

WSBA Juvenile Law Section
Agenda Wednesday, May 20, 2026

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82978835230?pwd=48fJHrs2jhfV4zalFhFIHHnRMLLeBbH.1>

1) Attendance (need 7 for quorum, *nonvoting): Jeff Adams, Anastasia Clark, Marci Comeau, * Lissa Mascio, Itzel Gonzalez Patino*, Eric Kushman*, Becca Newson*, Carolyn MacGregor*, Aminat Sanusi, Kaelen Brodie, Jill Geary*,

2) Necessary Votes:

a) April Minutes (emailed with May agenda):

b) Jeff: Budget (narrative emailed with May agenda): Jeff and Carolyn discuss: due June 8, no quorum today. Can get vote in before final draft is due, since we discussed last meeting. Discussion was extensive enough and has not changed much since then.

c) Anastasia: motion to add APR 6 law clerks to law student scholarship announcement.

3) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Please let us know if you think of anything. Carolyn-spring meeting panelist from equity and justice presented ways the team can support committees.

Recording and toolbox on volunteer webpage. [Spring Meeting Materials](#)

4) Old Business:

a) Mentor Program/Newsletter: Anastasia—here to keep on radar if anyone wants to take on.

5) New Business:

a) Co-Sponsor Health Law Section Mini CLE (Marci): June 16 health law section hosting mini cle: civil commitment law between care and coercion. AG's office and atty from private firm. Do we want to co-sponsor. We publish to our section. Kaelen: what is the title? Monetary support? Marci: Kim Mozal, Eric Nelson, other private atty. Just asking for publishing, not funding. Jeff do we need a vote? Eric Kushman: good idea, publicity always good. Kim is good. Since they don't want much and this area of law is devastating to kids under these holds. Carolyn: health law section will go ahead w/o us. So having our name on it would be slower if we decide later somehow. They asked

eldar section too. Jeff: budget needs voted on before sending, now this is time sensitive. Good opportunity. Anastasia: agree good b'c good to work with those seeking us. Can still send notice of cle w/o our name. If we need special meeting, might as well add. Kaelen/Marci: agree. Important to collaborate. Kaelen-does cle focus on youth at all? Curious. Marci: ad so far- "Civil commitment remains one of the least understood yet most consequential areas of modern law, sitting at the intersection of mental health, public safety, and civil liberties. The concept of forcing involuntary mental health treatment is highly controversial, and is the subject of increased discussion and legislation. Should more people be civilly committed for coerced treatment, or fewer – and where should the treatment take place? This presentation by practitioners experienced in Washington's Involuntary Treatment Act will examine significant recent legal and policy developments at the state and federal levels and their implications." Anastasia will send poll to sched special meeting. Make sure we know who can/can't attend. Itzel- in person? Marci-online.

6) New Member Liaison Report (Aminat): thinking about how to create law student to new member pipeline grows. Sending notices to all law schools. Newsletter may be good. Might take on that project. Itzel-can help.

7) BOG Liaison Report (Kari): not here today.

8) Committee Reports:

- a) **CLE/Outreach Committee (Daria): (not present)** Mental Health CLE's going as planned, including WSBA's Ethics Advisory folks approving the Suicide Prevention materials I prepared and will be presenting as part of each of the MH CLEs. As a reminder, those training dates are:
 - 1. MH Part 1: Ending the Silence on MH, June 12th, noon-1:15pm
 - 2. MH Part 2: Suicide Prevention in Youth, July 10th, 11:30am-1:30pm
- b) **Civil Legal Needs Committee (Lisa):** I have reached out to the Chair of the Intellectual Property section for some help with a juvenile in foster care and their clothing enterprise and have not heard back. **(not present)**
- c) **Dependency and Child Welfare Committee (Kaelen/Karrina):** nothing today.

d) Legislative Committee (Jeff): nothing from last session. Written report sent with last months materials.

e) Juvenile Justice Committee: Vacant.

f) Law School Representatives Report (Sophia/Itzel): Itzel-alive. Finished 1L exams. Wants to help with Aminat's project. Will work on benchbook this summer. Retreat in works? Wants to help. Jeff—not until next year, discussed it no vote to put that in budget.

9) WSBA Liaison (Carolyn): nothing new outside of budget talk or elections update from Anastasia.

Anastasia: we have turned in our slate, mostly same people. Carolyn-write ins can be alternate process if we listed it as option at beginning. Anastasia Will likely bring up reducing open spots next cycle to make it less stressful. All else is good this time though. Marci—good because it feels hard to recruit. Jeff-doesn't affect quorum b/c based on elected. We struggle to get quorum. Carolyn-can have less formal subcommittees that doesn't elected people. Itzel-how many minimum needed? Carolyn—need simple majority of people elected. Not spots. Marci—secretary, treasurer, chair. Sec and treas can combine.

10) Roundtable: Jill-chair of King County Child Law Section. Trying to coord trainings/meetings. KC is last fridays. Does JLS have set schedule? This upcoming Friday, leg update training/discussion. Jeff-meetings on 3rd wed of Month. CLEs are Daria's committee. Not specific time/date to balance other conferences. Jordan in contact with Daria. Jill-watches us and sends things out. Can help with other projects if mutually beneficial. Anastasia—we would like that communication too. Will send out notices for their events etc.

Marci-other topics? None.

11) Adjournment: 12:46.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2026, 12:00 PM