



Committee on Civility in the Profession Appointed

Section of Family Law Chair, Howard I. Lipsey, has appointed a special committee to draft "Professional Guidelines on Civility," to serve as a guide for lawyers and judges in the civil practice of family law.

In announcing the formation of the committee at the Section's Annual Awards luncheon in August, Lipsey quoted Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who said in a 1997 speech that "personal relationships lie at the heart of the work that lawyers do."

Lipsey went on to say, the best way to build personal relationships is to begin with civility and courtesy. "It is our section's responsibility, not only to assist our members in attaining the professional skills required to competently represent those individuals seeking our services, but also to dignify and honor our profession by ensuring that all of our activities are done, in the words of Justice O'Connor, with 'Civility and Courtesy.'"

Members of the committee, which is chaired by former Section Chair Richard J. Podell of Milwaukee, are:

Lewis Becker, Villanova, PA

Mark Chinn, Jackson, MI

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