

WOMEN & THE LAW SECTION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 3, 2006, 12:30 P.M.
GREENBERG TAURIG, WILMINGTON, DE

IN ATTENDANCE: Susanna McDonald, Victoria Counihan, Mindy Clifton, Megan Mantzavinos, Debbie Gottschalk, Kathaleen McCormick, Diane Clarke Streett, Jessica Zeldin, Suzanne I. Seubert, Chris Demsey, Claire DeMatteis

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 1, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

II. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE: Debbie Gottschalk reported. There are no action items, but the subcommittee is providing a list of pending legislation believed to be of interest to the Section. The process which must be used for the Section to endorse legislation takes 3 months.

- * internet hunting
- *age restrictions on certain video games
- *S.B. 274 (termination of leases for victims of domestic violence) passed the Senate
- *bill re: minimum mandatory sentencing
- *bill re: healthcare in prisons (has been introduced, but is not expected to go anywhere)
- *bill to exempt nursing mother from jury duty

Other matters of interest which may be introduced next year:

*extending Family Court jurisdiction to cover foreign children (18-21) who have agreed out of foster care, but cannot return to their native countries, to obtain immigrant status.

*effort to increase purchase of care for daycare to 75% of market rate (this issue in particular was one which it was agreed that the Section should focus on next year, with an eye toward getting executive committee approval to endorse legislation.

III. SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEMALE INCARCERATION: Nothing to report.

IV. GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN EARLY CHILDCARE EDUCATION: Claire DeMatteis reported. There is concern about whether it is worth continuing the awards. It may have run its course, but we are going to try it one more time, this time with more advertising downstate. The awards dinner is September 28.

V. RETREAT: Mindy Clifton reported positive feedback, and a record turnout of 70 attendees. Next year's retreat will be March 3 and 4.