

**Columbus Bar Association Family Law Committee Meeting
February 14, 2005**

Minutes

Chairman Doug Dougherty called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. by welcoming participants. Mr. Dougherty opened the meeting by briefly reporting on Florida case law regarding adoptions by homosexual couples; recent Ohio tort reform legislation that would modify the law regarding recovery of attorney fees; and a recent Ohio Supreme Court decision which addressed the right of an adult child to sue a parent to collect back child support. Mr. Dougherty then reported on the Family Law Committee members who recently earned the title of specialist in the field of family relations.

Mr. Dougherty then opened the floor for subcommittee reports. Attorney Diane DePascale was recognized to give a Legislative subcommittee update. She gave a brief report on S.B. 185 relating to the UCCJEA and the OSBA committee that is drafting legislation that would allow for parents to have a say in funeral and burial instructions for a deceased child.

Mr. Dougherty then recognized Attorney S. Scott Haynes who gave the Court of Appeals subcommittee report. Mr. Haynes briefly reported on recent appellate cases effecting family relations issues. Attorney Bradley Frick was recognized to give the Judicial subcommittee report. Mr. Frick led the participants in a discussion related to attorney contempt of court issues. Attorney Susan Kenney-Pfalzer was recognized to give the GAL subcommittee report wherein she discussed the subcommittee's project to develop a working GAL referral list.

Mr. Dougherty then opened the floor for new business. No new business was brought to the attention of the committee.

Mr. Dougherty then recognized the committee's guest speaker Attorney Jason Mackey to discuss his involvement in the *In Re Washington* case which addressed the constitutionality of grandparents' visitation and third party visitation rights.

Attorney Jim Hanneman was next recognized to give the Golf subcommittee report. Mr. Hanneman reported that the subcommittee has selected Scioto Reserve Golf Club for the annual Family Law Committee golf outing. The outing will be held on Monday, May 9, 2005. Mr. Hanneman will keep the committee informed of future developments and details regarding the outing.

Mr. Dougherty then adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.