



Civil Rights Law Section
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

12:00-1:30pm

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/598198576?pwd=dThEVEVmVHlhcUE0eUJ1dElVaXhqUT09>

Meeting ID: 598 198 576

If using phone, call in: 720-707-2699/Password: 943641

CHAIR WILL USE PHONE, NO VIDEO

AGENDA

- Check in – how is everyone doing re COVID and civil rights movement
- Contact list for EC: please update
- Approve May minutes
- Letter re Black Lives Matter: inform EC of letter distribution
 - Fred sent letter to **WSAJ Political List**
 - M sent letters to:
 - La Resistencia (NWDC immigrant and refugee network):
<http://laresistencianw.org>
 - SU Law
 - LinkedIn
 - ABA Civil Rights Law and Social Justice Section, Paula Shapiro
 - ABA Criminal Justice Section, Pres. VP and Patricia Payne
 - African American Policy Forum <https://aapf.org>
 - President of the National Lawyers Guild
 - Spokane Bar Association
 - Tacoma/Pierce County Bar Association, Kit Kasner
 - Yakima County Bar Association, Sarah Wixson
 - Juan Cartagena, Pres. and General Counsel of Latino Justice PRLDF
 - Colectiva Legal del Pueblo, Sandy Restrepo (award notification)

- Asian Bar Association of Washington
 - Northwest Indian Bar Association
 - The Cardozo Society
 - Pierce County Minority Bar Association
 - Filipino Lawyers of Washington
 - Slavic Bar Association of Washington
 - QLaw – The LGBT Bar Association
 - South Asian Bar Association of Washington
 - Korean American Bar Association
 - Spokane County Bar Association Diversity Section
 - Latina/Latino Bar Association of Washington
 - Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington
 - Loren Miller Bar Association
 - Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association
 - Middle Eastern Legal Association of Washington
 - Washington State Veterans Bar Association
 - Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle
 - Washington Women Lawyers
- The End to Qualified Immunity: please refer to letter to Congress from North West Police Misconduct Attorneys Fred (attached), email from Rajeev requesting input, bill and docs attached (refer to Fred’s email on June 9th sent at 5:04 pm also provided at the end of this agenda)
 - Put on radar: Juneteenth State Legislation:
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/bills/summary?BillNumber=2312&Year=2019&Initiative=False>
 - CLE Update – Proving Damages Employment Discrimination this Thursday, please register here:
<https://www.mywsba.org/PersonifyEbusiness/CLEStore/CLECalendar/MeetingDetails.aspx?productId=17846191>
 - Swag for Section: Kathleen and Trina
 - Schedule date for Annual Meeting/Reception in September 25, 2020 – possibly outside w/ social distance
 - Section Leader meetings: compensation or CLE credits for EC members - dialogue
 - Prison Book Project – coordinated effort with World Peace thru Law re: legislation -
 - Section Elections Committee update – VOTE! YLL – We will appoint after 22nd of June (deadline)
 - Google sheet – update your tasks
 - Plan Budget
 - Vacation – July/August dates (Molly gone in July)
 - Section Outreach
 - KCBA Bar Bulletin –
 - BOG update
 - **Good of the Order**

JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT 2020

Attached is the proposed Justice in Policing Act. (This draft was received 6/7/2020)

Section 102 is the QI provision. This bill does a LOT more

- **TITLE I – Police Accountability** Section 103 – Pattern and Practice Investigations and Subpoena authority to DOJ & grants for state level investigations
 - Section 104 – Independent investigations/prosecutions
 - Law Enforcement Trust & Integrity Act, Sections 111 – 118
 - Accreditation and Grants re review and evaluation; civilian review boards; National Task force on oversight; Data gathering re police practices
 - **Title II Policing Transparency Through Data** – Sections 201, et seq
 - National Police Misconduct Data registry; Sections 201 and 202
 - PRIDE Act, Police Reporting, Information, Data & Evidence Act. – Sections 221 -226
 - Training; Data Collection and reporting
 - **Title III – Improving Police Training & Policies**, Sections 301 - 351
 - **Subtitle A** End Racial & Religious Profiling
 - Data Collection, incl data on investigatory stops, by race, etc.
 - Data publication
 - DOJ reports on racial profiling
 - **Subtitle B** Additional Reforms
 - Training on racial bias and Duty to Intervene, Sec. 361
 - PEACE ACT Police Exercising Absolute Care with Everyone (FEDERAL OFFICERS) - Limitations on Uses of Force – Sec 364
 - Deadly Force
 - Less lethal Force
 - Definitions of reasonable and Necessary and Reasonable Alternatives
 - Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act - Limitations of Justification Defenses (FEDERAL OFFICERS), Sec. 1123 (?) (Sec 365?)
 - Best Practices for Local law Enforcement Agencies (Sec 366)
 - **Subtitle C** – Law Enforcement Body cameras, Sec. 371; Video Cameras, Sec. 373; other sections through Sec 382
 - More on funding and data collection
 - **Title IV – Justice for Victims of Lynching Act** – the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Law
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Letters from members from recent list-serve posts:

Thank you, Molly, for keeping us updated and educated.

Stay safe.
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STAY SAFE
Onik'a Gilliam-Cathcart, J.D., AWI-CH

Thank you for this.

When you recruit for volunteer efforts or have educational events to publicize, I would be happy share the news with my section "World Peace Through Law".

Randy Winn

<http://4freeCLE.blogspot.com> - the Free Continuing Legal Education Site

Thank you for sending this letter - you have my support.

In solidarity,

Kelli Schmidt

Let me know what I can do to support your efforts. I will be sharing it with the Labor and Employment Law Section's Ex Comm leadership. We're meeting in another week or two and I'll be bringing up how we can address these issues for our members. Should be an interesting discussion, especially with the labor issues.

I also just went to the WSBA site to look for a past CLE we did on police and communities of color in 2017. I could not find the webinar on WSBA's CLE site, which is a bummer because, although it is 3 years old, it still has relevance. I know Fred is still on the section, so if you are interested, he can tell you more as he and Alec Stephens coordinated it. I'm attaching the flier.

(After seeing a notice about an upcoming CRLS CLE that I hadn't received notice about, I realized it is because I did not renew my section membership in Jan when funds were tight. I just renewed it! My apologies for that oversight.)

Also, I sent someone from the NLG to you as a contact as they are going to be doing training and need help on defense of protestors. It doesn't look like people use the listserv much, so I'll continue to direct folks to you so you can review information and determine whether it should be posted to the CRLS listserv (or if there is someone else you prefer I direct things to let me know).

Along those same lines, I received the WA Supreme Court's message from a colleague. I don't often use the court's site and would have missed it otherwise. It might be worth sharing more broadly as this is not just a section specific issue - it is a justice issue that all lawyers should be concerned

with: <http://www.courts.wa.gov/content/publicUpload/Supreme%20Court%20News/Judiciary%20Legal%20Community%20SIGNED%20060420.pdf>

Keep up the good work,

Kelli Schmidt