

**WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Creditor-Debtor Section**  
**Executive Committee**

**Minutes re: Telephonic Meeting of Executive Committee on December 17, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.**

Meeting location: Telephonic

In attendance by phone: Bill Malaier (EC-Chair), Todd Tracy (EC-Secretary), Jennifer Faubion (EC), Bruce Medeiros (EC), Darren Digiacinto (EC), Christina Henry (EC), Russ Garrett (EC), Thomas Dashiell (EC), David Kazemba (EC) Jacob DeGraff (EC), Steven Reilly, Chris Young, Steve Linkon (Newsletter) Carolyn MacGregor (WSBA Staff Liaison)

1. INTRODUCTIONS:

Bill Malaier called the meeting to order a 3:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of September 17, 2021.

The Executive Committee reviewed the minutes of the regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting held on September 17, 2021. Bill Malaier moved for approval of the September 17, 2021 minutes. Darren Digiacinto seconded the Motion. The Minutes for the September 17, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting were approved unanimously.

3. RECEIVERSHIP TASK FORCE

Todd Tracy advised that there was no update regarding the Receivership Task Force. The WSBA is changing its legislative process which is likely going to slow things further.

4. CLE UPDATE

The Judgments seminar was held on December 7, 2021. There were 87 registrants.

The Section anticipates two additional CLE programs in 2022. The first would be a program discussing the intersection of bankruptcy and other general areas of law. The second is the liens seminar that is typically held in December 2022.

Christina Henry suggested a program re the intersection of bankruptcy and divorce. Jenny also noted that dissolution issues also arise in receivership cases.

## 5. NWBI

Bruce Medeiros reported that the planning had not yet started and the Committee was trying to find a site that allowed for partial live and partial video attendance.

Christina asked about a discount that seemed to be available for Oregon members but not for Washington members. Russ Garrett thought it may be related to Oregon section members. Bruce said he would investigate. (Bruce subsequently reported that the discount was for new and young members only and that it would be available for both Oregon and Washington bar members).

## 6. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Christina Henry indicated that as of the meeting, no legislation had been passed on to the Subcommittee from the WSBA.

Christina indicated that she anticipated a bill being introduced to revise the Washington state personal property exemptions that would impact wildcard, personal injury claim exemptions and tools of the trade.

There is a further rumor that there may be an amendment to the recently passed homestead exemption to make the amount level statewide.

## 7. NEWSLETTER BYLAW AMENDMENT

Bill Malaier advised that the Section by-law amendment related to the newsletter editor composition was passed by the WSBA Board of Governors in November 2021.

## 8. GRANTS PROGRAM

David Kazemba stated that the Chelan Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services was the sole applicant.

Todd Tracy moved to award the grant to Chelan Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services. David Kazemba seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David and Bill noted that unless revenues pick up, the grant program may need to be terminated.

#### 9. NOMINATION OF SECRETARY / TREASURER

Bill Malaier indicated that historically, the Officer position for Secretary Treasurer is alternated between Eastern and Western Washington. The new officer needs to be a member of the current Executive Committee (including an outgoing member of the EC).

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no “official” new business.

Russ Garrett requested that meeting dates for 2022 be established and that those dates be provided to all members ahead of time.

#### 11. NEXT MEETING

A meeting will be at a date to be determined, but that it is usually held in conjunction with NWBI.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

Bill Malaier moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Todd Tracy. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Todd Tracy