

**MINUTES OF
APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2002**

1. Call to Order - Hala Sandridge, Chair

2. Introduction

3. Approval of the Minutes

Austin Newberry said the Treasurer's Report needed to be amended to approve receptions at mid-year and annual meetings. Motion passed. Minutes approved.

Report from Angela Flowers on Council of Sections meeting. Section is sponsoring leadership seminar in July, in Tallahassee.

4. Chair's Report

Hala encouraged everyone to attend the discussion with the Supreme Court.

The Section will be presenting its first-ever pro bono award at the Dessert Reception.

5. Treasurer's Report - Tom Hall

The Section is doing very well. Membership is at 1,142. Section has a surplus.

6. Editor's Report for the Record - Susan Fox and Siobhan Shea. Siobhan requested that members submit articles for the Record.

7. Old Business

A. Section Website Development - John Crabtree

John asked committee chairs feed information to the Website Committee for inclusion in the website. The agenda for meetings will be on the website. The site will also contain minutes form past meetings, links to other sites, and a classifieds section that will include employment opportunities and sale of used products. John wants to develop links to each committee's web page. The project is also coming in under - budget.

8. New Business

A. Appellate Pro Se Handbook - Tom Hall

Tom Hall reported that a very large percentage of appeals involve at least one pro se party. Tom suggested the development of a handbook for pro se litigants explaining the appellate process. Several states already have them. The Supreme Court of Delaware even has a website.

Hala suggested having firms find an appellate attorney for pro se appeals that would have an office at the courthouse and would be available to provide assistance on appeals.

Judge Kathy Pecko moved that an annual committee be found to consider assistance on pro bono appeals. Motion was seconded after discussion. Harvey Sepler suggested that the Section involve the Florida Bar Foundation. Tom Hall agreed to chair the committee.

9. Committee Reports

A. Publications - Jack Aiello

Jack reported that the Section has placed five articles this year in the Bar journal, with a possibility of 2-3 more. He encouraged members to submit articles. The Appellate Practice Guide - Caryn Bellus presented the report. Caryn wants new blood to work on articles on judges and the Florida Appellate Courts. The Section can now have an article in every issue of the Florida Bar Journal. Re: Appellate Practice Guide, there has been delay in publication of this year's guide due in part to changes in some DCAs' internal rules, which will be included in the new issue.

B. Continuing Legal Education - Steve Brannock

This fall will be the Hot Topics Seminar, and in January is the Appellate Board Certification Review Course. In Spring 2003 is the Eleventh Circuit seminar. The committee is also considering a possible joint seminar with the Family Law Section. Also considering a bankruptcy appellate seminar. In Fall 2003, planning a joint seminar with the Trial Lawyers Section.

C. Programs.

Hala Sandridge for Kim Mello. Dessert reception will be held tonight, June
20 at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting: September 12, 2002 at Tampa Airport Marriott.

10. Remarks of Outgoing Chair - Hala Sandridge
11. Remarks of Incoming Chair - Angela flowers
12. Adjournment