

MEETING MINUTES

CRIMINAL LAW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date: March 22, 2025

Time: 12:36 PM

Meeting called to order by: Tracey Munger

IN ATTENDANCE

Tracey Munger, Nicholas Holce, Mary Kay High, Anita Petra, Sanaa Nagi, Stan Glisson, Dan LeBeau, Mike Mattocks, Kari Reardon

Absent: Dale Slack, Hugh Birgenheier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from October 26, 2024, and January 16, 2025 approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

- First order of business: Filling member slots
 - Tracey is going to send blast e-mail to join section, as well as one to the small office section.
 - We need to reevaluate application process. It generally required resume and statement of interest, but this year, statement of interest and application should be enough. All section members agreed.
 - Mary Kay and Mike need to re-up for membership, as their terms end 2025.
 - For election subcommittee, Tracey is past and present chair, so Sanaa will join the election subcommittee.
 - We need to create a statement to drum up interest. We will draw from the blurb from last year's statement. Carolyn would have it if we can't find it.
 - A prosecution member and a defense member will send it to their respective listservs.
- Recruitment and retention discussion
 - Discussed whether students can have a discount or free membership.
 - Dan discussed pursuing legislative outreach to keep our finger on the pulse of new laws and budget issues.
 - Tracey needs to apply for the defense position this year.

- Discussed Ann Guinn's suggestions from the January meeting.
 - We can update our WSBA website. Discussed adding a jobs opening list that could link to job postings, and have a caselaw update behind the membership wall.
- Discussion of legislative updates. Inquiry why we aren't receiving legislative updates before legislation has already come and gone before the cutoff deadline to comment.
 - Discussed the recognition that while prosecutors and defense attorneys might not agree on some statutes, there will be agreement on some positions, but we aren't even able to coordinate a response in time. Additionally, the section could provide pros and cons without needing to take a stance for or against the proposed law.
 - Stan, Mike, and Kari will create legislative committee of the criminal bar section.
 - First action item is to get on list with WSBA for next year.
 - Mike is going to e-mail Carolyn with the WSBA.
 - Kari had attended a mandatory meeting to be on the legislative committee, but the meeting was unfruitful.
 - Dan is going to reach out to his WAPA connection, Russell Brown, to find out how to get in the loop with upcoming legislation.
- Future CJI topics
 - Aiming for September or late August CJI. CLE will be by Zoom. Tracey will contact Sally to secure a September date.
 - Aim will be to do one day CLE, on Friday.
 - Topic should possibly touch on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Name for the CJI is TBD.
 - Legislative/caselaw update would be certainly included.
 - Immigration should be discussed.
 - Mary Kay proposed a judge presenting on handling compliance issues, including contempt
 - Anita proposed a panel of judges to speak about what they look for in legal writing.
 - Presentation on appellate record. (This could be tied into the legal writing panel)
 - Anita will reach out to someone in her office who may be willing to present on this.
 - Youth mitigation
 - Panel on indigent standards if they are adopted.
 - Intro to criminal justice practice. Ethics? This could be a compelling panel.
 - Prosecutor could speak to the pressure from victim of victim's family. Defense could speak to similar pressures and issues with optics being a "public pretender."
 - Should this panel be about negotiations, or should it be more broadly about "things I knew when I started."
 - Panel should have a seasoned prosecutor and seasoned defense attorney.
 - Working with an interpreter.
 - Court reporter input on how to make a good record. This may be good for the appellate panel.
 - Discuss interaction with members of the media?
 - This panel could be an hour and a half or two hours.
 - Jury budget: improving access to justice by increasing daily payment for jurors.
 - Mary Kay's case study
 - Dealing with digital discovery.
 - We should have the date for the CJI by our April meeting.

- Tabled quarterly newsletter as an aspirational project.
- Motion for meeting should be every third Thursday at 4:00. Dan moved, Sanaa seconded. Unanimous approval.
- Tracey will send out a recurring invite for Zoom meetings.
- Called to adjourn at 2:50 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date and time to be by Zoom April 17 at 4:00 PM. Date to be confirmed.