

Minutes – IndyBar Solo/Small Firm Committee

Date:	3/31/17	Location:	IndyBar Ed Center
Time:	12:00 p.m.	Meeting Type:	Regular monthly
Attendees:	<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Bays Beinart <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Bowen <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Buetens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Cox (CHAIR) <input type="checkbox"/> Julie Chambers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abel Contreras	<input type="checkbox"/> Andy Duncan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Glynn (phone) <input type="checkbox"/> Keith Hancock <input type="checkbox"/> Alex Limontes <input type="checkbox"/> Felicia Locke <input type="checkbox"/> Sara McClammer	<input type="checkbox"/> John Mervilde <input type="checkbox"/> Sonja Shah <input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Stoffel <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Williams <input type="checkbox"/> Lesley Hayes <input type="checkbox"/> Kara Sikorski

DECISIONS

1	Survive & Thrive subcomm mtg will be April 19, 12-1pm at Winner's Circle OTB (hopefully in back room)
2	Family Fun Day will be at Eagle Creek (date TBD)
3	Personal Injury CLE: aiming for 6/7/17, need to confirm speakers' availability for 4 pm (15 th floor) or noon (7 th floor)

NEW ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE	
1	Personal Injury CLE: confirm speakers' availability for 4pm (6/7/17) CLE (or can do noon on 7 th floor)	Keith	ASAP
2	Bench Bar scholarship apps due 4/14 – will decide recipients by email if needed before next meeting	Beth / ALL	4/14/17
3	Karaoke fundraiser: will send email to subcomm to start getting serious about planning	Jane	ASAP
4	We will start a referral directory to pin to our website	Kara	As available.

MEETING AGENDA/NOTES

Updates on Events/CLEs:

- Joint CLE with Estate Planning – (First session March 23, 2017) Jane
- OWI CLE – series Sonja
 - *Sonja talked to Mark Busby, he thought was great idea. He sent proposal, she hasn't reviewed proposal yet. Thinks at the very least should do something on blood draws. Tom Hirschauer has already agreed to do whatever she asks re: OWI so long as is available*
 - *He also suggested Julie Chambers for traffic stuff*
 - *He had some other suggestions: traffic stop, what to look for; possibly having a prosecutor come and say what to look for*
 - *Will talk to CJ section to see about co-sponsoring*
 - *Available dates: August*
- *In the works: EP part II, OWI, Appeals primer, PI, S&T*

Survive & Thrive subcommittee

Beth

- *Beth sent Doodle—heard from half of group*
- *Meeting will be April 19, 12-1pm*
- *Will try for back room at OTB*
- *Last meeting: came up with 25-30 ideas. Lesley gave feedback on ideas, overlap, etc. Beth will send feedback to subcommittee ahead of meeting.*

Karaoke Fundraiser

Jane & Keith

- *(Subcommittee: Jane, Keith, Andy, Kevin, Beth)*
- *Updates:*
 - *May have IndyBar Pres interested in being a singer*
 - *Locations:*
 - *Place by Kohl's/Le Peep?*
 - *Tillys (Keystone): Website: Karaoke every Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, from 10:00 pm - 2:00 am. Karaoke hosted by Indy Music Productions*
 - *Need a day that's not usually a karaoke night?*
 - *Jane will send an email to subcomm*

SurveyMonkey

Beth

- *Topic 1: Level of interest in LMP topics*
- *Topic 2: \$1M insurance policy requirement*
- *28 responses so far; Lesley will send out results to us next week*

Family Fun-Day

Beth

- *Have been asked to limit socials. See if we can get a Saturday, see if we can lock down a shelter that has electricity etc. Do a pitch-in / pot luck*
- *Erik Engebretson said he would do a 3-legged race*
- *\$125 for shelter?*
- *Someone has bocce*
- *Someone has cornhole boards*
- *Beth has a water balloon filler-upper*
- *Abel: ability to rent pontoon boats on west side of Eagle Creek (under \$40 to seat up to 8 ppl?) – add that to list of stuff people can do for day*

