

Minutes

October 7, 2022

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Board Chair Todd Alberstone at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 7, 2022. The meeting was held via videoconference. Board members in attendance were:

Todd Alberstone, Chair
Asia Wright
Efrem Krisher
Merri Hartse
Katie Denmark

Liaisons and Staff in attendance:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Manager/MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Ransom Smith	MCLE Analyst
Bobby Henry	Associate Director, Regulatory Services Department

Review of Minutes

The MCLE Board reviewed the minutes from the August 5, 2022 meeting. The Board unanimously approved all minutes without change.

Discussion: Goals for 2022-2023

The MCLE Board discussed generally the goals to adopt for 2022-2023. In connection with this discussion, a vote was taken on whether to amend language within the Board’s official goals document to track with the new Equity-Ethics requirement’s “mitigation of bias” language. The Board voted unanimously to amend the document for this purpose. Also pursuant to this discussion, the Board voted on the prospect of forming a subcommittee tasked with considering suggested rule amendments that would establish specific MCLE requirements in the areas of mental health and technology. The Board voted unanimously to form a subcommittee for this purpose.

Discussion: Review of the Structured Mentoring Program Application before the Board

The MCLE Board had before it an application submitted by Seattle Intellectual Property Inn of Court to have its mentorship program obtain official approval as an approved structured mentoring program pursuant to APR 11(e)(8). Under such a designation, licensed legal professionals would be allowed to claim mentoring credit by virtue of having participated in the program (provided that all requirements

set forth in APR 11(e)(8) are fulfilled). The Board discussed the standards of approval applicable generally. A vote was taken on whether to approve the application to become a structured mentoring program. The Board voted unanimously to approve the program.

Discussion: General Rule 9 Coversheet

The MCLE Board reviewed a draft version of the General Rule 9 Coversheet for the suggested amendment which would allow law clerk tutors to claim credit for the personal supervision of those participating in the tutoring program. This coversheet was to be presented to the Supreme Court of Washington no later than October 15 in accordance with GR 9(e)(2).

Discussion: Appointment of Vice Chair

The MCLE Board took a vote on appointing MCLE Board member Efrem Krisher to the position of Vice Chair. The vote was to appoint Efrem as Vice Chair was approved with one abstention.

Discussion: Support of TAXICAB draft document:

The MCLE Board discussed generally a document set forth by the TAXICAB (Task Force Administering Xenial Involvement with Court Appointed Boards) as a leading policy document. Some Board members believed that a particular section of the document (section 3.3) should be amended prior to adoption. The Board took a vote to support the document with this revision and voted unanimously to support it.

MCLE Updates

The MCLE Staff Liaison discussed general updates with MCLE, including the provision of notice of upcoming MCLE deadlines for the current 2020-2022 reporting period, an update on the meeting of the WSBA Task Force Administering Xenial Involvement with Court Appointed Boards (TAXICAB), progress on the new MCLE online system, and recent additions to MCLE staff.

MCLE Board Activity Review

The MCLE Board decided by motion on one activity accreditation request. No listing of these motions is included in order to protect member confidentiality.

MCLE Hardship Petitions

The MCLE Board decided by motion on 1 hardship petition. No listing of these motions is included in order to protect member confidentiality.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM. The next regularly scheduled MCLE Board meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 13, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adelaine Shay".

Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff Liaison