

**PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**FAMILY LAW SECTION MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

*Vice Chair, Ann Funge, Esquire, presided.*

- I. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:** Ann called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. She welcomed everyone and acknowledged the presence of the Honorable Judge Pechkurow, the Honorable Judge Papademetriou, the Honorable Diane Thompson, Custody Master Michael Viola and William Shenk, Clerk of Courts.
  
- II. **CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO MINUTES:** The January minutes were approved.
  
- III. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The financial information was not available as of the time of the meeting.
  
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
  - A. Executive Committee meeting February 16, 2017 at the South Conference Room at the Philadelphia Bar Association.
  
  - B. Executive Committee voted to approve the Resolution in favor of reinstating Parent Coordination. The following eight (8) Executive Committee members voted in favor of approving the resolution: *Michael Bertin, Ann Funge, Leanne Litwin, Eileen Murphy, Kathleen O'Malley, Shabrei Parker, Randi Rubin and Lee Schwartz.* The following two (2) Executive Committee members abstained from voting: *Ann Armistead and Mark Allen Taylor.*
  
  - C. .The Help Desk continues to need volunteer attorneys to sign up for Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Lee Schwartz, Esquire, to schedule at [lee@schwartzjordan.com](mailto:lee@schwartzjordan.com).
  
- V. **PROGRAM:** **HIAS Pennsylvania** attorneys **Stephanie Costa** and **Justin Mixon** and Stephanie Gonzales, Esquire provided an immigration primer for family law practitioners addressing immigration relief for domestic violence survivors, crime victims and trafficking victims and how to deal with a client's immigration status in family law matters. There was also discussion of current concerns of the immigration community in Philadelphia and Philadelphia's status as a Sanctuary City. An outline of family law issues relevant to immigration matters was distributed to the section along with two (2) handouts: *The White House Executive Order: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements* and *A chart entitled, "Comparing Forms of Immigration Relief for Immigrant Victims of Crime."*
  - A. Notable Points – See attached handouts for more information.

VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Committee meeting times/dates and announcements are disseminated over the Family Law Section's listserv.

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

**NEXT SECTION MEETING:** Monday, March 6, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Philadelphia Family Court building at 1501 Arch Street

**NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Committee Room South at 1101 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA.

Respectfully submitted,



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Randi L. Rubin, Esquire  
Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS(3):**

- Philadelphia Bar Association Resolution Supporting Proposed Amendments to Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure Governing Parent Coordination
- Outline of Family Law Issues Relevant to Immigration Matters
- The White House Executive Order: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements
- A chart entitled, "Comparing Forms of Immigration Relief for Immigrant Victims of Crime."