

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Court Rules and Procedures Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

Members Present: Chair Isham Reavis, Magda Baker, Kristin Ballinger, Claire Carden, Paul Crisalli, Stephanie Dikeakos, Tony DiTommaso, Brian Esler, Duffy Graham, Richard Greene, Karen Knutsen, John Ledford, Eric Lindberg, Sarah Nagy, Ashton Rezayat, James Smith, and Ann Summers.

Members Excused: Jody Cloutier, Ofelia Granados, Margaret Macrae, Sara Mooney, Tim Moran, Rachel Reynolds, Jeff Sbaih, Kathleen Shircliff, Mara Snyder, Emory Wogenstahl, Jon Zimmerman, and Nicole Gustine (WSBA Assistant General Counsel).

Also Attending: Judge Blaine Gibson, J Benway (AOC Liaison), Governor Lauren Boyd (BOG Liaison) and Kyla Jones (WSBA Paralegal).

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 12, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Subcommittee Reports

a. RAP Subcommittee

Subcommittee Member Paul Crisalli presented a proposed comment to RAP 2.2. This addition highlights a Supreme Court case that was decided in 2020.

Discussion ensued regarding the most appropriate place for the addition, in a comment or within the rule itself. A friendly amendment was made suggesting to remove the word “can” to read: “[1] A summary judgment order disposing of all claims constitutes a final judgment . . .” This suggestion was accepted as a friendly amendment. A second friendly amendment was accepted to underline the added text for clarity. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposal with two friendly amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Subcommittee X

Subcommittee Chair Tony DiTommaso reported on the Subcommittee’s review of the Superior Court Rule 26. He suggested that Subcommittee X review this request next cycle.

Subcommittee Chair Tony DiTommaso presented the Subcommittee’s proposed amendments to the following CRLJ’s: 4, 8, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 40, 41, 43, 46, 47, 49, 51, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, and 73. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposals. The motion passed unanimously.

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c. RALJ Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Claire Carden presented a proposal to RALJ 10.2. This change clarifies the rule. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Equity and Disparity Workgroup Update

There was no update on the Equity and Disparity Workgroup.

4. Recruitment

Chair Reavis reminded the Committee members who are eligible to serve another term to apply through myWSBA. Departing members who are not eligible for another term were encouraged to invite their colleagues to apply.

5. Other Business for the Good of the Order

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.