

**LIMITED LICENSE LEGAL TECHNICIAN (LLLT) BOARD**  
**New Practice Area Committee – Consumer, Money, and Debt**  
**Workgroup**  
**Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2019**

Washington State Bar Association  
1325 Fourth Avenue – Suite 600  
Seattle, Washington 98101

**Workgroup Members in Attendance:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Ivarinen (Committee Chair) |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Bove                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Jarmon             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Brown                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Genevieve Mann |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christy Carpenter                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jen Petersen   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Cothary                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth McIntyre  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Dawes (remote)            |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Delaney                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Hammer (remote)             |  |

**Staff and Others in Attendance:**

Renata Garcia (Innovative Licensing Programs Manager); Jaimie Patneau (Innovative Programs Lead); Glen Bristow (LLLT Board Member); Jennifer Ortega (LLLT #118 and subject matter expert); Scott Kinkley (subject matter expert); Elizabeth Langerberg (subject matter expert); Marc Case (subject matter expert); P.J. Grabicki (BOG Liaison)

**Call to Order/Preliminary Matters**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

**Minutes**

The minutes for the November 19, 2018 meeting were approved.

**Additional Comments to New Practice Area**



Nancy reported that three additional comments were received and included in the meeting materials.

### **Consumer, Money, and Debt Discussion**

**Loan Modification and Foreclosure:** The workgroup determined this area will be removed from the final proposal.

**Garnishments:** At the November meeting Scott Kinkley provided the workgroup with case law he believed was relevant to this topic (Semper v. JBC Legal Group, 2005 WL 2172377; Mandelas v. Gordon, 785 F. Supp. 2d 951 (W.D. Wash. 2011); McLain v. Gordon, 2010 WL 3340528; Moritz v. Gordon, 895 F. Supp. 2d 1097 (W.D. Wash. 2012)). The workgroup reviewed these cases and discussed the implications of LLLTs potentially also needing to become licensed as collection agencies in order to engage in this type of work. The workgroup ultimately determined that they would attend the April 16, 2019, Department of Licensing Collection Agency Board meeting to get some guidance on this topic.

**LFOs:** Genevieve reported that she spoke with Jefferson Coulter at the Northwest Justice Project about LFOs and shared information she learned with the workgroup including that there is some discretion on repayment plans and waiver amounts, and that courts take the position that they have no discretion to waive certain fees. There is also no discretion on non-restitution interest waivers, payment from public benefits or any payments, if a person is homeless or indigent.

**Protection Orders:** Genevieve mentioned that it would be difficult to work protection orders into the practice area education for this area.

The voting members of the workgroup determined that they will continue to move forward and work with the Collection Agency Board. In the meantime, the workgroup will work on developing the next practice area proposal: Work and School. The workgroup will meet in January to review the last draft proposal and start inviting subject matter experts to the workgroup meetings to discuss the proposed actions and limitations.

### **inForm Legal Technologies Presentation**

Jacob Wicks presented the garnishment software his company is developing. This software would be similar to FamilySoft and would help in preparing garnishment forms.

### **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned 12:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2019, at 10:00 am.

