NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MARCH 5, 2018

Members Participating: Karina E. Alomar, Alyssa M. Barreiro, Jonathan B. Behrins, Matthew R. Coseo, Norman P. Effman, Margaret J. Finerty, Prof. Michael L. Fox, Michael W. Galligan, Sharon Stern Gerstman, Sarah E. Gold, Taa R. Grays, Henry M. Greenberg, Richard M. Gutierrez, Bryan D. Hetherington, Drew Jaglom, Scott M. Karson, Elena DeFio Kean, Peter H. Levy, Michael Miller, Domenick Napoletano, William T. Russell, Jr., Carol A. Sigmond, David H. Tennant.

Guests: Chaim Steinberger, Eric A. Tepper, Harriet R. Weinberger.

Ms. Gerstman presided as President of the Association.

- 1. <u>Reports and recommendations re proposed court rules amendment to require judges to</u> <u>order parents to attend parent education and awareness programs</u>. Ms. Gerstman outlined a request for comments published by the Office of Court Administration which would require divorcing parents to attend parent education programs. Proposed comments were submitted by the Committee on Families and the Law and the Family Law Section (opposing the proposal) and the Committee on Children and the Law (supporting the proposal). Ms. Gerstman prepared an additional memo incorporating the comments of all three groups with the goal of submitting it as the position of the Association, if the Executive Committee agreed. After discussion, a motion was adopted to submit the comments prepared by Ms. Gerstman opposing the proposal as the comments of the Association.
- 2. <u>Reports and recommendations re Child Victims Act</u>. Ms. Gerstman outlined a request from Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan to comment on the Child Victims Act, part of the Governor's 2018-19 budget proposal. The legislation was sent to the Committee on Civil Practice Law and Rules; the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section; the Trial Lawyers Section; and the Criminal Justice Section. The Committee on CPLR prepared a memorandum analyzing the proposed extension of the statute of limitations. The Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section agreed with the committee, while the Trial Lawyers Section indicated its support for the proposal. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Executive Committee that the positions of the three groups should be transmitted to the Legislative leaders and the Governor with an indication that the comments do not represent the position of the Association.
- 3. <u>Adjournment</u>. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Levin Wallach Secretary