

Meetings

November 19, 2008: The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative: Background, Current Status, and Going Forward Expectations and Issues.

January 27, 2009: Honorable Richard Roy, co-chair, Environment Committee; Honorable Edward Meyer, Assistant Majority Leader, co-chair, Environment Committee; Honorable John Fonfara, Deputy Majority Leader, co-chair, Energy and Technology Committee; Honorable Vickie Orsini Nardello, committee co-chair, Energy and Technology on 2009 Legislative Update

February 19, 2009: Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, re: Annual Address to the Environmental Law Section

March 26, 2009: DPUC Commissioners Amalia Bzdyra and Kevin DelGobbo. In addition, former DPUC Commissioner Anne George accepting gesture of section appreciation and recognition of years of service as DPUC Commissioner.

REAL PROPERTY SECTION

EDWARD S. HILL, CHAIR

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Real Property Section is to promote the educational and professional objectives of the Connecticut Bar Association within the field of real property law. The section provides a forum at executive committee and section meetings throughout the year for the exchange of information and ideas relative to real property issues, concerns and transactions, both residential and commercial. The section also welcomes consideration and discussion of issues related to conveyancing, mortgages, land use, title insurance, and other matters of interest to the real estate bar.

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The Real Property Section, one of the largest and most active sections in the Connecticut Bar Association, presented a series of programs at its monthly meetings to provide professional development to its members. The monthly meeting programs dealt with: features of sustainability: green buildings and green development, consideration of the Uniform Assignment of Rents Act, an overview of Public Act 08-176 (“An Act Concerning Responsible Lending and Economic Security”) dealing with lending practices and mortgage foreclosures, market forecasts for residential and commercial real estate, issues relating to re-sales of moderate income and affordable housing units, a primer on short sales (sales of residential property where the sales price is less than the mortgage), and an introduction to civil collaborative law as another alternate dispute resolution method.

The Legislative Committee made up of Matthew Cholewa and Edward Rosenblatt monitored legislation of interest to real estate attorneys and led discussions and evaluations of proposed legislation including proposals to deal with the unauthorized practice of law, sales taxes on legal services, and changes to the Common Interest Ownership Act.

The section voted to award a prize of \$1,500 each to a law student from the University of Connecticut School of Law and one from Quinnipiac University Law School.

Under the leadership of Edward Rosenblatt, the section pursued its proposal for a Residential Real Estate Certification to the CBA House of Delegates. Unfortunately, the House of Delegates voted not to support the program.

The section will be presenting a program at the Connecticut Bar Association's Annual Meeting on June 8, 2009, titled "Recent Developments in Real Property Law—Cases and Legislation."

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SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SECTION

DANIEL B. FITZGERALD, CHAIR

PURPOSE

The purpose of the CBA's Sports & Entertainment Law Section is to provide a forum for sports and entertainment lawyers to share their knowledge and experience, as well as provide a resource for attorneys looking to break into these areas of law. The importance of the section continues to grow as Connecticut faces numerous sports and entertainment issues, including the assessment and adjustment of the Hollywood East tax breaks for filmmakers who chose to film and produce works in Connecticut; the allegations of NCAA violations against the University of Connecticut men's basketball program; the Title IX lawsuit against Quinnipiac University; and the continuing debate over a professional sports presence in Connecticut.

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In June 2008, the section held an event at the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. The meeting was led by Daniel E. Kleinman, of Levy & Droney PC, counsel to the Travelers Championship and longtime member of the Sports & Entertainment Law Section. Guest speakers included Nathan Grube, tour director, and Billy Andrade, professional golfer. In June 2009 the section will once again hold an event at the Travelers Championship.

In September 2008, the executive committee of the section met to discuss the objectives of the section and goals for the coming calendar year. The executive committee determined that the section should attempt to hold events in various parts of the state in an effort to encourage its widespread membership to attend meetings and events; discussed the creation of a section directory, including members' contact information and practice areas; and planned two events, the Travelers Championship event and an event with the LiveNation concert venue.

In April 2009, the section created a networking group on LinkedIn® to facilitate networking and the sharing of information among section members.

In May 2009, a section meeting was held at Anna Liffey's in New Haven. The General Assembly's Hollywood East initiatives under consideration this legislative session were discussed and analyzed at length. In addition, the section discussed continuing legal education in the area of sports and entertainment law.