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Board of Governors Meeting Highlights

May 19, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

E.Frommes reported that the lease on the office space is going up.

ADR/MEDIATION: Ms. Gehris reported that they have the speakers finalized for the seminar in September.

CIVIL PRACTICE:

Ms. Schwemler reported that they are considering an Ethics seminar for December with the Hon. Tim Balen as the speaker.

CRIMINAL LAW: Criminal Law had their annual meeting on May 7th and Rob Deters is remaining on as President.

FAMILY LAW: Ms. Vaclavek reported that the new slate for the section was voted on at their annual meeting on May 12th. Paul Zukowski is President, Colleen Thomas is Vice President and T.J. Clifton is Secretary/Treasurer.

LEGISLATIVE: Mr. Cynor reported that on June 1, 2015 a new law passed allowing for 6 jurors instead of 12.

June 16, 2015

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

C. Arévalo invited Dennis Favaro to speak to the Board about setting up a Foundation. Dennis explained the process and C. Arévalo volunteered to help create the Foundation.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

J. Wombacher reported that Judge Graham and Judge Baderstadt were both retiring. Ms. Wombacher also said that there would be a 100th Anniversary Celebration and asked for volunteers to help plan.

July 21, 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ms. Wombacher reported that the 100th Anniversary Celebration will be held at Boulder Ridge Country Club on Friday, October 2, 2015 and asked for the contract to be approved.

Technology: Discussion was held on the new website and on-line event registration and how well it is being utilized. Suggested doing a short training at a General Meeting.

Young/New Lawyers: A. Michlig reported that the group had a meeting and discussed the annual softball game and picnic. It was decided that the event will take place on Friday, September 25, 2015.

New Members

Scott Jacobson
Michael Wurster
Daniel Wilbranddt
Mark Facchini
Taylor Nesbit
Ellen J. O'Rourke
Bridget Salvi
Jane Craddock Ryan

President's Page

Jamie Wombacher

2015/16 MCBA President

Recently my daughter decided she wants to run the Hot Chocolate 15k race in November. She is a gymnast, not a runner, but she is motivated by the chocolate and the medal that looks like a chocolate bar. I don't think a 14 year old should be running a 9 mile race in Chicago alone, so I agreed to run it with her. At the time that I told her that I would run with her I was fondly remembering the half-marathons and marathons that I completed in 2010-2012. I was not considering that I was not regularly running even a mile, the amount of physical and mental work it would take to get back into running shape, or the fact that I have gained more than my fair share of weight since then. In fact those thoughts did not enter my mind until the first day of my training. It was hot. It was brutal. I was sore. Did I mention that I only ran 2.16 miles? I kept telling myself it would get easier.

I believe that finishing a marathon is 75% mental and 25% physical. If you have trained physically, believe you can do it, and are willing to push yourself hard enough you can finish a marathon. It may not be pretty, it may be slow, but it is a moment to be proud of. Mentally you must see yourself finishing the race before it even starts. You must set mini goals for yourself, and check them off as you pass each mile marker. Of course, at times things do not go as planned. Your GPS watch stops working, you get a new blister or chafing that you never had before, or the line for the port-a-potty is way too long. Without mental preparation and determination all of these mishaps can ruin a race. But, when you cross the finish line you know that not only the training but the planning and your strong determination carried you through. I am sure that my fellow runners will agree that finishing a marathon, or any race for that matter, can be a pretty emotional experience.

My perspective on my term as President of the McHenry County Bar Association is similar. First, I have put in the "training" to make this a successful year. I have been a member of the Board of Governors for several years. I was the President of the Criminal Law Section for 2 years, and of course the past four years I have been a member of the Executive Committee. Even with a last minute curveball thrown my way, Law Day 2015 was a success under my leadership. The rest of this year is all about planning and mentally seeing my goals accomplished.

We have several exciting events planned this year. The first is a retirement luncheon celebration for Judge Gordon Graham on September 4th at Bull Valley Country Club. I am also looking forward to hosting the McHenry County Bar Association 100th Anniversary Celebration. On October 2, 2015, we invite bar association members both past and present to join us at Boulder Ridge Country Club to share in the rich history of the McHenry County Bar Association. We are preparing for a night of food, drinks, laughter and socialization! It will surely be a night that you do not want to miss.

I know (from experience) that not everything will go as planned this year. However, I am certain that with the dedication and determination of the Board of Governors, and members of the bar association, it will be a successful year for our Bar. I can only hope that my term as President is not nearly as painful as my first week of training for the Hot Chocolate 15K.

