



Civil Rights Law Section
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Minutes Executive Committee Meeting

May 17, 2017

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Conference Call or In-person at WSBA Office

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

1. Welcome and attendance – *Kelli Schmidt, Dan Gallagher, Julianne Unite, LaRond Baker*
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 19, 2017 – see attached – *no quorum*
3. May 16th CLE Planning Debrief – *Alec – Don't be both a presenter and organizer. Dan and Kelli - Excellent CLE!*
4. Update Re: Bylaw reviews and revisions – Kelli – Need volunteer(s) to assist – *Alec will assist.*

Section Leaders Bylaws Assistance

See attached. “CIV Section_current bylaws_WSBAredline”, “2_Bylaw Alignment_Overview message”, and “3_Article XI Bylaw Alignment Checklist Tool” We have received the suggested minimal compliance amendments to section bylaws in order to align with the current Article XI (click here, p.64). We have to submit our section bylaws for approval by the Board of Governors:

- **June 29, 2017, for consideration on consent at the July 28-29, 2017 BOG meeting.**

5. **NWIRP v. DOJ case – For Discussion – Should we be asking WSBA to take a position on this and submit an Amici brief** Northwest Immigrant Rights Project filed a lawsuit in federal district court challenging an order from the Department of Justice instructing NWIRP to “cease and desist” from assisting unrepresented immigrants in deportation proceedings. The DOJ letter purports to rely on agency regulations issued in 2008 that require attorneys to enter a formal notice of appearance if they provide any legal assistance to persons in deportation proceedings. However, the immigration courts do not allow limited appearances, so once an attorney files a notice of appearance they are obligated to take over full representation in the deportation proceedings. The lawsuit, filed by NWIRP and the cooperating law firm of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, asserts that the DOJ order violates NWIRP attorneys’ constitutional right to free speech, impeding their ability to promote and defend the rights of immigrants in Washington State. In addition, the suit charges that the regulation unlawfully interferes with Washington’s authority to regulate the conduct of how Washington State attorneys provide legal services.
[see https://www.nwirp.org/nwirp-challenges-order-from-department-of-justice-to-cease-and-desist-providing-legal-assistance-to-unrepresented-individuals-in-deportation-proceedings/](https://www.nwirp.org/nwirp-challenges-order-from-department-of-justice-to-cease-and-desist-providing-legal-assistance-to-unrepresented-individuals-in-deportation-proceedings/)

A copy of the complaint can be found [here](#).

A copy of the motion for temporary restraining order can be found [here](#).

A copy of the cease and desist letter can be found [here](#).

Alec and Dan agree good idea to submit a letter to WSBA asking WSBA to file an amicus brief opposing this requirement. Alec – let's poll the members on a motion for support of the NWIR Project's lawsuit against the US.

6. ***ABA Standing Committee on the American Judicial System – Resolution. – Kelli update, it was due on May 3, 2017. Kelli will appear at BOG meeting for an oral response but we missed the deadline for written submission.***
7. ***Legislative Subsection – Updates – Kelli – None at this time. We lost our legislative affairs manager.***
8. ***Newsletter Update – Callie & Julianne – coming out soon – Julianne – nearly complete just waiting for confirmation on editing review.***
9. ***Finance Update – Bridget – summary – Kelli – Doing fine, revenue at 137%. We have ... 190 members. *Kelli needs to send in the March financials. She will do it now.***
10. ***Contact List? – be sure to get me updated contact information -***
11. ***Loren Miller Bar Association – do we have a date for connecting yet? Kelli will get on that. Alec will attend the Loren Miller dinner this week.***
12. ***Good of the Order – Alec will be interviewed Thursday for the at-large governor's position with the BOG. Public session starts at 1:00 Thursday. Bill Pickett will be the president elect of WSBA for next year. There is a young lawyer liaison meeting coming up. Kathleen's term ends in September. Checklist by June 19 and Kelli will get notice out on our listserve for our members to attend.***