

Minutes of the Columbia Chapter of the South Carolina Roster Administrators
Meeting Date: Tuesday April 21st, 2009

Location: Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.
1201 Main Street, 22nd Floor, Columbia, SC
Host: Michael J. Cerkez

Attendees:

1. Laurie Jennings, Nelson Mullins, Laurie.Jennings@nelsonmullins.com
2. Jay-Jay Flanagan-Grannemann, Law Office of Daryl G. Hawkins, LLC, JayJay@dghlaw.net
3. Michael J. Cerkez, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd (HSB), MCerkez@hsblawfirm.com
4. Kim Harbison, Law Office of Daryl G. Hawkins, LLC, KHarbison@dghlaw.net
5. Nicole Frey, HSB, NFrey@hsblawfirm.com

Laurie Jennings took charge of the meeting initially at approximately 1:10 p.m. after it became clear that no other members would be attending. We welcomed our new member, Nicole Frey of HSB, and spent a little time getting to know her and her prior job duties both in other positions at HSB and from her prior, out-of-state legal work.

Laurie announced that Scott Hayes (Senior Applications Manager in the IT Department at Justice Toal's office) was unable to attend this month's meeting, but she is hoping to get him scheduled for an upcoming meeting. She is going to provide him a list of items we wish to discuss with him so that he has some specifics about why we are requesting a meeting with him.

It was agreed that the main thing we seem to be seeking is standardization, and we need to start talking to other players in the field to try and bring that about. We looked up the website for the South Carolina Clerks of Court and Registers of Deeds Association (<http://www.sccrod.org/>). Their spring meeting is being held May 4-7 in Myrtle Beach, so we are too late to get on the agenda there, but hopefully we can do something for their fall meeting, which is usually held in October.

Kim is having some difficulty with our membership database project, because she cannot figure out a way to email everyone the vcards for the members in one batch. We may have to pass them out on CD.

Mike made a PowerPoint presentation including tips and hints. We were each reminded to check the default type of court each time you check rosters, because Aiken County has tweaked the new format to default to Transfer Court and other counties may have different defaults (bond court, general sessions, etc.) than the norm (which is Common Pleas). We discussed some additional terms occasionally found on rosters, including stay (which can be used when a case is delayed for arbitration or mediation, or if a party

is in the military and is deployed), protection (which is granted for appearances in a higher court or for vacations or CLEs), judgment (for when a case has been decided based on a Motion for Summary Judgment, Motion to Dismiss, etc.), recusal (for when a judge has a conflict or may be perceived to have a potential conflict), and transferred (when a case is moved to another county in a transfer of venue, moved from a jury to non-jury docket or vice versa, or referred to a Master-in-Equity or Special Referee for final disposition).

According to the Records Search map on the Judicial Department website (<http://www.judicial.state.sc.us/caseSearch/>), 18 counties still need to be converted to the new system and 28 have been completed.

The Charleston County website hosts the Multi-Week Jury Trial Docket for the pilot project underway in Charleston, Horry, and Beaufort counties. Cases in those counties anticipated to take more than 5 days for trial are being added to this roster in order of the date of filing. The current roster does not list a date or time for the roster meeting; the Judge has discretion on when to set those and has not decided yet, so the roster will need to be checked as the date for the next term (July 2009) approaches. Also, please note that the "Update" listed below the Multi-Week docket pertains to the regular jury roster for Charleston County only, *NOT* the Multi-Week docket for Charleston, Horry, and Beaufort counties, which is listed directly above it.

Our next meeting will be on May 19th at the Law Office of Daryl G. Hawkins, LLC with Kim Harbison hosting and providing a home-cooked main dish for lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lay-Lay Flanagan-Grannemann

Secretary

South Carolina Rosters Administrators, Columbia Chapter

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