Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee May 12, 2011

<u>In attendance</u>: Andrea Axel, Catherine Brown, Andrew Guy, Leslie Savina, Gail Smith, Dan Young

<u>Attending via telephone</u>: Fiona Cox, Mike Cressey, Rebecca Glasgow, Michael Kleps, Diana Singleton, Randy Winn

<u>Unable to attend</u>: Jim Bamberger, Reagan Dunn, Brian Flock, Alison Holcomb, Joseph Marshall, James McCormick, Joanna Otero, Lew Zieske

March Meeting Minutes were approved.

Pro Bono issue of Bar News The issue was a success and was highlighted during several recent pro bono events. Thanks to the Bar News subcommittee and Nell McNamara who worked hard to pull this issue together.

GR 34 Implementation Northwest Justice Project Advocacy Coordinator, Leslie Savina, thanked PBLAC for their many years of work on GR 34. Leslie is working with legal aid providers to monitor how the rule is implemented. Smaller counties are implementing the rule as it was intended and using proper forms. Some larger counties are not waiving all fees and surcharges. Andrea, Leslie, and Jim will work with Judges Mary Yu and Steve González to coordinate judicial education about implementation. Leslie reported that NJP is watching for a representative case in the event that a litigation strategy is pursued. PBLAC members can help by monitoring implementation and communicating with VLP offices in individual counties.

ABA National Celebration of Pro Bono will happen October 23-29. This year, Diana, Randy, Andrea and Catherine will reach out to local pro bono programs to determine how PBLAC can support and highlight work that is already being done. Andy will work with the subcommittee to coordinate expansion of Long Distance Lawyers project during Celebrate Pro Bono week.

YLD/PBLAC Partnership Diana has been identifying article ideas and authors for De Novo. Regan Dunn and Brian Flock expressed interest in attending WYLD Public Service committee meetings. Catherine attends meetings and will report back about projects on which PBLAC and WYLD might collaborate.

PBLAC Diversity WSBA's diversity intern is drafting a diversity matrix for PBLAC members to complete. Those interested in helping to revise the document should join the subcommittee.

Long Distance Lawyers Committee members voted to adopt "Long Distance Lawyers" as the project name. Andy provided an update memo. The Legal Foundation of Washington's Board of Trustees approved Grant Adams Volunteer Legal Services to keep grant money that was not spent in 2010 to support Long Distance Lawyers.

The next PBLAC meeting will be Thursday, June 9 at 12:00 p.m. at WSBA.