

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
BANKRUPTCY SECTION OF DSBA
JULY 27, 2006

The meeting was attended by the officers: Bill Sudell, Pauline Morgan, Erin Brignolia and Bonnie Fatell and the following co-chairs: Bob Brady (UST/Bar Relations), Mary Calloway (Social), Mike DeBaecke (New Lawyers), Donna Culver (Litigation), Bruce Groshgal (Publications/CLE), John Dorsey (Legislation). At the meeting the following issues were discussed and/or approved:

1. Committee membership will be based on the membership from last year and any additional information received from DSBA.

2. A motion to combine the chapter 7 and chapter 13 committees was approved. Mike Joseph will chair the committee.

3. The council approved the formation of a new technology committee to be co-chaired by Adam Landis and Maggie Juliano.

4. Financial Issues

As a result of the Joint Views from the Bench program with ABI, approximately \$35,000 will be available to the Bankruptcy Section of the DSBA. Generally the funds should be used for CLE related activities. The council approved \$5,000 to cover the cost of sponsoring a cocktail party at the ABI Mid-Atlantic Conference in August. This is a two day conference where CLE credit is available.

With respect to the balance of the funds, the council discussed (1) sponsoring one or more members of the consumer bar for conferences and suggested that the new chapter 7/chapter 13 committee make a proposal to the council, (2) sponsoring a program at the annual Bench and Bar conference including a prominent speaker, (3) donating funds to Delaware Legal Services which offers bankruptcy related services to the community.

5. It was agreed that the Bench and Bar meetings and the clerk's Mega Case meetings will be combined and held every other month with the first meeting scheduled for September 13, 2006 at 5 pm. The council discussed various topics for the CLE committee to consider for the Bench and Bar bi-monthly meetings.

6. The legislative committee reported that there may be possible amendments to BAPCPA and there is a risk that Senator Cornyn again may seek to include a change of venue provision in the amendments. The legislative committee will continue to monitor.

7. The committee chairs were encouraged to meet with their members during September to plan their goals and activities for the 2006/2007 fiscal year. The next meeting of the council will be **October 26, 2006 at 12:30 pm** at Bill Sudell's office.