



## Dispute Resolution Section

### Washington State Bar Association

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 23, 2024

12:00pm – 1:30pm PST

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82282323088?pwd=Nnp1Z3oraTgwS2FDVIA2Vk1yZG01UT09>

Passcode: 12345

**PRESENT:** Courtland Shafer, Paula Emery, Jody May, Oliver Garrison, Bob Oberstein, Lish Whitson, Donna Lurie, Chris Casillas, Julia Doherty, Jaspinder Dhoot, Melissa Fuller, Carolyn MacGregor

**ABSENT:** Mel Simburg; Lauren Novack; Kristina Larry; Ted Hunter

- I. **Meeting Matters:** Quorum confirmed
  - a. Agenda additions and changes -- none
  - b. July meeting minutes approval—tabled

#### II. NWDR Conference Updates/Conversation

Save the date for March 27-28, 2025. The committee is working on a budget that is doable. They are focusing on keynote speakers, and discussing feedback from the last conference. The attendees liked the advocates track among other things. The programming contract with Shaw event services is finalized and RFP requests should go out in the next week. Please share with your networks. They would like someone to take on the role of identifying potential sponsors.

#### III. Fall Retreat Updates/Planning

The retreat will be held Oct 25-26, 2024, in LaConnor. Please get your topics and ideas to Paula. She will then send out a draft agenda. Dinner options were discussed

#### IV. Outreach Efforts -- none

#### V. Committee Reports

- a. **Professional Development & Membership**—no report
- b. **Legislation & Public Policy (Jody)**—The committee met in July. They will meet next Tuesday with regular meetings the final Tuesday of each month at 10am. The members are: Jody, Paula, Paul Mcvicker, Elisa Ford and Ted Hunter. They discussed whether or not an amendment to RPC 4 is in order but they are still in a listening/learning phase. The 2012 advisory opinion is on the agenda for next week. They are thinking about reprising legislation on early family mediation. They are also looking at possible HOA legislation and are working with HOA organizations on something that would be modeled on Foreclosure Fairness Act.

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- c. **CLE development (Paula)** The World Peace Through Law Section is proposing a CLE on the South Africa Truth & Reconciliation Process; 20 years later. Paula is looking for volunteers to help. They are hoping to put it on in December.
- d. **Scholarship committee—no report**
- e. **Media & Communications (Paula)**—Please use the listserv to drive dialogue and conversation
- f. **Academic Partnerships (All)**— Paula will share the SU competition schedule soon. Members are encouraged to volunteer to be judges. The WMA virtual conference is Thurs Nov 17 and a open house social may be held that evening at SU. Gonzaga may be looking a revising their curriculum due to the new Bar Exam.

**Meeting Adjourn at 12:50**