DR Practitioner's Minutes October 15, 2015

1. **Eileen Zell** talked briefly about QDROs. She has lots of information on her website, www.ezqdrolaw.com. The power point and other information is available on her blog, http://www.ezlawpllc.com/blog/. A few hot tips:
   - If a spouse is paid profit sharing, it may be earned during the marriage but paid after the date of decree (or other effective division date). Make sure you know what he/she is entitled to and account for it in your property division;
   - A participant spouse's employer may make matching contributions to the 401k account. Although the participant spouse's contributions are typically deducted and deposited with each paycheck, the employer may make the matching deposit quarterly or annually. It is rare that the employer makes the matching deposit in accordance with the pay cycle.
   - P&G hired a new plan administrator. They will not divide a retirement plan with an effective division date prior to September 8, 2015. If you are trying to divide with an earlier date, you will have to manually calculate or estimate the account history to provide for that earlier date.
2. **Court Updates**
   - The proposed rules are on our website. Please read them and email your comments or questions to smalloni@clermontcountyohio.gov. Most of the changes were to eliminate archaic language and avoid repetition with the Civil Rules. We had a lively discussion about the changes to the guideline parenting time holidays.
   - Is there a better way to exchange exhibits? What do you think about having Plaintiff submit exhibits to Defendant three weeks before trial and Defendant submitting exhibits to Plaintiff two weeks before trial? Please email your suggestions/comments to krodenberg@clermontcountyohio.gov.
   - Please email your suggestions/comments on implementing recently revised Civil Rule 43 to krodenberg@clermontcountyohio.gov.
3. **Practice Tips**
   - Don't forget that the DR Seminar is next **Friday, October 23, 2015**. The Supreme Court approved the course for 6.00 CLE hours including .75 of attorney professional conduct instruction. The cost is $75 for CCBA members and $100 for non-members.

4. Future meetings

   Meetings are held quarterly from 8:30 am to 9:30 am in the main courtroom. Bring your own coffee, donuts, etc.

   Email krodenberg@clermontcountyohio.gov with your suggestions for topics

   Upcoming meetings:

   Wednesday, January 20, 2016 — Wednesday, July 20, 2016
   Wednesday, April 20, 2016 — Wednesday, October 19, 2016