



WSBA

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**Resolution in Support of and Establishing a WSBA Pipeline
Grant 2007 – 2009**

Whereas, the Board of Governors (the "Board") recognizes the importance of pipeline programs as a part of its commitment to increasing diversity in the profession and in the leadership of the WSBA;

Whereas, the Board believes that there are numerous law-related organizations in the State of Washington that have the capacity to design and operate a successful pipeline program;

Whereas, the Board wishes to support the creation of a new pipeline program that will serve one or more communities of young people in the State of Washington that are currently underserved;

Now, Therefore, It is hereby Resolved That:

The Board establishes a grant of \$75,000 to fund, in whole or in part, the establishment and operation of a pipeline program over a 3-year period commencing in 2007.

The Executive Committee [or President] shall have authority to issue one or more requests for proposals ("RFP") to law-related organizations in the State of Washington. The RFP will call for proposals for a pipeline program to serve one or more communities of young people that are currently underserved. The RFP will express a preference, although not a requirement, for collaborative partnerships between or among law-related organizations.

The President shall have authority to appoint a special committee (the "Committee") of not more than 10 persons. At least one-half of the members of the Committee shall be members of the WSBA. The mission of the Committee shall be to assist in the preparation of the RFP (if needed), to review proposals and select the best proposal, and to oversee the administration of the grant. The Committee will have authority to require changes to any proposal as a condition of the grant award. The best proposal, as selected and approved by the Committee, shall be awarded the grant. The grant shall be paid out over a three year period commencing in 2007.

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The Committee shall have authority to reject any and all proposals, if the Committee deems that the proposals do not meet the objectives set forth in this resolution and the criteria set forth in the RFP, or are not viable for any reason.

The Committee shall report to the Board of Governors the nature and scope of the proposal or proposals that are received and the proposal (if any) selected for the grant award.

The Committee shall report to the Board at least quarterly on the progress of the pipeline program and the disbursement of the grant award.

Unanimously adopted by the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors on October 27, 2006.

/s/ M. Janice Michels

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