

**Solo and Small Firm Section
Council Meeting
May 30, 2013**

Minutes

The Section Council convened on May 30, 2013 at the Bar Building. Council members in attendance were Chairperson John Nichols, Alex Postic, Flo Vinson, Tony Dessausure, and Jeremy Thompson. Attending telephonically was council member Emily Johnston. Representing the Bar were Courtney Kennaday and Shelby Crawford.

Chairperson Nichols called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

Mr. Nichols welcomed all present and called for corrections to the minutes of the last meeting, held March 7, 2013. Hearing none, the minutes of the March meeting were adopted as written.

Report from Section Liaison

Section Funds: Ms. Kennaday reported that the current Section balance, as of April 30, 2013, was \$17,179.72. Year-to-date revenue was \$13, 700.00 and year-to-date expenses were \$10,847.12.

Membership: Ms. Kennaday reported that the Section was holding steady on membership with currently 660 members currently in the Section.

Lawyer or Law Firm of the Year Award

The Council voted to create a Solo or Small Firm Lawyer of the Year Award to be given annually to a solo lawyer, a small firm, or a single member of a small firm who has demonstrated faithful service and leadership to the community or fellow lawyers. Council members would be excluded from consideration for the award during their term and for 1 year after any involvement on the Council has ended. Bar staff was to work on a final draft of criteria for Council's review before submitting to the Board of Governors.

Scholarship for the 2013 Solo & Small Firm Conference

The Council voted in favor of sponsoring 1 scholarship to the 2013 Solo & Small Firm Conference. The Council members noted that if more than one extremely worthy candidate applied, the Council may choose to award more than one scholarship.

Planning for the 2013 Solo and Small Firm Conference and Social Event

Ms. Kennaday presented several venue options with costs for holding a social event before the Conference. After discussion, the Council decided not to arrange a social event for attendees the night before the Conference. Instead, the Council and speakers will have a dinner on Thursday night.

Future Meetings and Conference Calls

Incoming Chairperson Alex Postic was to be contacted to set the date for the next meeting prior to the Conference.

Adjournment

All present business of the Committee being concluded, Mr. Nichols then adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.