



March 2004

Family Law Docket

Section Chair testifies to U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee

Phyllis G. Bossin, chair of the Section of Family Law, testified on behalf of the ABA before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, March 23. Bossin testified before the committee during its hearings on a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. [Read her testimony.](#) The ABA has also issued an official statement. [Read the press release.](#)

Working Group on Same-Sex Marriages and Non-Marital Unions to Write White Paper

The Group is ready to begin drafting a white paper about the impact legalizing same-sex marriages will have on various aspects of family law practices nationwide. The paper is scheduled to be presented to the Section's Council for approval during the Spring CLE Conference in San Juan.

Call for Content

We are working on upgrading the Online Resource Center content. If you have any articles, briefs, forms, checklists, etc. that you are willing to share, please contact Tina Belanger via e-mail belanget@staff.abanet.org or view the [FAQ sheet](#) on submitting documents.

Nominating Committee Announces Slate for 2004-05

New Officers and Council members will be elected at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. View the [slate](#).

Attention Law Students

This is your last chance to request your Schwab essay contest entry form before the

Members on the Move

New Distance Learning Program Announced

The Interstate Connection: Family Support, Custody and the Service Member.

Join section members Patricia Apy, Mark Sullivan and Jacquie Valdespino for this [video webcast](#) as they explore the issues arising out of UIFSA, the UCCJEA and other areas impacting family law as it relates to service members.

More Member News

Richard J. Podell was elected as the Wisconsin State Bar Delegate to the ABA House.

Best of the Listserv

We have picked several interesting topics of discussion from the ESQ listserv for March's best of the listserv. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming CLE and Events Information

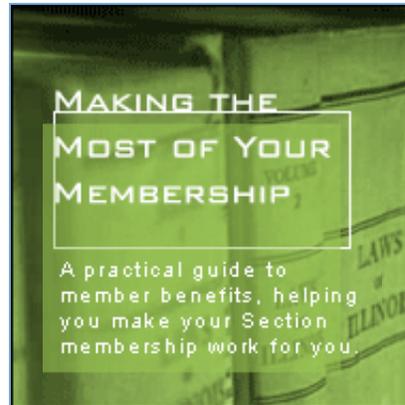
What's Happening in San Juan?

*In addition to plentiful CLE learning opportunities and business meetings, we also have some special events and exciting social functions. For additional information about any of these events, please contact Lindy Brown at brownl@staff.abanet.org or via phone at 312-988-5145.

*Section sponsors one-day program for legal professionals who provide legal services to military personnel.

*Membership to vote on proposed bylaw amendments to [Section Bylaws](#) on April 30, 2004.

*The San Juan Salsa Soiree event features authentic Latin



This month's featured benefit:

What's new in communications and technology?

We are making an effort to reach out to all of our members by developing new ways of communicating and bringing your member benefits to you.

Online Resource Center content will be expanded over the next few months.

Teleseminars will be offered quarterly with plans to increase frequency in 2005. Upcoming seminars will cover custody evaluations and valuating stock options.

You will continue to receive the eNewsletter and Family Law Case Update via e-mail, so be sure to keep your e-mail address current. Contributions are always welcomed. Send them to Tina Belanger via email at belanget@staff.abanet.org.

The Section will launch a new, easy to navigate web site this summer with more information and practice resources.

complete [rules and eligibility requirements](#). Request your entry form via e-mail at brownl@staff.abanet.org.

Articles

Understanding and Evaluating Alienation in High-Conflict Custody Cases

by *Phil Stahl*

Phil Stahl's [article](#) examines the issues surrounding the concept of Parental Alienation Syndrome. More information about Dr. Stahl is available at the end of the article and at his website, www.parentingafterdivorce.com.

cuisine and instruction on salsa dancing.

*Join your colleagues for an exciting hike through the El Yunque Rainforest.

Commission on Domestic Violence Announces CLE Teleseminar Training Series

The seminar, *Litigation Tips In Domestic Violence Cases: A Techniques and Strategies Teleconference Series*, will include a series of four two-hour teleconferences starting on April 7th. Get [more information](#) and register.

Dispute Resolution and Resilience Conference

The ABA Section of Dispute Resolution presents the sixth annual conference April 15-17, 2004 in New York. View [brochure](#) or [register](#) online.

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