

MEETING MINUTES

E-DISCOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING BUSINESS LAW SECTION THE FLORIDA BAR

January 22, 2014, 10:05-11:55am – Reunion, Florida
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Chair:	Douglas Cherry	941-364-2738	dcherry@slk-law.com
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1. Call to Order/Introductions

In attendance: Doug Cherry, Steve Teppler, Donna Cheesten, Keith Kanouse, Jr., Daniel Whitehouse, Jim Murphy, Jeff Hirsch, Manny Farach, Tara Powell, Leanne Prendergast, Andrew Hinks, Tara Powell, Alan Bennett, Judge Gill S. Freeman, Elizabeth Green

2. Update on Committee Status

Cherry provided update of recent change from task force to a BLS committee.

A. Section Page/Mission Statement.

The current Mission Statement for the Committee was discussed by the committee. The committee agreed to revise as follows:

Our mission is to address the rapidly advancing development of e-discovery and information governance law and practice by:

a) analyzing and reporting on major statutory and rulemaking initiatives and decisional authority in the field that impact Florida practitioners; and,

b) raising awareness and providing resources to help lawyers and judges obtain up-to-date and comprehensive information about e-discovery and information governance.

B. Listserv

Kanouse indicated that he will handle setting up the listserv for the group.

C. Efforts to Increase Section Membership

Suggestions included:

- Invite CLE attendees to attend committees
- Allow committee to have open enrollment
- Promote committee with local bar associations

3. Discussion of Education Initiatives/CLEs

A. Annual Meeting 2014 CLE

- Discussion held to put on ½ day seminar
 - Intermediate to advance
 - BLS supported
 - Teppler will chair effort to put together
 - Friday June 27th morning targeted time frame
- Decision to offer 1 hour seminar for Solo and Small Practice group
 - Whitehouse will reach out to this group
 - Offer it as an ethics CLE

B. Judicial Education

- Cherry to contact Judge Artigliere to follow-up on his efforts.
- Judge Freeman provided information on various forums:
 - Circuit Court Judges Conference
 - Meets in summer
 - 2 ½ day conference
 - Topics are short and discreet, usually ½ hour or hour
 - Different tracks
 - Contact Office of State Court Judges in Tallahassee (Martha Martin)
 - Proposal must be at least a year in advance
 - Advance Judicial College
 - Week-long conference
 - Usually held between May and June
 - Dean is Terry Lewis, Circuit Court Judge in Tallahassee
 - Lynn Winston is another contact
 - Courses are a minimum of a day, much longer than the course provided to the Circuit Court Judges Conference
 - 2015 may be appropriate time to offer this
 - Class sizes limited to 35
 - Interactive styles. No lecturing. Mock hearing would be good tool.
 - Martha Martin and Terry Lewis may be good contacts in other venues of judicial education, such as traveling CLEs to different circuits

C. Eat & E-Discovery

- November 2013 Orange County Bar Association seminar provided by The Tech Law Firm
- Cherry suggested to allow BLS to promote any local seminars

D. Local Bars/Inns of Court

Cherry recommended offering CLE to such organizations.

4. E-Discovery Protocols

Teppler provided background. The Protocols are not engraved in stone, but to use as a guideline/starting point. Committee should circulate to business litigation and IP committees for comment and as an available resource. Suggestion made to add as appendix (or to CD-ROM) to Business Litigation Manual. Teppler will circulate on listserv. We will put on committee website as well

5. Update on Business Litigation Manual

Teppler provided update. Teppler wrote chapter and previously provided to committee for input. Chapter will be released in May.

6. Update/Discussion of Certification of E-Discovery

Teppler provided update. Teppler and his committee received push back from BLSE on certification efforts. Discussion to put efforts on backburner for now and work to get support from BLS.

7. New Business

Discussion of changing committee name to E-Discovery and Information Governance Committee. This topic was tabled for later discussion.

8. Adjournment at 11:55am.