

*Minutes from January 15, 2008 Meeting of Events Subcommittee*

Present: Co-chairs Stan Twardy, Lynne Tuohy; Paul Giguere, Judge Susan Handy, Judge Robert Holzberg, Judge Michael Shay and Adriana Venegas.

Absent: Attorney Lou Pepe

*I. Call meeting to order*

Attorney Twardy called the meeting to order at 1:30.

*II. Approval of minutes from meeting of Nov. 20, 1997*

The subcommittee unanimously approved the minutes from its meeting on Nov. 20.

*III. Discuss, fine tune "Law School for Journalists" on March 19, 2008*

Judge Holzberg reported that his presentation on how a criminal case makes its way through criminal courts would be called the "ABCs" of a criminal case: Arraignment, Bail, Conviction." Judge Handy added that she would be getting updated statistics on the number of sexual assault cases in the system for the panel she is moderating.

The subcommittee decided that the name of the March 19 program would be "Inside the Court; Behind the Scenes: Dilemmas Posed by Sexual Assault Cases." Judge Handy added that sexual assault cases are often more difficult cases for judges than murder cases, especially when children are involved. Most sexual assault case end with a plea agreement, and it's important for the media to understand what goes into the process, she said.

Subcommittee members also recapped who would be speaking on the panel, and Lynne Tuohy's presentation on access to court documents/procedures. The subcommittee also opted for online registration through the Judicial Branch's website .

*IV. New business/Schedule next meeting*

The subcommittee scheduled its next meeting date for March 4, 2008.

*V. Adjourn*

The subcommittee adjourned at 2:20 p.m.