MCBA 2015/16 LEADERSHIP ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETINGS

2015/16 Criminal Law Section Officers

At its Annual Meeting on May 7, 2015, the Criminal Law Section of the McHenry County Bar Association elected the following officers for the 2015/16 year:

- ◆ President—Robert V. Deters, *Botto Gilbert Lancaster, P.C.*
- ◆ Vice President—Kevin A. Chrzanowski, *Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle*
- ◆ Secretary/Treasurer—Alexander Geocaris, *McHenry County State's Attorney Office*

MCBA 2015/16 Executive Board

In accordance with the Bylaws for the McHenry County Bar Association, the annual election of the Executive Board was held at the June 23, 2015 Annual Meeting & Luncheon.



Pictured l to r: 2nd Vice President, Rhonda L. Rosenthal, *Rhonda L. Rosenthal, P.C.*, Secretary, Steven J. Greeley, Jr., *Franks, Gerkin & McKenna, P.C.*, President, Jamie Wombacher, *Gummerson Rausch Wand Lee Wombacher, LLC*, Outgoing President, Carlos Arévalo, *SmithAmundsen, LLC*, Treasurer, Jennifer Johnson, *Zanck, Coen, Wright & Saladin, P.C.*, 1st Vice President, Hon. Mark R. Gerhardt, *22nd Judicial Circuit Court*

2015/16 Family Law Section Officers

At its Annual Meeting on May 12, 2015, the Family Law Section of the McHenry County Bar Association elected the following officers for the 2015/16 year:

- ◆ President—Paul Zukowski, *Prairie State Legal Services*
- ◆ Vice President—Colleen Thomas, *Thomas Law Office*
- ◆ Secretary/Treasurer—T.J. Clifton, *Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle*

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What Happens in Mediation Stays in Mediation (*usually*)

by Jeffrey Hirsch, *The Gitlin Law Firm, P.C.*

Divorce mediation is like the Las Vegas of ADR methods. It's for adults only, and what happens there, stays there. The promise of confidentiality is a cornerstone of mediation. But, there are a few exceptions to confidentiality that participants should be cognizant of before placing their bets on the mediation table.

In Illinois, mediation is governed by the Uniform Mediation Act, 710 ILCS 35/1, et seq. The UMA provides that mediation communications are confidential to the extent agreed by the parties or provided by other law or rule of that State. A "mediation communication" means a statement, whether oral or in a record or verbal or nonverbal, that occurs during a mediation or is made for purposes of considering, conducting, participating in, initiating, continuing, or reconvening a mediation or retaining a mediator. The Act provides that a mediation participant may refuse to disclose, and prevent any other person from disclosing, a mediation communication. So, generally speaking, a statement made by a participant during mediation is privileged from disclosure in the divorce proceeding. But, just like the aftermath of an illicit weekend in Las Vegas, there are exceptions to the rule of confidentiality.

First, consider who's participating in the mediation. It may not necessarily be limited to just the parties themselves. Under the Act, an attorney or other individual designated by a party may accompany the party to and participate in mediation. A "non-Party Participant" is a person, other than a party or mediator who participates in mediation. The mediation privilege applies to non-party participants.

Of course the participants may voluntarily waive the privilege. To do so, it must be an express waiver. A waiver cannot be implied by conduct. This is typically done by a written agreement. All parties must waive the privilege before any statement may be disclosed.

Also, it is important to note that it's only the communication that is made in mediation that is protected by the privilege; not the underlying facts giving rise to the communication. Evidence that is otherwise admissible or subject to discovery does not become inadmissible or protected from discovery by reason of its use in a mediation. For example, a party who learns about a witness during mediation is not precluded from later subpoenaing that witness in the divorce case.

The exceptions to confidentiality and privilege generally fall into categories over safety or fairness, and there are some rather obvious situations when the privilege may not be invoked.

Under the safety category:

- A person who intentionally uses a mediation to plan, commit, or conceal a crime or ongoing criminal activity is precluded from asserting a privilege.
- A threat to inflict injury or commit a crime of violence is not privileged from disclosure. If a credible threat is made, the mediator may likely report the threatening statement to the police or the court.
- A statement that is made to prove or disprove abuse or neglect is not privileged in a proceeding where a child protective agency is a party. Thus, a mediation statement evidencing child abuse may be admitted in a juvenile proceeding, but it likely remains privileged for the divorce or custody proceeding. In Illinois, a mediator is a mandated reporter of child abuse or neglect.

