

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BUSINESS LAW SECTION
BUSINESS LITIGATION COMMITTEE
MIDYEAR MEETING
January 21, 2015**

Attendance: Attendance Sheet circulated.

Meeting Called to Order at 2:00p.m. by Committee Chair – Jude Cooper

MINUTES

I. SubCommittee Reports

Chair Cooper called for subcommittee reports. No reports given by Business Jury Instructions, Antitrust, Franchise & Trade Regulation subcommittees.

Legislative Sub-committee: Vice Chair Detra Shaw-Wilder reported on CADRA, Digital Assets, and Business ID Theft proposed legislation.

II. Committee Liaison Updates

Inclusion, Mentoring and Fellowship, Pro Bono and of Social: Discussion had on eDiscovery seminar that subcommittee has planned for the Fla Bar Annual Meeting on the evolution of internet and eDiscovery and to expand the CLE to other areas that are not typically involved in discovery likes ethics and the internet.

Tiara Condo working group: Report made on status of website updates including rulings related to Tiara Condo's applicability to maritime economic loss rule. All updates have been posted online.

Business Litigation Certification Review Course: Discussion had regarding the examination that is given every year. The Florida Bar Certification Committee has requested that we do a prep course for the exam. The Committee will revise old materials for the examination and line people up to discuss topics on videos which will be posted on the website for free. The Committee needs someone to take over the project and approx. twelve additional people to make videos.

State and Federal Judicial Liaison Committee: The committee thanked the Judges for all of their good work this year. Discussion had regarding the various Business Courts in the state including talks regarding starting a Business Court in the 20th Judicial Circuit.

Proceedings Supplementary Task Force: Task Force chair reported that the task force plans to have a proposed draft amendment prepared by February.

III. Old Business

Discussion had that the Florida Bar should organize support for the Business Courts in the state. Discussion had that there has been pressure from other courts and the way to deal with it is to have influential lawyers and the business community leaders involved in supporting the Business Courts.

Discussion had that the Broward Complex Division expanded its Administrative Order to include additional cases and perhaps there should be a re-education process to advise members of the change. Discussion had regarding inviting the new Business Court judges in the state to participate in the Section.

The Legislation Committee reported that CADRA is prepared for hearing and those who are in favor and would like to testify should contact the Committee by Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Amy Lyons gave an update on the legislative landscape and the new senators and presiding officers. She will begin to speak with the newly elected officials about the work of the Section. She anticipates that in the next six weeks approximately 2500 bills will be filed.

IV. New Business

Chair Van Northwick addressed the Committee and requested that the sub-committees consider doing more CLEs at the meetings and the work with the Section CLE committees. He also asked that we let him know if there is anything the Section can do to help. Jon Polenberg also echoed that we should do CLE and Alan Howard also joined in the request that the Business Litigation Committee put on a signature annual event. Mr. Howard also emphasized the need to respond to legislation and to participate in the review process and keep our good reputation with the Legislature.

A request was made for CLE committee members. Sign In sheet was passed around and members volunteered. Discussion had regarding potential CLEs such as hot topics in the law or on seminars involving Business Court judges and Federal judges.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45p.m.