

FLSB BANKRUPTCY LAWYERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting February 27, 2018

Meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Present at the meeting: Leyza Blanco; Rilyn Carnahan; Heidi Feinman; Jeff Fraser; Robert Furr; Greg Grossman; Ross Hartog; Mike Johnson; Gerard Kouri; David Samole; James Schwitalla; Robin Weiner; Nadine White-Boyd.

Members selected the following Officers:

Chair: Leyza Blanco
Vice Chair: Ross Hartog
Secretary: Heidi Feinman

Discussion and agreement to break down subcommittee contact by geographical divisions:

West Palm Beach division: Robert Furr
Broward division: Mike Johnson
Miami division: Greg Grossman

Discussion regarding drafting notice of appointment of Committee; what we do and contact name for each division with goal of giving members of Bar a summary of why we are here. Initial draft notice to be prepared and circulations for approval via email.

Outreach to community:

Suggested notification in BBA EBlast, ECF notice, BLS of Florida Bar, local bar associations, 341 rooms; Bankruptcy Court websites and Chapter 13 websites; Chapter 7 trustee websites to extent they exist; article in BBA Newsletter if one is sent out; BBA Retreat and Court Buzz Feed.

Future Meetings:

Per bylaws, must have at least 4 during year; suggested monthly for now; determined telephonic meeting ok

Parties generally agree month end after 4:00 is best

Language in Bylaws allows for Judges to attend; we should consider 1 meeting each year and invite the Judges; if we agree, Leyza will reach out to Judge Isicoff

For Next Meeting:

How to receive requests from our colleagues?

Turnover in Judicial Liaison at BLS from Judge Hyman to Judge Colton; Judge Colton has started discussion regarding fee practices which may affect the practice. Minutes from the BLS meeting in January will be circulated.

Leyza will prepare agenda for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 am.

