

SENIOR LAWYER SECTION COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLAN

ADOPTED _____, 2016

I. MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Senior Lawyer Section Council (SLSC) is to provide service to and opportunities for service by ISBA members who are at least age 55 and/or those who have practiced law for at least twenty-five (25) years.

II. PHILOSOPHY:

The Senior Lawyer Section Council embraces the following values in all of its activities:

- a. Providing excellent service to its members;
- b. Promoting ISBA membership benefits;
- c. Emphasizing free section membership and highlighting the Section count of approximately 12,000 members;
- d. Sharing years of experience through ISBA mentoring programs and initiatives (e.g., <http://www.isba.org/mentoring>);
- e. Devising new and unique projects that benefit senior lawyers, their families and their clients;
- f. Coordinating substantive CLE programs with other Sections and Committees;
- g. Organizing social activities that promote camaraderie amongst SLSC members (such as hosting gatherings at the Annual & Mid-Year meetings and at any other in person meetings of the SLSC); and
- h. Incorporating laughter and humor, whenever possible and appropriate;
- i. Welcoming the involvement of members of other Committees/Sections.

III. MEETINGS:

June (during the Annual Meeting of the ISBA)

October

December (in conjunction with the ISBA/IJA Mid-Year Meeting)

February

April

And at such other times as the Chair deems necessary

IV. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Each SLSC member is expected to actively participate on at least one Standing Committee.

The Standing Committees are approved by the Council at the Annual Meeting. Most of the work of the Section is accomplished by the Committees (that meet by teleconference at least once between Council meetings). Members of the Standing Committees are appointed by the SLSC Chair on an annual basis.

1. STRATEGIC PLANNING

- a. **Purpose:** To develop short and long term plans for the SLSC that will ensure the success of its programs and service to its members.

b. Goals:

- 1) The Council will utilize present SLSC committees to implement related portions of the Strategic Plan and to assure action;
- 2) Review the previous year's plan and adjust, as appropriate, throughout the year;
- 3) Incorporate appropriate items from the Council minutes and committee reports into the revised plan for the following year; and
- 4) Prepare a summary of the year's accomplishments for the incoming chair prior to the Annual Meeting.

2. CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE)

a. Purpose: To provide CLE offerings in areas of interest or importance to Section Members

b. Goals:

- 1) Technology CLE offerings should continue with emphasis on basics for senior lawyers lacking in technology knowledge/skills; and
- 2) Substantive CLE offerings should be conducted mainly in co-sponsorships with other Sections/Committees.

3. NEWSLETTER

a. Purpose: To publish the Senior Lawyers Newsletter, at least 3 or 4 times per year

b. Goals:

- 1) Coordinate editions of the newsletter with ISBA staff;
- 2) Develop deadline dates for submission of articles;
- 3) Be distributed either electronically or in hard copy as this is the main method of communication with Section Members;
- 4) Contain a Chair's column, provide information on the actions of the Council, report on past offerings, mention upcoming events and include *points of interest* to Section members; and
- 5) Incorporate articles from Council members and committees, including but not limited to technology, upcoming CLEs, section member benefits, book reviews, recent notable Listserv discussions and *other topics of interest*.
- 6) Suggested that each Council member contribute at least one Newsletter article per year.

4. TECHNOLOGY FOR SENIORS

- a. **Purpose:** To offer CLE programs geared toward Senior Lawyers who are interested in learning the basics of communicating and office management in the digital age as well as expanding their knowledge and skills in more advanced technologies.
- b. **Goal:** The Committee should continue to provide and promote the Senior Lawyers Listserv with prompt responses or referrals to inquiries and/or discussions.

5. WEBSITE

- a. **Purpose:** To manage the SLSC webpage so that it contains easy access to current and relevant data for the membership.
- b. **Goal:** The Committee should contain information that is useful to Section Members, promote active membership and highlight Section activities.