

Minutes of the South Carolina Roster Administrators
Meeting Date: Tuesday February 16th, 2010

Location: Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA
1201 Main Street
24th Floor
Columbia, SC

Hosts: Michael J. Cerkez and Nicole Wright Frey

Attendees:

1. Michael J. Cerkez, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd (HSB), MCerkez@hsblawfirm.com
2. Laurie Jennings, Nelson Mullins, Laurie.Jennings@nelsonmullins.com
3. Jay-Jay Flanagan-Grannemann, McWhirter, Bellinger & Associates, PA, jayjay1971@gmail.com
4. Nicole Wright Frey, NFrey@hsblawfirm.com
5. Sheri Neely, Law Office of Daryl G. Hawkins, LLC, sneely@dghlaw.net

Michael called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. and we all introduced ourselves to our newest member, Sheri Neely. A brief discussion of the history and purposes of the organization ensued. All present offered their assistance to Sheri as needed as she takes on the roster administration responsibilities for her firm.

There were no changes to last month's minutes.

Michael confirmed that no one has heard any more from David Hamilton at SCCCROD. It was suggested that perhaps members should ask those we talk to at the Clerks' offices if they plan to attend the spring meeting and mention that we are interested in hearing about what happens there. A small guerilla marketing campaign may be in order. A press release or open letter to the Clerks was also suggested if we get no response to our outreach efforts to SCCCROD's leadership. It was agreed that a notice should be sent to SCCCROD's leaders as a courtesy letting them know our plans to contact the Clerks directly before any such communications are sent out.

Discussion of the "team organization" entry on the agenda ensued. This just means that no one in SCRA does things on their own; we all work together to accomplish the organization's goals. Our incorporation paperwork and the SCCCROD proposal were used as examples.

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions for improvements, etc. regarding SCRA or any roster-related matter, please either attend a meeting or contact an officer to discuss them. We are open to input in all areas at all times.

Laurie recently made contact with someone in the Beaufort County Clerk of Court's office who seemed very happy to work with us. Her name is Jamie Thompson and she

is in charge of non-jury rosters there. Laurie offered to get the word out to our membership via our email blasts whenever Jamie has something to share regarding the rosters. She was very clear in letting Jamie know that while our group is large and reaches many firms around the state, letting us know something will not reach ALL firms or attorneys with cases on a particular roster, but it WILL help curb the number of contacts she needs to make to spread the word when last-minute changes occur.

The order in which roster notices should be sent to officers was reiterated: Laurie should receive all notices first; if she is unavailable, her out-of-office assistant will direct members to send notices to Michael; if he is unavailable, please send notices to Jay-Jay at her personal address: jayjay1971@gmail.com. Please note that Jay-Jay is unable to access this account from work, so roster notices may not be distributed (or other replies sent) until late in the evening.

The Berkeley County roster that was mentioned in last month's minutes as having disappeared later reappeared. There have been other disappearing rosters in Berkeley County lately as well, which necessitated Laurie's recent dialog with Jamie Thompson (see above).

As a reminder: for Richland County, the arrows at the bottom of the page to get to additional rosters do not work. Please remember to use the drop-down box next to Roster Type at the top left hand side of the page to ensure you are not missing rosters, as many Motions rosters in particular, along with the occasional roster of another type, such as a recent appeals roster, do not show up on the first page.

Additional advice: do not rely upon information in the Notes column of any roster without verifying the information with the Clerk's office. Most of the Clerks' offices are telling our members that information in that column is for their internal use only and is not to be relied upon by outside parties. Recent examples were rosters in certain upstate counties that showed dates from the 1700s and a recent Dorchester County roster with notes that cases were over or otherwise ended without using proper legal terminology like "dismissed," "stayed," "continued," or "resolved."

A tip: Berkeley County is publishing rosters on Friday for foreclosure hearings being held on Monday, the next business day. Beware!

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 16th, 2010 at McAngus Goudelock & Courie with Nelda Canada as host. The April meeting (April 20th, 2010) may be held at Nexsen Pruet with Sharon Hyland as host.

We are still seeking other locations for future meetings. Remember: lunch does *not* need to be provided; we just need a conference room, but would prefer to have a computer, Internet hookup, screen, and teleconference capability if possible. Please contact Michael at the email address above if you are interested in hosting a future meeting. Thanks!

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay-Jay Flanagan-Grannemann

Secretary
South Carolina Rosters Administrators
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