Appeals Primer

Julie

- *Julie talked to Brian Babb at Bose McKinney, Ruth Johnson (PD); they're interested in partnering*
- *Open to 3-part series*
- *Civil appeals, criminal appeals – do both sides*
- *Issue spotting*
- *How to set up appeal while in trial*
- *E-filing*

- *Once filed, how to prep for oral arguments*
- *They asked us to come up with dates*
- *They mentioned August and September, maybe doing it 3 weeks in a row*
- *Julie wants feedback*
- *Discount if register for all three?*
- *Julie talked to Appellate Section (Joel Schumm) – he said talked to Ruth*
- *Lesley will look at calendar and provide some dates*

Pacers event

Abel

- *Abel checked with, got approved cost of sponsoring event (his firm would pay for tickets)*
- *When ppl show up to varsity club, they'll sit on suite level anyway*
- *April 6, 7 pm game*
- *Easy call: all you have to do is pay \$35 for dinner spread and then can sit on suite level*
- *He hasn't bought the tickets yet; if does buy and no one wants to go, can donate them to Salvation Army*
- *But we can coordinate this next year – always available during the week; only commitment necessary is payment of each person (\$35 each); then buy cheapest ticket you can find just to get admitted.*
- *Abel can still sponsor it because they're playing terrible!*

Bench Bar Scholarships

- *App went out; IndyBar switched to electronic application, so took some extra times*
- *Rooms are already reserved*
- *Applications are due April 14*
- *We have 4 so far*
- *Meet at end of month, so decide by email?*

IMS Day

- *Kevin sent link*
- *Last year: IndyBAR had a suite several thousand dollars Includes tix, parking, A/C, TVs. Is pricey. 30 ppl for \$1400, doesn't include catering. Might be cost prohibitive unless 30 people sign up and commit to paying \$50 each. Seems like a lot of money for just a few people.*
- *Lesley: cost prohibitive for this year.*

Day at the (Horse) Track

- *OTB will run shuttles, Kevin is looking into*

Personal Injury CLE

Kevin & Keith

- *Bill Winingham, his associate John have agreed to do*
- *Will cover basis of evaluating case; tort claim notices, ethical rule re: referral fee (law has changed?); litigating claim; demand letter; etc.*
- *Planning sheet says June 7 at noon – has date been cleared?*
 - *Lesley has June 7 at 4 pm – Keith will double check with Bill*

- *Can move it to noon but would be on 7th floor (bar review on 15th)*

Web Content:

- **Recent Posts:**

- March 1 – New Rules Reflect Renewed Focus on Attorney Trust Accounts (Sara – Written by John Higgins)
- March 7 – Most Solos/Small Firms Think They’re Thriving (Beth- Lawyerist article)
- March 9 – Discipline Yourself in Writing (Sara)
- March 10 – Solos Need to be Lifelong Learners (Julie – Myshingle.com article)
- March 20 – Five Steps to Unplug (Beth – Lawyerist article)
- March 29 – Solos Seek to Challenge Archaic Bonafide Office Rules (Julie – Myshingle.com article)

- **Month Assignment Reminders:**

February	Sara
March	Julie
April	Jennifer
May	John
February	Sara

- **New Ideas?**

- *Beth is talking to LawPay about a LPM CLE re: reducing chargebacks etc.*
- *Talk to them about sponsoring S&T?*
- *Eric: have email/list among ourselves for referring cases to in certain areas?*
 - *Would be great resource for wider SSF members*
 - *Send out on listserv – one way can use listserv, one way to promote it*
 - *Spotlight a member on the listserv*
 - *Need to somehow let someone know what areas we want to take referrals from*
 - *Start directory on our page – pin it to page so don’t have to dig through updates*
 - *Consumer law: Ryan Frasier (per Abel)*
 - *Lesley will double check listserv guidelines re advertising etc.*

- **Reminder: Bench Bar is June 15-17 and registration is open!**