

**BLS IMF Committee Meeting Minutes  
LABOR DAY RETREAT MEETING  
Friday, September 3, 2021, 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

a. Welcome to first in-person meeting in two years and introduction of people attending.

b. Introduction of current IMF leadership team:

Chair: Christina Y. Taylor

Vice Chair: Valeria Angelucci

Second Vice Chair: Kelly Roberts

**2. Pro Bono Committee**

Presentation by Carlos Sardi:

a. Encouraged committee members to sign the Pro-Bono Pledge

b. Veteran's Financial Literacy Program – Pilot Program to be launched on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in person and virtual in Miami; recruiting volunteers to participate

**3. Scholars and Fellows Retention Task Force**

a. Update from Judge Mora

b. Asking members in all committees to participate as Mentors

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2021 Annual Meeting**

a. Motion to approve minutes made by Michelle Suarez; motion was seconded by Mariane Doris

b. Motion passed

**5. Chair's Report**

a. IMF Sub-Committee Updates

i. Communication & Marketing Committee

1. Fellows information and photos have been updated on the Fellows webpage; committee members are asked to advise chair and vice chairs of any changes/additions for IMF webpage.
2. Request for Fellows to volunteer to write blog posts/posts for the BLS newsletter; email to be sent out to obtain volunteers for each month.
3. Michelle Suarez suggested request funding for an all Fellows event (former and current) to be held at future Labor Day Retreats; committee will discuss with Labor Day Retreat Committee and determine potential budget funding for event.
4. Will look into ordering BLS IMF t-shirts for Fellows.

ii. Networking Committee

1. Networking event to be organized prior to Winter Meeting, potentially hybrid event, to be circulated through the newsletter
2. Open to opportunities to potentially partner with other bar associations on networking events.

iii. CLE Committee

1. Invitation to provide information regarding any CLE programs Fellows might be interested in response to leadership's call for CLE programming.
2. No CLEs currently are set, and the committee is looking for ideas for new programming to put on for the coming year, including potential co-sponsorship opportunities with other committees

iv. IMF Mentor/Mentee Program

1. Starting new cycle for the year; applications to sign up for program are on the website; program requires meeting every quarter.
2. Committee is requesting volunteers to help pair

mentors/mentees; Jim Moon discussed how complex is to do matching.

b. Implementation of IMF Substantive Committee Liaison Policy:

i. Current Liaisons:

1. Business Litigation: Angelique Gulla
2. Bankruptcy/UCC: Lorna E. Brown-Burton
3. Computer and Technology: ?
4. Corporations/Securities and Financial Services: Toni V. Tsvetanova
5. Intellectual Property: Nicole Reid

ii. Liaisons will encourage substantive committees to recognize/welcome Fellows at meetings.

c. Diversity Committee Strategic Plan

- i. Undertaking review of the January 2011 Diversity Strategic Plan as one of this year's projects
- ii. Will be working in conjunction with Scholars and Fellows Retention Task Force
- iii. Requesting potential volunteers to help with review plan.

**6. CLE Diversity Policy**

- a. Mariane Dorris reported on the CLE Diversity Policy issue resulting from the Florida Supreme Court Opinion, *In re: Amendment to Rule Regulating the Florida Bar 6-10.3*, No. SC21-284, issued on April 15, 2021
- b. Comment was submitted on behalf of the Section
- c. Florida Supreme Court has decided to not have oral argument on the issue; waiting to see whether the Supreme Court will issue an opinion; not clear what -and if – any action will be taken by the Court

- d. Encourage members involved in putting together CLE panels to implement diversity even if there is no policy.

7. **Other New or Unfinished Business**

- Request for Substantive Committees to designate liaisons to attend IMF Committee meetings

8. **Adjournment**