

**PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION
FAMILY LAW SECTION MEETINGS**

Meeting of May 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 by Meredith Brennan, Esquire and concluded at approximately 12:50 p.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Meredith welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Judge Pechkurow as well as Karen Zeitz, and their summer intern Allison Burkhardt.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes available.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Daniel Alvarez, Esquire has been appointed as a new custody master, and he has begun hearing cases.
- Three judges from the Civil Division have been transferred to the Family Court Division on a temporary basis through December 31, 2014 to address the backlog of custody cases. The judges are The Honorable Anne Marie B. Coyle, The Honorable Paul P. Panepinto, and The Honorable Paula A. Patrick. Information as to when they will begin hearing cases and where they will be located is not available yet.
- Judge Summers has announced that he is retiring as of June 6, 2014.
- The Spring Reception will take place on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kimmel Center Lounge. The registration deadline is May 23, 2014.
- Chester County has amended its local rules. A copy of the revised rules was circulated on the list serve. Notable changes include: Masters may make recommended orders changing primary custody; an objecting party must file a motion to stay within five (5) days; and a hearing will be scheduled within 30 days to determine if the recommended order will be made a temporary order pending trial.

IV. PRESENTATION

Mitchell Benson, CPA, MT, CFF of Savron Benson presented *Dividing Employment Based Marital Assets*.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The custody committee and the ADR committee are working on proposals to address the custody backlog and Philadelphia County custody procedure generally.

VI. GOOD AND WELFARE

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Next Section Meeting: Monday, June 2, 2014, 12:00 p.m., Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market Street, 11th Floor.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 2014, 12:00 p.m., Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market Street, 11th Floor Committee Room South.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Bost". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Richard B. Bost, Esquire
Secretary

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