

WOMEN AND THE LAW
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 7, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE: Victoria Watson Counihan, Mindy Clifton, Jill DiSciullo, Kathaleen McCormick, Susanna McDonald, Patricia Bartley, Cathy Reese, Karen Jacobs Louden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October and November, 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: Patty Schwartz reported that the Event was fun, food was good and the section collected many books for the women's Level IV facility book drive.

ROXANNA ARSHT FELLOWSHIP SILENT AUCTION: Patty Schwartz reported that the auction was a success. \$17,000 was raised on items donated (including \$1100 in the raffle) and \$12,000 in cash contributions was also raised (with \$10,000 of that being a cash contribution by Adrienne Arsht). Patty is interested in soliciting volunteers to take over the silent auction in 2 years. She said the 140 items she got were not hard to get. It was discussed that we should add minimum bids and minimum bid increments next time and it was decided that once every two years is enough. It was discussed that having the brochure on line in advance was helpful and open bar was helpful. Patty reported that the application process for the scholarship is done once every 3 years and is organized by Regina Mullen.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE: Jill DiSciullo reported that there will be a Happy Hour at Washington Street Ale House on December 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 and we will invite new admittees to the bar by passing out flyers at the new admission conference and by asking each section member to bring someone.

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE: Kathaleen McCormick reported that there was no update on H.B. 36; that we should let Kathaleen or Deb Gottschalk know of any topics we are interested in for the February legislators meeting; and asked the Section to co-sponsor an informational session on February 22nd for issues of gender based housing discrimination and eviction for domestic violence, which the Section voted to sponsor at the \$100 level.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEMALE INCARCERATION:

1. It was reported that the Level IV facility's library is now full.
2. The Subcommittee is looking into some health issues in the prison system.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD: Nominations are due March 1, 2006.

RETREAT: Patty Schwartz reported that the retreat is planned for April 7, 2006 at the Bellmoor in Rehoboth, DE. The program will be enhanced ethics of at least 3 credits, but

the topic has not yet been selected. It was discussed that the Friday Night committee should consider giving door prizes.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Susanna McDonald reported that she attended the DSBA Meeting and discussed the technology updates, including video conferencing between Dover and Wilmington for Section meetings, updating web pages and section directories on line.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Social Listserve - the DSBA reported a complaint by one person that the Section's listserv was being used for social announcements and suggested creating a separate listserv for social events. The Section decided not to create a separate listserv at this time.

B. Day Care Center Rule Revision Task Force - Mindy Clifton reported attending a meeting on the rule revisions and that the revisions will have a rough impact on purchase of care day cares. It was discussed that this is an important issue that the Section should discuss more fully before pushing any legislators to take action, so it was decided it should be discussed at the January meeting and we should consider whether to bring it up at the February legislators meeting.

C. DSBA is looking for non-profit attorneys and people experienced with non-profits that could be hired to work or serve on boards.