

## WSBA Juvenile Law Section Minutes

Friday - May 19, 2023

12:00pm – 1:00pm

**NEW! Zoom Meeting Link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82842586749>

*Social Time (12:00-12:10)*

Welcome!

- 1) **Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2023. Voting members present: Kaelen, Jim, Bailey, Anastasia, Mandy, Mike, Katherine. Jim motions to approve; Mike seconds. Minutes approved.**
- 2) **Old Business**
  - a) **Executive Committee Position Elections.**
    - i) **Deadline was Monday, May 15.**
    - ii) **Nominating committee: verifying qualifications of nominees and may solicit additional nominations when appropriate.**
    - iii) **Electronic ballot will be sent to all voting members of section in June 2023.**
- 3) **New Business**
  - a) **Financial report: Bailey/Marci: 2023-2024 Budget.**
    - i) **Marci worked diligently to get the proposed 2023-2024 budget to the bar. We have requested increased funding for the following line items: Executive Committee expenses (+\$260); Leadership/Prof Devel/Retreats (+\$1500); Scholarships/Donations/Grants (+\$940); and Seminar**

Expenses (+\$380). Anticipate in-person CLEs and retreats for the next fiscal year and want to ensure adequate funds have been earmarked.

ii) Jim motions to approve; Mike seconds. No opposition, budget approved.

**4) Committee Reports:**

a) **CLE/Outreach Committee: Roxanne.** As per an email Roxanne sent to Bailey:

i) Roxanne has a meeting with Professor Irwin next week to discuss having him present about psychotropic meds and foster care. Roxanne will follow up by email with information about Professor Irwin; however, she wants to know, in the event he charges a speaker fee, if the section can approve a pre-set budget.

ii) The Family Law Section has a meeting this weekend and will discuss the idea of a potential co-sponsorship for a half or full day special immigrant status CLE (date TBD). Roxanne has sent Kelly Warner-King an email about working with her for CJE credits and judicial attendance. Will also be talking to her contacts in the CASA program.

iii) Roxanne has a couple other potential topics with consultation with OCLA but, as reported last meeting, will circle back to those at a later time.

b) **Dependency and Child Welfare Committee: Kaelen and Nancy.** Nancy and Kaelen had a meeting with the CLE committee about six weeks ago to discuss topics for CLEs. Lots of great ideas and beginning to put them into action.

c) **Civil Legal Needs Committee: Gloria and Rachel.** N/A

- d) **Legislative Committee: Katherine.** Legislative session is completed. Having technical issues right now so cannot access her notes at the moment. Will give deeper report out in June.
  - e) **Juvenile Justice Committee: Mandy.**
    - i) Still working with partnership counsel on juvenile justice. Point of contact is on sabbatical until June. At that time, will meet and discuss topics and dates for a CLE. Depending on when he returns in June, might have a further update for us in June or July.
    - ii) George Yeannakis is on the call and advises that the Office of Public Defense is hosting a Youth Defender Training Series: effectively working with youth with complex training. Two parts: part I will explain services available for juvenile behavioral health, emphasizing CLIP beds (what they are, how they interact with juvenile justice); part II: Professor Lewis from UW and another individual. Will be in person at UW at Gates building. George posts link to chat. We will include the flyer in our Google drive and post to JLS listserv.
- 5) **BOG Liaison Report: Kari and Brett.** Kari requesting input from the committee on the “free deskbook” issue being reviewed by the BOG. The issue: suggestion to make deskbooks available for free to members.
- i) **Topics for consideration:** Is it just members of the section to which the deskbook pertains? The entirety of bar membership? Would be significant cost to the Bar to make

widely available, although may translate into a potentially small increase in bar dues for members.

- ii) **Opportunities for comment:** Folks who wish to comment can attend the BOG meeting scheduled for tomorrow. We could also comment as a section. Carolyn linking to the agenda materials and Zoom link in the chat for those who want to participate.
- iii) **Discussion:** Mike shares how he has utilized several deskbooks and notes that there are a lot of practice areas that are not covered by the deskbooks. So, if increased the number of practice areas covered by the deskbooks, might make sense to make available to all members (for a bar due fee). Not a huge expense to pay for the deskbooks that are relevant to your practice. Kaelen notes that having members pay to make all deskbooks available serves to subsidize those books for folks who will actually be using them. Katherine concurs, adds how there are also expenses associated with updating and maintaining these resources. Limited benefit to the Juvenile Law Section. Notes how we have the WA CITA Title 13 benchbook and lots of training opportunities available to attorneys in this area of the law. Bailey asks if a section can purchase a deskbook it is interested in; Carolyn believes yes.
- iv) Mike moves to have the Section approve of him drafting a comment to be sent to BOG as a section opposing the

deskbook being provided for all with an increased bar due fee, with all executive committee members having a chance to review and approve the language prior to being sent to the BOG. Katherine seconds. No opposition; Mike will draft a proposed comment.

- v) Procedure: Draft a memo capturing the Section's position. Send as a comment to the BOG. Sooner we can send in the better (in next two weeks).

- 6) **Young Lawyer Liaison Report: Anastasia.** Hoping to create a warm list of attorneys from other fields of practice who may have answers to specific issues that juvenile law practitioners might run into that fall outside their specialty but still impact their practice e.g. personal injury issues, medicare denials, child support in a guardianship. Plans to reach out to our membership to find what issues they are coming across, see what questions they hope they can have answered, and then reach out to those attorneys who practice in the relevant fields who might be willing to be a point of contact/resource for navigating. This could be a benefit that we make (potentially exclusively) available to section members, which would attract young/new lawyers. Anastasia—or whoever is in the YLL position—would maintain the list and actively keep up to date.
- 7) **Law School Representatives Report: Trisha.** N/A
- 8) **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: All.** JLS made a donation to Tacoma-Pierce County Minority Bar Association for event at Eastside Community Center. Upwards of 125 students attended, very diverse group of children and their parents. Members of judiciary attended, including Supreme Court

Justice Yu (keynote speaker). Folks from Inns of Court put on panel. Appellate court judge spoke to youth about what it means to be a lawyer today. The \$500 donation from this group was broken into two scholarships for high school seniors. Don't have the names of the awardees yet, but have awarded those.

- 9) **Roundtable: All.** Katherine noted difficulty in applying for more than one position. Hit enter too soon and was not able to go back after that. Carolyn notes that if the nominating committee is ok with it, Carolyn can just add her name to those extra positions. Katherine to email Carolyn about the position she wants to add and Carolyn will connect with nominating committee.

**Adjournment.**

**Next Meeting: June 16, 2023, at 12:00-1:00 P.M.**