## MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2009 MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF NEVADA

In attendance via teleconference were Mary Drury, Michael Buckley, Colleen Dolan, Sandi Turner, Layne Butt, Matt Watson, DeArmond Sharp, Doug Flowers, Karen Dennison and Vince Ochoa. Absent were Craig Howard, Dave Davis and Pierre Hascheff. A quorum was established and the meeting commenced at 4:10 p.m. Joyce Smetanick, legal secretary at Marquis & Aurbach, took the minutes for the meeting.

Michael Buckley introduced Vince Ochoa to the Executive Committee. Vince is the Executive Committee's liaison with the Board of Governors.

- 1. There were no minutes provided for the November 17, 2009 meeting.
- 2. There was a discussion of possible proposals for 2011 legislation. Doug Flowers had a proposal regarding attorney fees in the deed of trust standard covenants and assumption fees in NRS 107.055. Layne Butt suggested that each Committee member send a blast email within each member's firm relating to legislative suggestions for legislative "fixes." Michael Buckley said that he had a meeting with Senator Copening regarding proposed CIC legislation. Michael said that he will have his CIC subcommittee look into it. Mary Drury said that her subcommittee has been discussing trustee's sale issues and the conduct at the sales, such as there being no precise time of a trustee's sale and the possibility of allowing there to be more than one place for the sales. Michael Buckley suggested taking a look at California laws on trustee's sales. There was also a discussion regarding SB 254 (attorneys/brokers). Michael Buckley said that he would talk to Gail Anderson.
- 3. There was a report on the November CLE seminars and socials. It was agreed that the attendance was good at both the Las Vegas and Reno seminars, but the socials were a failure (probably due to timing of the seminars following two half-day seminars). The seminars were highly reviewed and appreciated, and Michael Buckley said that the Bar is getting requests for more seminars.
- 4. There was a discussion regarding the Pat Randolph Event which is scheduled for February 5, 2010, and what would be the best way to publicize this event. It was suggested that one possibility could be to have a highlighted paragraph in the State Bar newsletter. Michael Buckley said that he is working with Jodi Goodheart in his firm about an afternoon event at the Boyd Law School.
- 5. There was a brief discussion of current matters of interest. Michael Buckley suggested that the transfer fee covenant might be a possibility for a legislative item. Michael said that he will see if the CIC subcommittee would like to take this on as a legislative item; if not, the General Law subcommittee could look at this.
- 6. Subcommittee Reports: Matt Watson said that his subcommittee had a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, and hopefully they can get some ideas for legislative proposals. Karen Dennison brought up the issue of title insurance and insuring water rights. Karen said that Stewart Title Company is the only title company insuring water rights. There was a brief

discussion of the possibility of a title insurance subcommittee headed by Craig Howard. It was said that insuring water rights is more of a northern Nevada issue rather than a southern Nevada issue. Michael Buckley said that he thought this was more of a business decision, and suggested that the word be put out that this type of insurance is available. Doug Flowers suggested letting members know that the Committee is here to serve the members. Michael suggested the possibility of sending out a newsletter of 2009 accomplishments.

DeArmond Sharp said that he would like to see a general Nevada statement on professionalism. Vince Ochoa said that he just joined the Board of Governors, but that he will get more information for De. De said that there needs to be more focus on the professionalism side of the practice, and a broader effort at the State Bar level.

7. The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.