

THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC.
IOLTA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON
DECEMBER 7, 2006

MINUTES

The meeting of the West Virginia Bar Foundation's IOLTA Advisory Committee was called to order on December 7, 2006 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Members of the Committee in attendance were Bob Baker and Jim Martin. Participating by telephone conference call was Professor Chuck DiSalvo. State Bar Executive Director Tom Tinder was also in attendance.

The first item on the Agenda was a review of the Minutes of the last Committee Meeting which was held on September 21, 2006. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed to approve the Minutes as presented.

The next item on the Agenda was a review of federal government funding. There is a continuing resolution in the U.S. Congress to provide funding for the Legal Services Corporation. It will be at the same level or perhaps a slight increase, but there may not be any final action on this matter taken until February, 2007.

The next item on the Agenda related to reports from legal services programs. There were comments made and Legal Aid of West Virginia continues to operate well and that there had been a very successful visit by the Board of Directors of the Federal Legal Services Corporation recently. The office for the Mountain State Justice Program has moved recently within Charleston.

Relating to the Special Grantees, Professor DiSalvo reported that the Senior Legal Aid Program had to lay off a second lawyer and that it is in need of additional funding. The ChildLaw Program is operating satisfactory even after its director, Mary Ellen Griffith, became a Family Court Judge. It dealt with 400 cases during the past year.

The Appalachian Center is working with Legal Aid of West Virginia and using WVU College of Law students for alternate dispute resolution in bankruptcy cases. The CASA Program is expanding its services in some of its existing counties. The Fund for the Public Interest plans to have 17 law students working during the summer of 2007.

The Committee members then reviewed the financial report. The figures showed that there was \$206,000 available through October 31, 2006 and that an additional \$66,000 had been received by November 30 for a total of \$272,000. Of that amount, the Committee had previously set aside \$62,500 for the Rainy Day Fund and \$12,500 for the annual management fee.

After some discussion, it was agreed to take action on the \$272,000 available by

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increasing the Rainy Day Fund by \$12,500 to a total of \$75,000, by increasing the annual management fee by \$12,500 to a total of \$25,000 and to distribute the remaining \$172,000 to the regular and special grantees in accordance with the Supreme Court Order.

The next item on the Agenda related to a filing fee for Supreme Court of Appeals. It was agreed that this issue would be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

It was then decided that the next meeting of the Committee would be on March 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.