

**Minutes  
Trial Lawyers Section  
Executive Council Meeting  
Tampa Airport Marriott  
September 6, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by William B. Wilson (Attendance chart attached to the minutes). The Minutes of the June 21, 1996 meeting were approved without amendment.

**Financial Report:**

The financial report for July 31, 1996 was reviewed. The beginning fund balance was \$245,404 and the ending fund balance was \$290,532.

**CLE Committee:**

Mike Tanner reported that we are budgeting for 10 seminars in 1997/98. The seminars are on schedule. Our next seminar, "Winning Mediation Strategies" is scheduled for one live/video taped session in Orlando, on October 25, 1996. The council agreed to cosponsor a seminar on January 22, 1997 with the CLE committee. The seminar will be a video presentation of Irving Younger's trial practice program titled "Credibility and Cross-Examination" (*See attached information and correspondence*).

**Legislation Committee:**

Buddy Jacobs reported on the upcoming legislation session and will be contacting the council members to schedule a time when they can come to Tallahassee during the session. The council discussed the Rent-a-Judge bill. The council voted to table further discussion until the December meeting. Mr. Jacobs will send out information on Rent-a-Judge to the council (*copy of the information is enclosed in the December agenda*).

The Health Law and Government Lawyers sections requested the council to review and possibly take a position on several section positions. The council voted to take no position on their request. Mr. Wilson will send a response to the sections. *Copies of the correspondence are attached to the minutes.* The Consumer Protection Law Committee asked the council to consider taking a position on their proposed Legislative Position on Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act. The council voted not to take a position on this legislative change. *Copies of the notification to the committee are attached.* The council also declined a request for Amicus position in the Worldwide Primates, Inc. v. McGreal. This request was made to John Frost who asked that the council review and respond. *Copies of the correspondence are attached to the minutes.*

**Mock Trial Competition Committee:**

The 1997 Chester Bedell Memorial Mock Trial Competition is scheduled for January 22/23, 1997 at the Crowne Plaza in Miami. Jeannette Andrews has contacted all of the schools and sent out the participation agreement. The problem this year is criminal and was written by Judge Parker. Tomas Gamba will be working with other council members in Miami to recruit judges for the competition. Any one wishing to volunteer should contact Tom Gamba.

**ADR Committee:**

Dom Caparello reported that the committee will be doing a seminar at the annual meeting. They would also like to have an ADR page in the Advocate. The new chair of the committee is Bernie Kessler.

**Annual Meeting Seminar:**

The Courtroom 21 has tentatively agreed to present a seminar at the annual meeting. We will be working with the hotel to finalize the technical arrangements. The Chester Bedell Foundation will be selecting the speaker for the annual luncheon.

**Website Forum:**

A meeting is scheduled for September 5, 1996 with The Florida Bar Staff to inform the sections of the long term implementation of the Bar's website. A representative of the section will attend this meeting. Linnes Finny will assist the council in updating and keeping abreast of available information.

**Litigations Reform Committee:**

David Bianchi reported that after contacting several members of the committee the consensus is that they should meet again and proceed with another project. He will be scheduling a meeting to determined areas of interest. (*A meeting is scheduled for December 13, 1996 at the Tampa Airport Marriott*).

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 5/6, 1996 at the Grove Park Inn and Resort, Asheville, North Carolina.