best. There were several ideas for possible topics including:

Ethics: Entities v. Individuals; Title Agents Dual Representation of Buyers;
Zoning Commission Update;
Legislative Update;
Real Estate Workouts-possibly co-sponsored with the Banking Section; and
Updating the Maze (Philadelphia).

We decided to schedule two CLEs, one in April and one in September. One of the CLEs will also be given at the Bench Bar Conference in October.

Zoning Reform Commission. Ralph Pinkus reported that Eva Gladstein has been hired as Executive Director of the Commission. He also reported that consultants have begun reviewing the existing Code; code user interviews have begun and the Commission is beginning to schedule community workshops. In addition, the Commission has a website, www.zoningmatters.org, for community input.

Mortgage Foreclosures. Mike Balent, Chair of the Sub-prime Mortgage Committee, reported that the program is working well. The steering committee continues to fine tune the process. There has been nationwide interest in the program.

New Business.

Civil Gideon. Judy Berkman reported that Chancellor Ladov is interested in trying to insure that people have access to civil legal services especially for housing related issues. Judy offered to be the Section's representative for that effort.

City Planning. Chairperson Paul reported that the Philadelphia Planning Commission is seeking the Section's input on a matter. She will provide more information when she receives it.

Urban Land Institute. Al Fuscaldò reported that his membership with ULI as the Section's representative was up for renewal and he did not think that the Section's participation with this organization was worthwhile. Chairperson Paul decided not to have a Section representative join ULI.

The meeting was adjourned.