

September 16, 2000
Meeting of Consumer Law Council of
State Bar of Texas

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark McQuality. Request discussion on purpose and mission of council. Have Fun, Make Some Money, Do Some Good.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated. Amendments suggested. Approved as Amended.

Financial Report. Commend Dan Rentfro for reducing meeting cost (travel, lodging, meals) from \$6,000.00 to \$2,500.00. Cash on Hand of \$26K. Estimate annual budget of \$40K. Tracey McCormack moved to approve CT budget. Approved by voice vote.

Committee Assignments per notes.

Tracey McCormack report on Advanced Consumer Law Seminar. Attendance was low. No money made on seminar. Next year – Team with litigation section on discovery and evidence seminar. Also discussed joint seminar with Anti-Trust Litigation Section, and Business Law Section on a Spring seminar. Mark McQuality and Tracey McCormack to attend meeting on October 6, 2000, with Litigation Section.

Comments by John Dwyre. Concern about loss of money. Concern about CLE for Board Certification in Consumer Law. Discussion by Dan Rentfro. Discussion by Richard Alderman. CLE programs at University of Houston have dropped to a third of the level of a few years ago. New ideas such as free mini-seminars, tapes, cd's, internet have encroached into the Hotel-Podium-Speaker Multi-Day Market. No action taken.

Comprehensive Seminar report by Cheryl Turner. One day seminar in November in Austin was tabled because of scheduling difficulties. Discussion about Texas Bar Center.

Ultimate insurance seminary by Charles Levey. Reasonable attendance but large expenses charged. Success from last year. Problems with speakers.

MDD report by Mark L. Aschermann. No report submitted to State Bar after June meeting. Much more work and/or January report July 2001.

Journal of Consumer Law

Motion to allow advertising - motion by Richard Alderman, second by John Dwyre. Passed unanimous.

Discussion regarding putting Counsumer Law Journal online. Skip McCormick moved to allow Richard Alderman to make whatever arrangements were necessary to set up the journal on line through the University of Houston. Skip amended his motion to suggest that Richard co-ordinate with the web page committee and vice versa. Motion seconded by Dan Rentfro. Extensive discussion regarding whether or not to limit access to section members or to allow access to the public as a whole. Second amendment to allow journal to be put online by U of H with unrestricted access to the general public. Second my Elliot Shavin. Unanimous decision.

Name Change

Motion to change name of section to Commercial and Consumer Law Section. Second by Skip McCormick. Motion withdrawn. Mark McQuality to appoint a committee to study and suggest a proposed name change.

Mark Ascherman,
Secretary Pro Tem

Attendees:

Tracy McCormack
Ed Walton
Mark L. Aschermann
Mark "Q" McQuality
John Dwyre
Skip McCormick
Manuel Newburger
Cheryl Turner
Joe Collier
Rick Schell
Charles Levy
Richard Alderman
Susan Haney
Mark Kinkaid (NP)
Sealy Hutchins
Dan Rentfro
Elliot Shavin

2000-01 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Advanced CLE (TBD)

Insurance CLE

Charles Levy, Chair
Timothy G. Chovanec
Mark L. Kincaid
Mark Aschermann

Comprehensive CLE

Cheryl Turner, Chair
Sealy Hutchings
Eliot Shavin
Susan Haney
John Jones
Richard Schell
John Dwyre

Arbitration Project Committee

Daniel Rentfro, Jr., Chair
Tracy Walters McCormack
Eliot Shavin
Joseph Callier
Clyde R. "Skip" McCormick II
Ed Walton
Jim McMillen
Professor Richard M. Alderman
Manuel H. Newburger

Public Service

John Jones, Co-Chair
Richard D. Schell, Co-Chair

Membership

Deborah Jean Bullion, Co-Chair
(Defense Bar)
Mark L. Kincaid, Co-Chair (Plaintiff's Bar)

Journal

Professor Richard M. Alderman, Co-Chair
Manuel H. Newburger, Co-Chair

Consumer Bankruptcy

Jim McMillen., Co-Chair
Nicolai Von Kreisler, Co-Chair

Webpage

John Dwyre, Co-Chair
Ed Walton, Co-Chair

UPL/MDP

Mark Aschermann, Chair