

**CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**DECEMBER 9, 2014**

Following the round table presentation on expert witnesses held on December 9, 2014, the Committee had a general telephone membership meeting. The meeting was presided over by David Kurtz and James Landgraf, co-chairs.

The co-chairs congratulated vice co-chairs Karen Lanyng and Jeanne Barnum on successfully presenting the programs at the Construction Super Conference. Attendance was excellent and we were able to provide a number of panel spots for members of the Committee interested in making presentations.

The members were reminded that the Committee will present two programs at the Section Annual Conference in April in New Orleans. Tom Dunn is the program chair for “A Litigator’s Guide to Arbitration: Best Practices to Maximize the Benefits of your Next Arbitration” and Michael Gordon is chairing a second program “Multi-lateral Self Defense in Parallel Proceedings: Practical Steps to Take When the Government Comes Knocking on the Front Door, the Back Door, the Side Door, and the Windows.” For members who will be attending the spring annual meeting of the forum on the construction industry, the Construction Litigation Committee will also be participating in a breakfast program where Melissa Beutler will be speaking about the soon to be published second edition of the “Model Jury Instructions for Construction Litigation.” As we approach the two events, members will be notified about dinner and other informal networking opportunities.

Melissa Beutler and her series of authors have completed the work on the second edition of the model jury instructions for construction litigation. This will be presented to the section for final review and anticipated publication in the spring of 2015.

The Committee is in the process of preparing a series of regional one day programs on “Trial of a Construction Case.” The plan is to hold the regional programs on both the east and west coasts with Michael Gordon as program chair for the east coast program and Georlen Spangler as chair for the west coast program. Members were invited to contact Michael or Georlen to express any interest they had in speaking or assisting and sponsoring or otherwise preparing for the regional programs.

Members were advised that the next edition of the mini newsletter was in the works and would be submitted for publication in January. Members were again invited to offer articles for upcoming newsletters as well as for posting on the website.

The process for preparing “Sound Advice” presentations was discussed and members were invited to participate in developing and submittal of sound advice programs for placement on the website.

There was no further committee business. The chairs thanked all of the members for participating in both the roundtable and the committee meeting and encouraged them to attend SAC and if they were going to be at the forum meeting, to attend the breakfast.