

**Minutes of the Midyear Meeting of the
Business Law Section of The Florida Bar and
Annual Meeting of the Business Law Section Executive Council**

Business Law Section Executive Council Spring Retreat 2005

April 7 - 10, 2005

The Executive Council of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar (the "Section") met on April 7, 2005 at the Spring Retreat held in Costa Rica. Chair Maxine Long called the meeting to order enroute to Tabacon at approximately 2:45 p.m. The members of the Executive Council (the "Council") and other invitees present at the meeting were:

The following members were in attendance:

Stuart Ames	Katherine Lake
Russell Blain	Maxine Long
Michael Chesal	Judith McCaffery
Roberta Colton	Jim Murphy
Lou Conti	Karen Orlin
Jeff Davis	Phil Schwartz
G. Steve Fender	Thomas Smith
Henry Fox	William Van Nortwick
Rick Gross	Diane Noller Wells
Michael Higer	Michael Williamson
Alan Howard	Mark Wolfson
Paul Hyman	Greg Yadley

I. Introduction

Chair Maxine Long welcomed council members and visitors to the Spring Retreat.

II. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion, with a second, the minutes of the January 20, 2005 meeting of the Executive Council were approved, with an amendment adding Phillip Schwartz to the list of attending members.

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Midyear Statement. Treasurer Diane Noller Wells presented the current financial status of the Section and reported that the Section continues to be in good financial condition.

B. Budget Task Force Memo. The letter of Jerald S. Beer and telephone conference between Chair Maxine Long and Treasurer Diane Wells with members of the Special Budget Task Force were discussed.

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Multi-Jurisdictional Practice. Chair Maxine Long reported on the status of oral argument before the Florida Supreme Court.

V. Committee Reports

A. Each of the following committees provided a report:

- Antitrust, Franchise & Trade
- Bankruptcy/UCC
- Bankruptcy Judicial Liaison Committee
- Business Litigation
- CLE Committee
- Communications Committee
- Corporations, Securities & Financial Services
- Intellectual Property Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Long Range Planning Committee
- Opinions Committee
- State/Federal Court Liaison Committee

B. Both the CLE Committee and the Communications Committee requested that each substantive law committee appoint one person to their committees to actively promote the activities of their substantive law committee. The CLE Committee will hold its meetings by telephone conference. The Communications Committee will roll-out the new Section website in June 2005, and will require extensive input from each substantive law committee.

V. Chair's Report:

Maxine Long reported that comment had been requested from the Section regarding the proposed contingency fee rule. After discussion, the Council agreed it had no comment. Maxine then thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting.

VI. Chair-Elect's Report: Mark J. Wolfson

Mark Wolfson reported on the status of preparation for the Section's Retreat to be held August 12 – 14, 2005 at the Ritz Carlton, Palm Beach. He encouraged each member to actively participate in the retreat by being a sponsor and by attending.

Thereupon, the Council adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Noller Wells
Secretary/Treasurer