

**Minutes**  
**October 12, 2005**  
**Professionalism Committee CBA**

The committee was called to order. In attendance were: Tom Pannett, Mark Petrucci, Jay Stein, John Curp, Jane Arata, Steve Santangelo, Tom Sant, Jeff Hartranft, and Pam Vest. The minutes from September 14, 2005 were accepted.

The meeting schedule for the rest of the term is as follows:

November 9	March 8
(no Dec. meeting)	April 12
January 11	May 10
February 8	June 7

We discussed the following business of our committee.

- Law school integration initiative: Mark Petrucci and Pam Vest met with about a dozen faculty members at Moritz. As a result of that meeting, we will be seeking additional information from the volunteers. This will include links to your resumes/firm information and areas of expertise, particular cases or publications that you have authored that will aid the professors who may call upon us for assistance. The CBA will be producing the form via the web. Mark also met with the Dean of Capital and we hope to soon meet with faculty, similar to the meeting we had at Moritz.
- Board of Governors: We had invited members of the Board to meet with us for our October meeting. Mark Petrucci, a member of the Board, informed us that the Board desires a statement from us, letting them know what we want. You will receive a separate e-mail on this topic from the Chair, along with a proposed statement, which is repeated in full below. The Board will meet on October 21<sup>st</sup> and has allowed time for discussion.

Proposed Statement:

The Professionalism Committee would like to discuss the CBA's view of the mission of our committee. We have concerns that, although we have 74 members, we may have 5 to 10 members who attend any of our committee meetings. We have found that discussion of professionalism and civility is closely aligned with ethics and disciplinary matters. We believe that other Bars have a different interaction with and expectations of their respective committees whose mission includes the topic of professionalism. We have embarked on initiatives that have more substance than simply having guest speakers talk to the choir. Initiatives we have pursued include two "town hall" meetings; convening one committee meeting each year at Capital and Moritz with a judicial speaker; presenting a professionalism program at Capital for the past three years; proposing and having accepted by the CBA a Law School Professionalism and Civility Enhancement

Program which has been used three times by Capital; and the integration of professionalism into core subjects at the law schools. This last initiative has around 50 volunteer lawyers to date but has yet to be implemented as we work with the law schools and their faculty to meet their needs. Our committee has discussed options that the Board may want to consider, including: return the process for choosing a Professionalism Award winner back to the Professionalism Committee; meeting quarterly instead of monthly while we continue the initiatives we have pursued with the law schools; and join with another committee. This last option might be that a committee is formed such as Ethics & Professionalism. Thank you for your consideration.

Please **REMEMBER** that at our **November 9<sup>th</sup>** meeting we will have a **guest speaker, Denise Lacey**, the new **Secretary to the Ohio Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism**. Denise requested that we consider how our committee can jointly work with the Commission, such as developing helpful CLEs on the topics of professionalism and civility.

**Hope to see you on November 9th.**

Thank you.  
Pam Vest,  
Chair- Professionalism Committee, CBA