Under the fairness category:

- A person who discloses or makes a representation about a mediation communication which prejudices another person in a proceeding is precluded from asserting a privilege so that the other person may respond to the prejudicial disclosure.
- A statement that would prove or disprove a claim of professional misconduct filed against a mediator is not privileged. In other words, mediators must be accountable for grievances while allowing the mediator to defend himself.

- A statement that would prove or disprove a claim to rescind or reform a contract is not privileged if a court determines that the evidence is not otherwise available and the need for it substantially outweighs the interest in protecting confidentiality. This exception involves contract defenses to the enforcement of the mediated agreement.

For all of the exceptions, only the portion of the mediation communication necessary for the application of the exemption from non-disclosure may be used.

Finally, although the rules of confidentiality and evidentiary privilege apply in the divorce proceedings, there may still remain questions whether the expectation of confidentiality applies outside the courtroom, such as to family, friends, media, and other third parties, etc. It may be wise for parties to discuss and agree upon the expected boundaries of non-disclosure to third parties.

The expectation of confidentiality is key to encourage full candor by the parties during mediation. The Uniform Mediation Act provides the evidentiary privilege to do so, but there are limits and exceptions. Knowing this, parties may guard their privacy and avoid surprise of an unexpected disclosure.

Upcoming Events

September 4, 2015—Judge Grahams’ Retirement Luncheon at Bull Valley Golf Club

September 18, 2015—Mediation Seminar at Home State Bank, Woodstock

September 25, 2015—Annual Picnic and Softball Game, Veterans Park, Crystal Lake

October 2, 2015—100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Boulder Ridge Country Club, LITH

October 15-18, 2015—Destination Seminar at Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa, Galena, IL

Stress for the practicing attorneys is standard fare; it’s a natural consequence of the legal and can’t be avoided, or even mitigated to some extent. The most basic definition of stress is, “*events that require responses or resources we can’t provide.*”

So in order to help survive stressful situation we should consider the following:

1. **Slow down-** try not to pre-judge a situation until more facts are available about how to respond.
2. **Practice “persistent patience”-** Understand we may not have a good deal of control over the outcome of an event; but we may have more control over our part of the process. So it’s help to be ‘patient’ about getting the outcome we want, but at the same time we can be persistent in do what we can.
3. **Ask for help-** Many stressful events require response we don’t have; so it’s helpful that we ask others, e.g., family or colleagues, to help us out from time to time.
4. **Observe more, react less-** we often exhibit the tendency to react first rather than perceive. The more we observe first, the less likely we are to react inappropriately in a stressful encounter.



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Member News

Jeffrey L. Hirsch of The Gitlin Law Firm, PC has been accepted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and he recently completed training as a family law arbitrator.

Attorney Carlos Arévalo Joins SmithAmundsen's Woodstock Office

Attorney Carlos Arévalo, well known for his experience in the areas of labor and employment and local government law, joins SmithAmundsen's growing Woodstock office as a partner.

Carlos represents local government on issues such as labor negotiations and related controversies, governance, local zoning and planning, employee termination and discipline, and transactional matters. He serves as City Attorney for the City of Marengo, advising the city on growth and development matters. Carlos also represents businesses in employment disputes. He advocates for his clients in court and in administrative law proceedings before the Illinois Department of Human Rights, the Illinois Labor Relations Board, the Illinois Department of Labor, the Illinois Department of Employment Security and Illinois Liquor Control Commission.

Jeff Risch, a member of the executive committee and chair of the labor and employment group, said it best when he said "SmithAmundsen is thrilled to welcome Carlos to the firm. He is extremely well respected within his community and will be a wonderful addition to our growing team."

Aside from his extensive legal career, Carlos is a very active member of his community, as represented by his many leadership positions including president of the McHenry County Bar Association. He is also on the board of directors for the United Way of Greater McHenry County and Mercy Harvard Hospital as well as a member of the Alumni and Curriculum Committees for Leadership Greater McHenry County.

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JUDGE CHMIEL RECEIVES AWARD

Judge Michael J. Chmiel was bestowed the Board of Governors Award from the Illinois State Bar Association. According to the ISBA, "[t]he award recognized Judge Chmiel for his long-standing and exemplary contributions to the association and the legal profession."

