



## Civil Rights Law Section

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

### Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: 4/12/2020

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: [Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 856 8931 8836

Passcode: 067006

1. **Motions to adopt/amend March minutes**
2. **CRLS 2021 Value Statement**
  - a. Value statement approved for publication on CRLS Website. Link to statement will be posted next to Section's bylaws. Once posted, statement will be sent to members on listserv.
3. **CLE Update(s):**
  - a. CRLS & WPTL: "The War on Drugs: A Domestic and International Driving Force of Mass Incarceration"
    - i. Date: May 18, 2021
    - ii. Duration: Half-day
    - iii. Time: Afternoon to Evening
    - iv. Summary:

The War on Drugs is a global system of laws and policies implemented with the stated purpose of significantly reducing the use, production, and distribution of narcotics. But rather than fulfilling this purpose, the War on Drugs increased the incarceration of Black and Brown people on a massive scale. The War on Drugs is now recognized as one of the largest driving forces of mass incarceration, both domestically and across the globe.

The Washington State Bar Association's Civil Rights Law Section and World Peace Through Law Section offer this CLE to provide attendees with a brief history of the War on Drugs and its contribution to mass incarceration. Attendees will also hear the steps we can take to develop a system that rehabilitates rather than punitively punishes those suffering from addiction.

- v. **Current Speakers:**
  1. Dr. Charissa Fotinos – Washington Health Care Authority
  2. Dr. Katherine Beckett – University of Washington
  3. Adria Cots Fernández – International Drug Policy Consortium

4. Salvador Mungia – Gordon Thomas Honeywell
    - b. CRLS and Cannabis Law Section (CLS): Beginning Discussions
      - i. Summarize conversation with CLS chair about developing CLE discussing social justice issues surrounding marijuana legalization and steps to take ensure social justice with ongoing legalization efforts.
  - 4. CRLS & ELUL Law School Networking Event**
    - a. Date: April 22, 2021
    - b. Time: 5:30pm
    - c. Summary:
      - i. Networking with law students. Event will focus on intersection of lawyering and environmental justice.
    - d. Action Requested:
      - i. Approve partnership with ELUL to co-host this event.
      - ii. Approve use of CRLS logo on event flyer.
      - iii. Suggest environmental justice lawyers to meet and connect with students at the event.
  - 5. Legislative Research Committee Update(s)**
    - a. Discuss Section’s current legislative priorities and status of WSBA’s tracking process.
  - 6. Community Connections Committee Update(s)**
    - a. Discuss plans for Committee, including:
      - i. scheduling CRLS HH with Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest;
      - ii. developing student fellowships/mentorship with accompanying scholarship(s); and
      - iii. scheduling calls to connect with community organizations.
  - 7. Election Committee Update(s)**
    - a. CRLS EC Open Positions 2022
      - i. Chair-elect
      - ii. Secretary
      - iii. Treasurer
      - iv. At-large Member (2)
  - 8. Awards Committee Update(s)**
    - a. Discuss nomination process and potential ceremony dates.
  - 9. Equity and Diversity Task Force Update(s)**
  - 10. Open Table: Outstanding Topics or Update(s)**