

**Minutes of the IPCC Business meeting
held in Washington DC
May 1st 2015 11 am**

Participants:

Caroline Abela (Canada) – joining the meeting on the phone
Raúl Castellanos (Puerto Rico)
Jean-Louis Collart (Switzerland)
Wenceslao Gracia (Spain)
Henrietta Mason (UK)
Agnès Proton (France)
Thomas Rohner (Switzerland)
Jean-Marc Tirard (France & UK)
Markus Zwicky (Switzerland)

The **call notice** and the meeting agenda were sent as follows:

Dear all

I'd like to invite you to our committee meeting during the ABA SIL Spring Meeting as follows:

*Grand Canyon Room, in the second tower, scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST on Friday,
May 1, 2015.*

There will be a polycom in the room, so we'll dial into our line.

Our Agenda:

- 1. Review ABA SIL Stand Alone Seminar in Brighton*
- 2. Review ABA SIL Panels in Washington DC*
- 3. ABA SIL Leadership Retreat in Chicago*
- 4. ABA SIL Fall Meeting in Montreal, Program*
- 5. ABA SIL Private Client Committee, next Stand Alone project*
- 6. Any other business*

The meeting took place as scheduled and was led by the IPCC Co-Chair Markus Zwicky.

1 – Review ABA-SIL Stand Alone Seminar in Brighton

The ABA-AIJA joint seminar took place in Brighton April 9-11 2015 on “*The HNW same sex family: going global*”.

Markus Zwicky was a member of the OC and also moderated a panel.

Thomas Rohner, having been a speaker there, reported to the participants about that most successful event. Jean-Louis Collart, Henrietta Mason and Agnès Proton were there too and confirmed that this has been a great seminar at all counts.

2 - Review ABA-SIL Panels in Washington, DC

The IPCC held three joint panels with the ABA-RPTE Section:

- On Wednesday April 29th 2015 4.30 – 6 p.m. “*International Asset Protection: Challenges, Guidance and best Practices*”, moderated by Markus at the Hyatt regency Capitol Hill Hotel (ABA-SIL Spring Meeting venue); Markus reported on this most lively and very well attended session.
- On Thursday April 30th 2015 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. “*International Inheritance Disputes Dissected: The Young and the Restless vs. the Bold and the Beautiful*”, followed by at 9.45 – 10.45 a.m. “*Lessons Learned from International Inheritance Disputes: As the World Turns, All my Children Weep*”, held at the Hilton Capital (ABA RPTE Symposium venue). Jean-Louis Collart and Jean-Marc Tirard who were speaking on one of the Thursday morning panel reported that all organizers and participants were most enthusiastic about this first “joint venture” experience.

The RPTE Colleagues confirmed that they wish to follow up with us and work on further projects together. Agnès Proton will liaise with Andrew Stone and Benetta Jenson who have been so far our direct correspondents at the RPTE Section.

3 - ABA-SIL Leadership Retreat in Chicago

Next August will take place the annual SIL Leadership Retreat for all members “in charge” within the section. Markus took this opportunity to explain the organization within ABA-SIL, and points out that all members who want to hold responsibilities within the Committee should not hesitate to nominate themselves to that end. Thus Markus strongly encouraged the participants to do so if they wish to get more involved into our Committee leadership.

4 - ABA-SIL Fall Meeting in Montreal, Program

Caroline Abela is most efficiently supervising that project so she reported on it.

She reminded us that our proposed program, “*Game of Thrones: Jousting for Power in the Family Enterprises*”, got accepted and will take place during the next Fall Meeting in Montreal _October 20-24th 2015. It will be about closely held corporations / family enterprises. The Program Description was drafted as followed:

Dealing with family enterprises is like entering the world of George R.R. Martin. It requires strategic thinking, careful planning and often tough fighting - in the Court room. Discover the world of complex family dynamics and corporate culture colliding. Don't miss this must-see program. This program is divided into two sections: (1) planning structures (corporate, estate, nuptial) related to family enterprises; and (2) leading the litigation of those family enterprises. Our planning panel will discuss everything from tax, family and estate planning for start-ups to shareholder schemes and agreements, family constitutions, and trust and estate agreements. Learn the important issues that leaders of the family business must think about and execute on. Our litigation panel will discuss strategy and legal issues in a will fight and minority shareholder context and look at creative alternatives to emotionally energized litigation.

Caroline has already organized the panel and will keep us updated as to the ongoing preparation.

5 - ABA-SIL Private Client Committee, next Stand Alone projects

Markus explained that the ABA-SIL policy is now to promote world regional meetings rather than stand-alone seminars.

As such, there has been a European Forum held in Berlin 3 weeks ago, and there will be an Africa Forum in Nairobi, Kenya, on June 4-5 2015.

Besides spring and Fall Meetings, committees are encouraged to propose programs to be run during those regional events.

This is why our IPCC will hold a Morning Roundtable Session there, on “*Family Law Issues for ExPats in Africa _ International Family Law and Africa: Much More Our Business than you Think*” (Thursday, June 4th 2015, 8:00 – 8:50 am).

We are also considering organizing program(s) during the next ABA-SIL Spring Meeting which will take place in New-York City on April 12-16th 2016.

We discussed about possible topics dealing with Trusts: Trusts and Divorces, Funding of Trusts, Responsibilities of Trustees. Markus asked Henrietta to supervise a potential proposal there.

The Committee then discussed its policy on topics. We noted that there are several different interest areas which we all would like to address. We should make sure all interested parties are involved. We distinguished the following topic areas:

- Estate/Tax Planning;
- Family Law-related topics involving pre-nups and children;
- Real Estate issues;
- Trusts;
- Fiduciary Companies;
- Family Owned Businesses;
- Family Constitutions;
- Responsibilities of Trustees;
- Litigation aspects of Estate Planning;
- Litigated Estates
- Other.

6 - Any other business

Markus explained again what the “*Committee housekeeping*” is about: updating our website page, elaborating our IPCC business plan, liaising with other Committees...

No further topics being discussed, the meeting was adjourned.