

MINUTES

**WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF
MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

January 29, 2010

The meeting of the Washington State Board of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education was called to order by Chair Karen Sayre at 10:06 a.m. on Friday, January 29, 2010, at the WSBA Conference Center in Seattle, Washington. Board members in attendance were:

- Karen Sayre, Chair
- John W. Chessell
- Efrem R. Krisher
- John Tappan Menard
- Tera Schreiber
- Archer Summers
- Kay L. Verelius

BOG Liaison Carla C. Lee was not in attendance.

Liaisons and Staff attending were:

Kathleen Todd	MCLE Board Executive Secretary
Jean McElroy	WSBA Regulatory Services Director
Adriana Castano-Agudelo	MCLE Analyst

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 20, 2009, meeting were approved by motion.

CHAIR-ELECT

The Board selected Efrem R. Krisher to be the Board's Chair-Elect for the 2009-2010 term.

BOARD AUDITS OF CLE COURSES

Board members who recently audited CLE courses each made a presentation to the Board regarding the audit results. In general the auditors rated the courses as good quality. One problem noted was that one of the day-long courses was all lecture presentations and each speaker had very little interaction with the attendees. This resulted in attendee learning fatigue before the end of the course and many people left before the conclusion of the course. Another course that was audited was also presented in a lecture format but the presenter asked thoughtful, provocative

questions throughout to keep the attendees engaged. The speaker also periodically asked those who had computers to read relevant excerpts from the online course materials as a way to keep everyone focused on the course.

APPEAL FOR “INEQUITABLE CONDUCT” ETHICS CREDIT

A sponsor of an Inequitable Conduct course made a presentation to the Board appealing for ethics credits to be given for presentations focused on Inequitable Conduct (as it relates to intellectual property). The MCLE Board unanimously approved a motion granting ethics credit only for those sections of courses on Inequitable Conduct that specifically and substantively address the tie between Inequitable Conduct and the RPCs. The RPCs used in the course can be the Washington State RPCs, the ABA Model RPCs, or the U.S. Patent Office RPCs. The section(s) of each course devoted to the RPCs need(s) to be distinct on the agenda (with a specific start and end time to each ethics session).

LAWYER PETITIONS

The Board considered 22 lawyer petitions. Each petition was considered and resolved by motion. No listing of these motions is attached to these minutes to protect the confidentiality of the members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the MCLE Board meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 19, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Todd

MCLE Board Executive Secretary