

**MINUTES OF THE GUARDIANSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE ELDER LAW SECTION
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2006
AT THE HAWK'S KAY RESORT IN DUCK KEY, FLORIDA**

I: The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Enrique Zamora. The following members were present during the meeting:

Enrique Zamora, Esq. Chair
Jacqueline Schneider, Esq.
Rudy Suarez, Esq.

In addition, two new members joined the committee during the retreat:

Jill Burzynski, Esq.
Dawn Chapman, Esq.

The following members responded to the chair's email inviting to join the committee:

Richard Milstein, Esq.
Professor Rebecca Morgan
David Mangiero, Esq.
David Glazer, Esq.
Patricia Marie Kolski, Esq.

II: Administrative matters

Enrique Zamora, Esq., assumed the role of secretary. There were no prior minutes to be approved.

III: Old business

Enrique Zamora, Esq., noted that the committee established to create the new four hour training course for the examining committee members had met by phone two weeks ago. The committee agreed that the examining committee training manual that was prepared by this guardianship committee last year was going to be the basis for the first two modules of what will be a 4 module training course.

Enrique Zamora, Esq., and Ed Boyer, Esq., have been appointed by John Staunton, Esq., to represent the Elder Law Section in this committee which was created by statute.

IV: New Business

Enrique Zamora, Esq., suggested that an 8-hour course in guardianship be developed by the guardianship committee in order to allow attorneys to comply with the new requirements under Section 744.331(2)(d) which requires that any attorney seeking the appointment by court for incapacity and guardianship proceedings must have completed a minimum of 8 hours of education in guardianship prior to January 1st, 2007. Jacqueline Schneider, Esq., the CLE chair for the Elder Law Section considered this to be a worthwhile project.

A proposal was presented by Mr. Zamora and Ms. Schneider to the Executive Council on Saturday. The Executive Council approved the development of such training course. It was suggested that the course be developed in conjunction with the St. Thomas Law School. Mr. Zamora and Ms. Schneider will present this proposal to the law school dean, Bob Butterworth.

Professor Rebecca Morgan suggested that the committee conducts a survey in all circuits regarding the reporting requirements by guardians to prepare and have a disaster plan available. It was the consensus of the members that this is a worthwhile project and it was also presented to the Executive Council which approved this undertaking by the Guardianship Committee.

The Executive Council also requested that all committees submit an article for publication in the Elder Law Advocate. The next deadline is October 15, 2006. Mr. Zamora will send emails to all the members of the Guardianship Committee soliciting the submittal of an article to be published in the Elder Law Advocate. Articles do not have to be long, maximum 600 words and they could be informal and informative.

Dr. Ken Goodman met with Mr. Zamora subsequent to the committee meeting and suggested that we undertake a joint effort with the Florida Bio-Ethics Network. Susan King will also like to participate in this effort as a member of the Guardianship Committee.

V: Meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Enrique Zamora, Esq.