



Civil Rights Law Section

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

Executive Committee Meeting

February 15, 2017

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Conference Call Only

Call-in Number # 1-866-577-9294; Enter Participant Code: 5016530

1. **Welcome and attendance – Kelli –**
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. **September 23, 2016, Annual Meeting**
 - b. **December 3, 2016, retreat**
 - c. **January 18, 2017, minutes (attached)**
3. **Finance and Membership Update – Bridget**
4. **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Statement – was it further disseminated?**
5. **Resolution for A Day of Remembrance –** At the January 26-27, 2017, meeting, the BOG passed a resolution for A Day of Remembrance that recognizes the 75th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066 and reaffirms WSBA's mission and guiding principles. During World War II the United States government imposed curfews, removal, and incarceration of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans, including U.S. citizens, residing in Washington and other western states, citing military necessity. These actions followed President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 issued on February 19, 1942, and those that did not comply with the Order were prosecuted. Lawyers and courts in Washington played a role in both the imposition and enforcement of these actions as well as in the efforts 40 years later to vacate unlawful convictions and obtain judgments of governmental misconduct. ([See public materials beginning at page 131.](#))
6. **Re: GR12 Concerns about political statements, we are having a conversation with WSBA on Friday February 24, 2017, at 11 a.m.**
7. **Open Sections Night, Thursday, January 19, 2017 – Kelli & Kathleen**

8. Newsletter Update – Callie?

9. Use of List Serve – How is it going?

10. CLE Planning – LaRond, Alec and Others – Kelli

a. Spring CLE – Alec has a draft and has reserved a date?

b. Fall CLE – during annual meeting, any updates?

c. In the works:

- i. Kelli and Jodi followed up with Shanthi Raghu about a potential allyship training. We will be working with Dana Barnett, WSBA's Diversity and Inclusion Specialist for a diversity themed Legal Lunchbox. (They take place every last Tuesday of the month, is a free webcast only 90 minute program for 1.5 CLE credits. Typically attendance is around 1500 people.) This way the content could have broadest reach, and attendees would be able to register for the live program for free as well as for CLE credit. **Scheduled for 5/30/17 from 12pm to 1:30pm**

- ii. **WSBA Justice Forums: The Death Penalty in Three Parts.** The forums are intended to share information and convene a dialogue, not take a position on specific issues. Our first series will focus on the death penalty. Kevin Plachy, Education Programs Manager at the WSBA is developing three upcoming one-hour forums. These will continue throughout the year and they are looking for additional topics.

- Overview of the Death Penalty, Thursday, March 2, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., WSBA Offices & Webcast
- Cost & the Death Penalty, Monday, March 13, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., WSBA Offices & Webcast
- The Death Penalty: Arbitrary & Disproportionate Impacts, Thursday, March 23, (tentative), 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. WSBA Offices & Webcast

- a. Of note: event to take place after the Goldmark Luncheon and **hosted by the Access to Justice Board: *The Road Ahead: Strategizing for Justice in a New Political Landscape*, Friday, February 17, 2017, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Washington State Convention Center.** Kindly [RSVP](#)

11. **Legislative Subsection** – Priority Bills and GR12 votes – Kelli & Kathleen – This Friday, February 17, 2017, is the last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees, which have until February 24, 2017.

Thank you to all who voted, we had 11 bills that we wanted to take a position on and we were approved on 10 of them! (The exception being the Ban the Death Penalty Bill).

See the attached spreadsheet.

We also have 5 bills (3 different topics) that we would like to take a position on and would like to vote on today:

- a. **Washington Voting Rights Act [House Bill 1800](#) and [SB 5267](#):** Relates to the administration of justice because no voter or community should ever be denied an equal opportunity to effectively participate in local elections and elect representatives that reflect their community's interests because of the color of their skin, the language they speak, or the sound of their last name. The protections of the WVRA improve election processes, empower local governments, and promote fair representation, ensuring that our democracy and its related systems of justice work for everyone. **[NOTE: these are the bills we've supported before, but the wrong bill was sent up to some of you for the prior vote. We did not receive full votes and did not sent that to the BOG for approval]** The House Bill moved out of committee, but the Senate bill seems to have stalled.

Relates to the administration of justice? Yes / No

Take a position to support? Yes / No

- b. **Legal financial obligation bill [House Bill 1783](#).** It was heard in the House Judiciary Committee on Feb. 8. Prime-sponsored by Rep. Jeff Holy, R-6, HB 1783 relates to the administration of justice as it seeks to make changes to the state law related to legal financial obligations (LFOs). These changes include eliminating interest accrual on non-restitution LFOs; prohibiting courts from imposing costs on defendants found to be indigent at the time of sentencing; and establishing payment plans and priority payment of LFOs. This bill has also been referred to WSBA's Criminal and Juvenile Law Sections, as well as the Council on Public Defense for review. HB 1783 is scheduled to be voted out of committee on Feb. 16.

Relates to the administration of justice? Yes / No

Take a position to support? Yes / No

- c. **Establishing a statewide policy supporting Washington state's economy and immigrants' role in the workplace. [SB 5689](#) and companion bill [HB 1985](#)** Establish the keep Washington working act. Creates statewide steering committee established within the department of commerce. Requires the attorney general, in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, to publish model policies for limiting immigration enforcement consistent with federal and state law at public schools, health facilities operated by the state or a political subdivision of

the state, courthouses, and shelters, to ensure they remain safe and accessible to residents, regardless of immigration or citizenship status. Requires state agencies to review their confidentiality policies and identify changes necessary to ensure that information collected from individuals is limited to that necessary to perform agency duties and is not used or disclosed for any other purpose. Prohibits a state agency, department, or law enforcement from using agency or department funds, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel to investigate, enforce, cooperate with, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of unconstitutional or illegal registrations or surveillance programs that target residents on the basis of race, religion, immigration status, citizenship status, or national or ethnic origin. Prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies and school police and security departments from using agency or department funds, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes.

Relates to the administration of justice or practice of law? Yes / No

Take a position to support? Yes / No

For Session Cutoff Calendar, see: <http://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/cutoff.aspx>

For WSBA 2017 Legislative Priorities weekly updates, see: <http://www.wsba.org/About-WSBA/Legislative-Affairs/2017-Legislative-Priorities>

For the Civil Rights Bill referrals, see pages 31 to 47:

<http://www.wsba.org/~media/Files/About%20WSBA/Legislative%20Affairs/2017/Bill%20Referrals/Bill%20Referral%20Detail%20Report292017.ashx>

12. Reminder and discussion of Bylaws related to Member participation -

13. Good of the Order -