# Solo and Small Firm Section Council Meeting February 16, 2012

#### <u>Minutes</u>

The Section Council convened on February 16, 2012, at the Bar Conference Center. Council members in attendance were Chairperson Linda F. Knapp, Tony Dessausure, Ken Lester, and Monet Pincus. Attending telephonically were council members Alex Postic and Flo Vinson. Also in attendance was Catherine Hendrix. Representing the Bar were Courtney Kennaday, Jeff Manning and Cyndi Nickerson.

Chairperson Knapp called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Ms. Knapp welcomed all present and called for corrections to the minutes of the last meeting, held December 8, 2011. Hearing none, the minutes of the December meeting were adopted as written.

### Report from Section Liaison

<u>Section Funds:</u> Ms. Kennaday reported the current Section balance, as of January 31, 2012, was \$19,901.41. Year-to-date revenue was \$11,320.00 and year-to-date expenses were \$6,614.02. Expenses reflected the cost of the luncheon for the Solo & Small Firm Conference held in September.

Membership: Ms. Kennaday reported that there were currently 583 members of the Section, up from 508 at the previous meeting.

<u>Bylaws Amendment:</u> Ms. Kennaday announced that the House of Delegates had approved the amendments to the Section Bylaws at its January meeting.

<u>Listserv Report:</u> Ms. Kennaday reported that membership in the <u>Solofirm@scbar.org</u> listserv had exceeded 170 members. The Council discussed if membership should be limited to small firms only. Mr. Manning reported that the new computer system the Bar is introducing will allow listserv members to see a list of participants. The discussion was tabled without action.

<u>Print Directory:</u> Ms. Kennaday reported that the cost of printing and binding the membership Practice Area Directory would exceed \$7 a copy. After discussion, the Council declined to proceed with printing copies. The Council would investigate other online options for the Directory.

Planning for the 2012 Solo & Small Firm CLE and Annual Meeting

Ms. Nickerson reported that the Marriott Columbia had been reserved for September 14, 2012 for next year's conference. Mr. Manning presented a proposed marketing calendar to Council and explained the development of a "micro-site." The Council suggested potential speakers and topics.

## Membership Drive

The Council discussed having more regional events as a goal for the next year.

### Council Election

The Council moved to closed-door session for the election of three Council members and a new Chair-Elect. Results will be announced to the Section after March 1.

### Future Meetings and Conference Calls

Council next meet via conference call, time and date to be announced.

### <u>Adjournment</u>

All present business of the Committee being concluded, Ms. Knapp then adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.