

MSBA Civil Litigation Section Council
Meeting Minutes: Oct. 14, 2011

Members present: Kevin Curry, Annamarie Daley, Dan McGrath, Will Partridge, Bill Sjöholm, Clay Taylor, Marcy Wallace, Melissa Wendland, Michael Goodwin, New Lawyers Liaison, and Kim Basting, MSBA Liaison

Members attending via teleconference: Charlie Bird, Honorable Tanya Bransford, Mark Delehanty, Honorable Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks, Jay Pederson, Honorable Mary Vasaly

Guests attending: Honorable Robert Blaeser and John Enar, Chief Information Officer for the Fourth Judicial District

1. E-filing: John Enar, Chief Information Officer for the Fourth Judicial District, updated the section on the Fourth District's E-filing pilot project, and requested a letter from the section in support of a rule change making e-filing mandatory. Mr. Rohrer and Judge Robert Blaeser reported that the Fourth District's pilot project has been a success. The Fourth District's working group will present a draft proposal for mandatory e-filing to the Section council for consideration at the November council meeting.

2. Approval of Sept. 16, 2011 minutes: Approved.

3. Treasurer Report: Charlie Bird reported that the section had a balance of \$39,916.01 for the period ending Aug. 31, 2011.

4. Statute of Limitations Manual: Melissa Wendland proposed ordering 1,950 CDs (or 2000 if there is a volume discount), and 200 inserts (230 if a volume discount is available). Dan McGrath moved to approve the recommendation, Annamarie Daley seconded, and the proposal passed.

5. Judicial Practice Guide: Judge Halbrooks reported that there are a lot of updates to the practice guide as there were a number of new appointees to the district court bench in the third quarter.

6. Committee reports

A. Section CLE Luncheons: Clay Taylor reported that the committee is looking at presenting CLE geared to new lawyers and law students, including possibly having programs at the local law schools.

B. Legislative Liaison: Marcy Wallace reported that the Legislative Proposal Form is due Oct. 28. There was discussion on whether the section would take a position on raising the conciliation court jurisdiction limits to \$15,000. Clay Taylor noted that the Civil Justice Reform Task Force had recommended raising the limits, but with an exception for consumer debt. It was decided that this issue

should be something that the MSBA as a whole takes a position on. Marcy Wallace will fill out the Legislative Proposal Form.

C. Advocate Award: No update.

D. Annual meeting and CLE: Charlie Bird reported that there is a conference call scheduled for Oct. 25 to discuss the annual meeting and CLE. The committee will have a report next meeting.

E. Requests for Section Funds: Annamarie Daley reported that the Section received a thank you note from the Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society for its grant. Annamarie will send out an invitation to the Historical Society's Annual Reception on Nov. 16th.

F. District Court Opinions: No report

7. New Business

A. CIV JIG revision committee: The Section is seeking nominees for the CIV JIGS revision committee. Inquiries were made as to what kind of a time commitment would be involved in serving on the committee. Melissa Wendland will discuss the time commitment with Terry Wade, and Kevin Curry will do the same with George Soule, and will circulate that information to the council. Council members are encouraged to submit names for consideration.

8. Other

A. Law Student Networking Mixer: Scheduled for Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m. The section is looking for volunteers to attend. Michael Goodwin and Kevin Curry will attend. Judge Halbrooks and Judge Bransford also expressed interest in attending.