

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
LAW CLERK BOARD

PUBLIC MINUTES
April 5, 2024

Law Clerk Board Members in Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Mowrey, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexa Ritchie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tracy Finnegan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christell Casey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Myers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Drutman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Meyers | <input type="checkbox"/> Annemarie Weiss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leone Reinbold | <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Epperley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Phillabaum | |

Staff and others in attendance for some or all the meeting

Cathy Biestek, Managing Regulatory Counsel; and Katherine Skinner, Law Clerk Program Lead were also in attendance.

Public Session

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The February 2, 2024, public meeting minutes were approved.

Law Clerk Board Applications

Katherine provided the Law Clerk Board (Board) roster, noting that the volunteer applications would soon open.

Outreach and Updates

Katherine updated the Law Clerk Board regarding the recent supreme court orders approving alternative pathways to lawyer licensure. Noting that there have been a lot of questions, but there is no additional information to provide currently. If any Board member is approached about what the alternative pathway looks like for the Law Clerk Program, to refer them to the WSBA website for updates.

Christell provided an update that after the bar news article, she was approached by two people, and she would be meeting with them to discuss the law clerk program.

Attorney Survey

Katherine provided the Board with a draft survey about the law clerk program, to be completed by attorneys in Washington. The Board had concerns about question number two and would like to add two additional questions: one to gauge interest in joining the law clerk board and the second to understand who knew tutors could apply to MCLE credit.



Executive Session

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The February 2, 2024, confidential meeting minutes were approved.

Requests

The Board reviewed two fourth-year proposals:

- Advanced Legal Writing (denied)
- Immigration Law (approved)
- Civil Rights Law (approved)
- Immigration Law (approved)
- Advanced Criminal Law (denied)

Applications

The Board approved seven applications for enrollment in the Law Clerk Program beginning when the final confirmation letter is sent.

Evaluations

- The Board conducted two first-year evaluations and approved continuation in the program upon successful completion of all remaining first year coursework and book reports.

- The Board conducted one fourth-year evaluations and approved completion of the program upon successful completion of all remaining fourth-year coursework and book reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Skinner, Law Clerk Program Lead