

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Bar News Editorial Advisory Committee Meeting

July 21, 2021 • 12 - 1 p.m. • Via Zoom videoconferencing (virtual only)

Editorial Advisory Committee

Members of the Editorial Advisory Committee work with the editor and WSBA staff overseeing publication of WSBA's official magazine, *Washington State Bar News*. This may include establishing guidelines and editorial policy, maintaining an editorial calendar, writing articles, securing content, identifying topics and issues relevant to members, identifying authors for content, reviewing articles, and advising on issues related to content. The maximum committee size is 14 members. Appointment is for a two-year term.

Per WSBA bylaws, there must be a quorum (8 members present in person or remotely at the start of the meeting) in order for the Committee to meet.

AGENDA

- Roll call
- EAC Liaison Report
 - **Letters to the Editor policy:** updated final draft to review, discuss, approve.
- Editor's Report: Review six-issue editorial calendar
 - **Priority issues:**
 - December/January 2022
 - February 2022
 - March 2022
 - Retirement-related content
 - **Questions from new legal practitioners:**
<https://forms.gle/ENtgGaqsyu6QQni6>.
 - **We are making progress on this (first edition to run in October issue)**
 - **Four new questions to find authors for:**
 - How do you typically balance "I can't take on too many cases or they'll have trial all at once and I won't be able to correctly handle the case" and "I can't take on too few cases or I can't make my billable hours"? Do you lean towards overbooking your time or under-booking it?
 - How long do you allow a client to challenge the billing before collecting from the Trust account?
 - What is your time management strategy, and what is your biggest motivation?

- What is your approach to delegating responsibility to support staff (paralegals)?
- “Approach the Bench” – creating a guided open forum. We are discussing that this could start out as a series of questions we pose on the WSBA’s social media channels.
 - **Potential question re: bar exam**
 - **Google spreadsheet to track questions:**
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h5r8tDSR-5XHGvpH8WVTVusalaI_CbdX8SfaSmAd2Ck/edit?usp=sharing
 - Please feel free to add to this list.
- Story ideas **(Please be prepared to report on progress on your story idea since the last meeting (e.g., recruitment of an author, further development of the idea, etc.) and/or to share one new story idea.)**
 - Link to Google Docs spreadsheet for tracking story ideas:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Zr0Qj7GTO8ZSI7YsECTsEQXF3ZMlgAuLFz4S3SVmYU8/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Beach Access Article (**Flick**) - Suggested 10/21 – Changing this to be about national monuments (publishing on NWSidebar), there is currently litigation in progress, TBD
 - Environmental law: conflicts arising around development of Methow Valley (**Foreman**) – Suggested 10/21 – author contact, June deadline
 - “On-ramps” and “off-ramps” (or “country road”) in legal careers (**Foreman**) – Suggested 10/21 – Status: no progress as of now
 - Legal deserts across the state (**Foreman**) – Status: preliminary research (this may relate to the WSBA’s Rural Practice Project)
 - TEDRA and agriculture (**Foreman**) suggested 2/17 – Status: giving a presentation on this soon, could adapt for magazine, writing an article for the RPPT newsletter that could be reprinted, potentially for September issue
 - Cynthia Johnson (**Grigalunas**) – Tukwila city council first woman of color to be elected there, enthusiastic about it – Status: Maris is going to follow up
 - Legislative session (**Flick**) suggested 2/17 - Status: to be published in July/August
 - Employment law theme—September (**deadline July 1**)
 - Unionization and the law (Flick) – suggested 3/17
 - Pres. Biden’s Firings/Replacements at NLRB (Labor Day Issue)(**Jansen**) 4/21
 - Mentorship month—January 2022 (all)
 - Approach the Bench (all)—to discuss when we discuss letters policy
 - Other stories?
- Review of July/August 2021 issue led by **Drew Pollom**. Online version can be found here:

- July/August 2021:
https://wabarnews.wsba.org/wabarnews/july_aug_2021/MobilePagedReplica.action?
- Upcoming issue reviewers (if you cannot attend your month's meeting, let me know)
 - September 2021: **Zachary Ashby**
 - October 2021: **Allison Foreman**
- Section Spotlights
 - Progress saved here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PWXEmKOYCkhSD8w9Sm92S4X4sNm8xvlfidXoCetpdqsA/edit#gid=0>
 - Thank you to everyone who has reached out! Future spotlights to be published:
 - Elder Law Section (September)
 - Health Law Section (October)
 - World Peace Through Law Section (November)
 - **After November we have none turned in**
- Beyond the Bar Number solicitations (**new questionnaire, 1 in reserve**)
- Upcoming meeting dates: August 18, September 15
- Questions/Good of the order/Announcements

LOGISTICS FOR ATTENDING EAC MEETINGS

When: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Time: 12 to 1 p.m.

Where: via Zoom only

TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE:

- 1) Link to access the Zoom meeting:
<https://wsba.zoom.us/j/82641665715?pwd=U2Z4bDBWVmZYVnhYLOVDY2J3ZU1zZz09>
- 2) Zoom Conference Call Lines: **LOCAL OPTION:** (253) 215-8782 || **TOLL-FREE OPTION:** (888) 788-0099
- 3) Meeting ID: 826 4166 5715 || Passcode: 155170
- 4) Click on the link and launch and run the Zoom application. Continue with your computer's audio. We will not be using the WSBA's conference call system.
- 5) Close any other programs you are using, as they affect the bandwidth available to you, which can impact the quality of your audio.
- 6) **Please use your mute button** when not speaking to reduce background noise.
- 7) Please feel free to contact Kirsten Abel at kirstena@wsba.org if you have any questions.