

## **Minutes of the WSBA Elder Law Section (“Section”) Executive Committee**

### **February 21, 2017 Teleconference Meeting**

#### **Attendance.**

Members Present: Kameron Kirkevold (Chair), Matthew Parker, Ronald St. Hilaire, Ann LoGerfo, Karen Boxx, Suzanne Thompson Winingar, Michael Longyear, Dick Sayre, Amy Freeman, Mark Vohr, Peggy Sanders, Meredith Childers, Carla Calogero, Miriam Ayoub

Members Absent: Megan Farr, Eric Watness

Liaisons Present: Joe Terrenzio (WSBA Sections Liaison), Alison Phelan (Legislative Affairs Manager), Angela Hayes (BOG Liaison)

**January Minutes.** The minutes from the January 17, 2017 teleconference were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** Matt Parker provided the Treasurer’s Report based on the Elder Law Section Financials prepared by WSBA. Matt reported that there were no substantial changes in January with the exception that we received bar dues in the amount of \$11,130, and CLE revenue in the amount of \$10,364.94. The Sections current balance is \$71,292.06.

#### **Legislative Update.**

Alison gave report on the status report on some of the bills our Section has been monitoring. Alison described the next phases of the legislative session.

HB 1139 (Office of Public Guardianship Expansion): Alison reported that this bill, concerning the methods of services provided by the Office of Public Guardianship, passed the House and will move forward.

SHB 1402 (Incapacitated Persons/Rights): Alison reported that SHB 1402 is currently in the House Appropriations Committee. The bill will need to be voted out before fiscal committee cutoff date of February 24, 2017.

SSB 5081 (Uniform Law on Notarial Acts): This bill is in Senate Rules Committee - it has until March 8<sup>th</sup> to be voted out for consideration on the Senate floor.

SSB 5577 (Incapacitated Persons/ Rights): This bill is similar to SHB1402. Alison reported that SSB 5577 passed out of Policy Committee and is in Senate Ways & Means before the fiscal committee cutoff on February 24, 2017.

**CLE Update.** Mike and Suzanne provided a CLE update. The spring CLE will take place on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the WSBA Conference Center. The CLE can be attended in person or via online streaming. To allow for networking, lunch will be served as a part of the cost of the CLE.

The fall CLE will take place on September 8, 2017 at the SeaTac Conference Center. Conversation ensued about topics and potential speakers.

**WINGS Report.** Peggy will sit in on the legislative committee meeting today at 3 PM. Peggy will report on any updates after today's meeting.

**WA Public Guardianship Task Force Update.** Ann provided an update. The last scheduled task force meeting was canceled. As such, there was not much of an update since the last meeting.

Ann stated that the task force is planning on having two more meetings before coming out with recommendations and the next meeting is set for March 6, 2017.

**LLLT Update.** Kameron has received 10 letters from Section members regarding the LLLT expansion. This has not gone before the Supreme Court. There has not be an official request for responses from the Supreme Court yet; however, it has agreed to accept letters at this time.

Carla reported that a Town Hall meeting took place on February 15, 2017 regarding the proposed Estate and Healthcare Law Practice area and proposed added scope to the current family law LLLT program. The meeting was held by LLLT Board members, Steve Crossland, Nancy Ivarinen, and Greg Dallaire. Carla and Karen provided information on some of the questions presented at the meeting and the responses provided.

**Outreach and Grants (Diversity Scholarship).** Ann reported that Columbia Legal Services has made final decisions for the candidates for the Peter Greenfield Senior Advocacy Summer Internship Scholarship and for the CLS one-year fellow position at Columbia Legal Services

Meredith reported that the Grants Sub-Committee met last week.

Mark reported that he and Peggy have been in communications with the WSBA about its mentorship program. Mark will work on setting up a sub-committee meeting to discuss how our section will proceed with a mentorship program.

**Final Comments.** Kameron went to open sections night. At the event Kameron was told that for each CLE we hold, we can get one voucher for a law student to attend the CLE at no cost.

**Meeting adjourned.**