

PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION
FAMILY LAW SECTION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2019
Chair, Kristine L. Calalang, Esquire

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: Kristine called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm and welcomed everyone. She noted that Chris Beck/Soberlink were sponsoring the complimentary lunch and thanked them.

- II. NEWS/UPDATES:
 - a. The Attorney Line at the Clerk of Courts is now open! Attorneys are reminded that the line is for attorneys only and that we need to be sure to honor that rule to keep the efficiency of the line.

 - b. 3 x 3 Volunteer Initiative with VIP – for the next 3 months, a Starbucks gift card will be awarded to the first 3 attorneys each month who take a new case from VIP by contacting Todd Nothstein, Esq. (tnothstein@phillyvip.org). Todd is handing out immediate-need case lists, and they will be attached to the Minutes.

 - c. Randi Rubin is assembling a Family Law Section team for the annual Bar Association 5K/10K Run on May 19, 2019. Kristine invited all interested to e-mail Randi to join and with any questions (RRubin@klehr.com). Race proceeds go to Support Center for Child Advocates.

 - d. The FLS Summer Reception will be on June 25th at XIX in the Bellevue with great food and a 2-hour open bar! Raymond James is the sponsor, and their donation is helping keep the costs reasonable. Registration notices will be sent out on the list serv.

 - e. New PFA forms under Rule 1905 will be effective on April 10, 2019.

 - f. The Pillow and Blanket Drive is going well and continuing until May 6th. Kristine asks Section members to kindly donate new blanket and pillows for this good cause. Purchase and donation instructions were sent out on list serv and included with the Minutes. Receipts for purchases need to be emailed to Nadège Tandoh, Esq. (ntandoh@clcpbila.org).

 - g. Barbara Zulick provided the case law updates – see FLS website.

- h. Support/Divorce Committee CLE on March 21, 2019 was great, and there are extra handouts available from the program for anyone who missed it (see table in back of room).
- i. Board of Governors Update – Today is the opening day for the new LRIS webpage with the new software which will allow for a new 24-hour attorney request service. A Resolution opposing House Bill 71 was unanimously approved, as the Board opposed reducing the eviction time from 21 to 12 days after a judgement for possession. Also, there are new benefit partners for Philly Bar membership, and bar membership discounts with Priceline, Hotelogical, Philadelphia Runner, and GE appliances.
- j. Help Center: Please contact Lee Schwartz to volunteer at the Help Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 pm to 3 pm (las@leeschwartz.com).
- k. Villanova Law Award – On April 11, there will be an award ceremony honoring Kristine at the Union League in Philadelphia for her leadership and service to Villanova Law School.
- l. Upcoming Important Dates:
 - i. Quarterly Meeting of the Bar Association 4/16
 - ii. Outreach Committee teleconference 4/22
 - iii. Diversity Committee teleconference 4/24
 - iv. Executive Committee meeting 4/25
 - v. Custody Committee meeting 4/30
 - vi. May Section Meeting – 5/6 at Bar Association; Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights CLE; Complimentary lunch courtesy of Shaffer and Gaier LLC

III. PRESENTATION – SOBERLINK

PRESENTER: Chris Beck, VP of Business Development, Family Law

- a. Benefits to Usage of Alcohol Use Testing Service
 - i. Only 4 second “blow” required for testing
 - ii. Facial recognition software
 - iii. Results are sent to everyone on Order/Agreement
 - iv. FDA cleared medical device
- b. Two different devices
 - i. Level I – Used for 20 days per month, part-time only (ex – before custodial pick up, every 4-6 hours during, at drop off);

- ii. Level II – 3-4 times per day

IV. CLE PRESENTATION – PARENTING COORDINATION IN PHILADELPHIA
– WHAT ATTORNEYS SHOULD KNOW

PRESENTERS: Honorable Margaret Murphy, Nanci Weber, Esq., Shabrei Parker, Esq., and Susan Perlstein, Esq.

MODERATOR: David Steerman, Esq.

- a. Original Parenting Coordination rules were abolished.
- b. Now we have the adoption of a local rule which will be effective in 30 days.
- c. There is a 5-county compact for local rules as to requirements, and the local courts are beginning to sign on.
 - i. If a coordinator is qualified in one county, can be qualified in others, but must apply for each county separately.
 - ii. List of Parenting Coordinators for each county will be different.
 - iii. PCs can charge up to \$300/hour
- d. Criteria –
 - i. Statewide – Coordinators must have required PC training and mediation training
 - ii. Also, PCs need CLE credits every 2 years in any topic relating to parenting coordination.
 - iii. Must perform pro bono services each year

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary