

PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION
FAMILY LAW SECTION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Chair, Randi L. Rubin, Esquire, presided.

- I. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:** Randi called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m., the meeting took place via Zoom. Randi welcomed Judge Diane Thompson, Judge Doris Pechkurow, Judge Daniel Sulman, Judge Lori Dumas and Judge Tiffany Palmer.
- II. **CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES:** Not addressed.
- III. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The financial information was not available as of the time of the meeting.
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- a. The Bar Association Quarterly Meeting will take place on December 8, 2020, Chancellor-Elect Lauren P. McKenna will be sworn in as chancellor. The Family Law Section will be a sponsor of the quarterly meeting.
 - b. Bar Association Election information will be sent via email for available positions on the Family Law Executive Committee, the Board of Governors, Young Lawyers Division and other sections and committees. Folks who are interested in running for the Board of Governors will require 25 signatures. Further information will be sent via email.
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- a. **ADR COMMITTEE:** Kristine Calalang provided an update as to the committees' work in developing a mediation program.
 - i. Possible collaboration between court and bar association to assist with the custody backlog is being explored.
 - ii. Judge Pechkurow discussed the questionnaire that was sent over the listserv. The purpose is to determine if people are willing to provide pro bono mediation in connection with the bar association mediation program. Her Honor encouraged everyone to submit the questionnaire, even if you do not have mediation experience. The committee is exploring an option to establish a training program.
 - b. **COURT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** The committee is seeking to schedule a follow-up meeting with Judge Murphy. The last meeting took place in July

2020. If there are issues, please email them to Randi for discussion at the next committee meeting.

- c. Other committee meeting times/dates and announcements will be disseminated over the Family Law Section's listserv.

- VI. **PROGRAM:** Family Law Appeals Done Right, featuring: The Honorable Maria McLaughlin of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Helen E. Casale, Esquire, a shareholder at Hanglely Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller and Virginia Hinrichs McMichael, Esquire, Managing Attorney at the Appellate Law Group LLC.
 - a. The program provided information on the do's and don'ts of appellate practice, including the use of the reproduced record, practical tips for briefing and presenting your case at oral argument and finally demonstrating how to present your arguments and respond to questions from the Court the right way. The presented also presented information on what not to do.

- VII. **GOOD & WELFARE:** None.

- VIII. **NEXT SECTION MEETING:** The next Family Law Section meeting will take place on October 5, 2020 via Zoom.

- IX. **NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next executive committee meeting will be on September 17, 2020 at 12:00 and will take place via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS (0): None.