Judge Chmiel, as a member and chairman of the ISBA's Committee on Law Related Education for the Public, contributed to the success of the ISBA's High School Mock Trial Invitational. He also contributed to the "Bringing the Courtroom to the Classroom" program with the ISBA and the Illinois Judges Association.

"What we hope to do, through all of this, is to continue to educate the public on civics and the court system in Illinois," Judge Chmiel said.

We thank Judge Chmiel for his efforts!

2015 LEGAL AID AWARDS PRESENTATION



Keynote Speaker: Jayne Reardon, *Executive Director of the Commission on Professionalism*



Pictured L to R: Steven Greeley, Jr, Peter Carroll, Carlos Arévalo, Michelle Gehris, Melissa Cooney

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Male— Don Stinespring

Longest Drive

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Female— Samantha Piekarski

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Raffle Prizes/Winners

Grand Prize Winner:

Robert Burke

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Plaintiff's Attorney: Joseph S. Messer
Defendant's Attorney: Hickey Melia & Associates
Trial Date: June 22, 2015 to July 9, 2015
Judge: Michael T. Caldwell
Verdict: Mistrial
Last Demand: \$1,900,000
Last Offer: \$300,000

Case Number: 13LA293
Plaintiff: Shirleen Kamysz
Defendant: Village of Algonquin, et al.
Plaintiff's Attorney: David Heyer
Defendant's Attorney: Ancel Glink Diamond Bush et al
Trial Date: July 20, 2015 to July 22, 2015
Judge: Thomas A. Meyer
Verdict for defendant
Last Demand: \$300,000
Last Offer: no offer

Case Number: 11LA321
Plaintiff: Michael Michelin
Defendant: Susan Macmillan
Plaintiff's Attorney: Michael D. Johnson
Defendant's Attorney: Lucas & Associates
Trial Date: July 20, 2015 to July 22,2015
Judge: Michael T. Caldwell
Verdict: Defendant
Last Demand: \$1,500,000
Last Offer: \$5,000

Case Number: 14SC1819
Plaintiff: Thomas C. Zanck
Defendant: Sebastian G. Homuth
Plaintiff's Attorney: Zanck Coen Wright & Saladin
Defendant's Attorney: Madison Law Associates
Trial Date: April 15, 2015
Judge: Michael T. Caldwell
Verdict:
Property Damage: \$842.88
Car Rental: 246.27
Total Verdict: \$842.88
Last Demand: 1641.92
Last Offer: Unknown



Save the Date: MCBA Annual Softball and Picnic

September 25, 2015 from 5-8pm. We expect it to be just as much fun as last year, so make sure you mark the date in your calendar so you can attend! An e-mail will be circulated later with more details and to rsvp for the picnic or to get on a team!

Any questions/suggestions can be directed to the Young/New Lawyers chairperson, Amber Michlig, via e-mail at amichlig@salawus.com.



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MCBA Calendar of Meetings & Events

| Date | Event | Location | Time |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| August 18, 2015 | Board of Governors Meeting | MCBA Office | Noon |
| August 25, 2015 | General Meeting | Woodstock Country Club | Noon |
| September 3, 2015 | Criminal Law Section Meeting | MCBA Office | Noon |
| September 4, 2015 | Judge Graham Retirement Luncheon | Bull Valley Golf Club | Noon |
| September 8, 2015 | Family Law Section Meeting | MCBA Office | 12:15 |
| September 15, 2015 | Board of Governors Meeting | MCBA Office | Noon |
| September 18, 2015 | Mediation Seminar | Home State Bank, Woodstock | Noon—4:00 |
| September 29, 2015 | General Meeting | Woodstock Country Club | Noon |
| September 25, 2015 | Annual Softball Game and Picnic | Veterans Acres Park, Crystal Lake | 5:00 pm |
| October 1, 2015 | Criminal Law Section Meeting | MCBA Office | Noon |
| October 2, 2015 | 100th Anniversary Celebration | Boulder Ridge Country Club, Lake in the Hills | 6pm—cocktails 7pm—dinner |
| October 13, 2015 | Family Law Section Meeting | MCBA Office | 12:15 |
| October 15-18, 2015 | Destination Seminar | Eagle Ridge Resort, Galena, IL | |
| October 20, 2015 | Board of Governors Meeting | MCBA Office | Noon |
| October 27, 2015 | General Meeting | Home State Bank, Woodstock | Noon |

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