



Civil Rights Law Section
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2020
12:00-1:30pm

Location: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/598198576?pwd=dThEVEVmVHlrcUE0eJ1dElVaXhqUT09>
Meeting ID: 598 198 576

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

AGENDA

- Check in – how is everyone managing under quarantine? Brag and Humble.
- Approve April minutes
- Section Elections Committee (still need non-EC member):
 - Current status – extend deadline or appoint?
 - Volunteers: Elections' reminder emails to vote, last week of June
 - Update google sheet with any outreach efforts or provide names in meeting
 - Young Lawyer Liaison Contact
- Schedule date for Annual Meeting/Reception in September, 2020
- Swag for Section: Kathleen and Trina
- Webpage update to reflect new awards and renaming
- Section Leader meetings: compensation or CLE credits for EC members - dialogue
- Google sheet – update your tasks
- Prison Book Project – coordinated effort with World Peace thru Law re: legislation
 - Meeting with Sanjay
- CLE Update – Proving Damages Employment Discrimination (Fred)
 - E-Flyer?
 - Webinar format
- Plan Budget
- Vacation – June/July/August dates

- Asylum and Detention update re COVID-19 – webinar by ABA:

Some highlights:

- 140,00 people have been incarcerated this past year – 55,000 at any given day
 - No uniform policy or guidance on cleaning or sanitization in courtrooms or in detention centers – No uniform policy from EIOR on working within the detention centers
 - Federal gov is only making “recommendations” but no enforcement on containing or prevent virus spread to refugees
 - No testing in detention centers – for staff, workers or guards, etc.
 - Airplane recently landed in Guatemala with 75% of deportees testing positive.
 - United States is no longer accepting Asylum applications
 - No access to territory
 - Physical borders are shut down – 2,500 people in a refugee camp outside Brownsville TX point of entry
 - UN states the need to seek asylum is an essential function (EU agrees)
 - No more screening for persecution, only torture – Credible Fear interview
 - All hearings postponed if not detained with no system of notice
 - Due process violations. Is this lawful detention?
 - Witnesses now prohibited from courtrooms bc of COVID
 - No privacy
 - Attorneys can’t access detainees – no confidential communication
 - Detaining people cannot be arbitrary or indefinite under a legal framework
 - CDC can authorize testing and there have been no systematic or reliable testing done
 - ICE has the authority to release detainees but won’t
 - Health and wellbeing of attorneys and their risk to infect other clients
- Section Outreach
 - KCBA Bar Bulletin –
 - BOG update
 - **Good of the Order**