

educational portions of the LEL Section's section meetings. The LEL Section provided assistance to the YLS/LE section with ideas and issues to address in a possible CLE on issues for attorneys to consider in the economic downturn (including morale, downsizing, alternatives to layoffs, mental health effects, and others). LEL Section members also participated in the YLS/LES Spring Event at UCONN Law School.

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LITIGATION SECTION

THOMAS J. RECHEN, CHAIR

PURPOSE

Per Article I, Section 2 of the bylaws of the Litigation Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, amended by the Board of Governors on September 16, 1996, the purpose of the Litigation Section is to promote the objects of the Connecticut Bar Association within the field of civil justice and litigation. The Litigation Section views that directive as requiring regular Executive Committee/Section meetings between September and June designed to promote camaraderie, civility, legal education, and a legislative agenda consistent with an effective and efficient civil justice system.

ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Committee/Section Meetings

1. Meeting of the Executive Committee on May 14, 2008, including a presentation by Monique Ferraro of Technology Forensics, LLC concerning discovery and protection of electronic evidence.
2. Meeting of the Executive Committee on June 25, 2008, recapping and closing out the 2007-2008 Bar Year.
3. Meeting of the full Section on September 23, 2008, including a presentation by Justice Peter T. Zarella concerning the work and procedure of the Superior Court Rules Committee.
4. Meeting of the full section on November 19, 2007, including a presentation by Sheldon Wishnick concerning actuarial and financial analysis relative to economic issues in litigation matters.

5. Meeting of the full section on January 22, 2009, including a discussion of pending legislation and a presentation by Sandy Klebanoff, Connecticut Bar Foundation, on the status of IOLTA.
6. Meeting of the full Section on March 5, 2009, including a discussion of pending legislation and a presentation by the Honorable Paul Knierim, Chief Probate Court Administrator, concerning the issues confronting the probate court system and the reforms under discussion with respect to that system.
7. Meeting of the full section on May 5, 2009, including a presentation by the Honorable Arthur A. Hiller, Chief Administrative Judge, Civil Division, Superior Court concerning the recent changes and initiatives in the administration of civil justice and the challenges faced by the State Court system.

Continuing Legal Education Programs

1. October 22, 2008, "Story and Telling for Lawyers" presented by Professor Richard Krevolin, Power Story Consultants, Inc. and Jayne Amelia Larson, Communications Coach
2. April 3, 2009, "Global Prospective on Appellate Law" (Litigation Section was a co-Sponsor and presenter of the program)
3. April 20, 2009, "A Morning with Gerry Spence"
4. May 20, 2009, "Winning Your Trial Using Technology in the Courtroom"

Annual Meeting Programs

1. "Film at 11:00: News, Views and Reflections of a Barrister Turned TV Broadcaster," presented by Manny Medrano, a reporter/anchor with KTLA News, a former Supreme Court correspondent for ABC News, and a former federal narcotics prosecutor. Attorney Medrano will make a presentation on news and events that have changed the fabric and landscape of our society, specifically high profile cases, and will also talk about the inner workings of the U. S. Supreme Court and its likely direction under the Obama Administration.
2. "Use of Expert Witnesses: The Dos and Don'ts," presented by David P. Atkins and Thomas J. Rechen (moderators) and the Honorable Christopher F. Dronney, United States District Court Judge, the Honorable Michael R. Sheldon, Superior Court Judge, and Stewart I. Edelman of Cohen & Wolf PC (panelists). This program is co-sponsored with the Federal Practice Section.

PLANNING & ZONING SECTION

CHARLES R. ANDRES, CHAIR

PURPOSE

The Planning and Zoning Section has continued to emphasize its core goals, which are to educate our own section members and the Bar in general about the changing law of land use, to educate lay members of local land use agencies about their legal authority and responsibilities, to improve the legislative structure within which land use decisions are made, and to foster goodwill and credibility between the Bar and the general community.

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CLE SEMINARS

On September 9, 2008, our section sponsored the Third Annual Property Rights Seminar. The seminar addressed recent developments in eminent domain and regulatory takings. The program was co-chaired by Attorney Dwight Merriam and Robert Poliner, Ombudsman for Property Rights. The speakers included six attorneys and an expert appraiser.