

**WSBA Litigation Section  
Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

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**Date:** April 3 2024  
**Meeting Time:** 12:00 pm  
**Meeting Location:** Zoom Conference

**Attendance**

	In Person	Telephone	Absent
Robert Wilke, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Nelson, Past Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chair Elect - Tiffany Wilke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bil Childress, Secretary/Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matthew Audish, Young Lawyer Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Ahearne, Board of Gov Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lesley O'Neil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Janelle Elysee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Brandenburg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ric Jacobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cole Douglas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ian Leifer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- **Update from Judicial Officer Dinner Committee** (Cole and Tiffany).
  - Canlis has been approved by WSBA as the venue for our judicial dinner relaunch.
  - Next year we will select a more modest venue.
- **WSBA Litigation Mentorship Program Committee** (Janelle Elysee, Cole Douglas, Lesley O'Neil)
  - Lesley, Janelle, and Cole will work to match mentors with mentees.
    - Mentor: Michelle Pham (emailed but has not sent her completed application); Susan Cohodes (emailed but has not sent her completed application); Bradley Andersen (emailed but has not sent his completed application)

- Mentee: Brad Furber (application completed); Britt Jones (application completed); Isaac Castaneda (application completed)
- **Update from Law School Outreach Committee** (Matthew and Susan);
  - Seattle U and UW Essays are due April 1, 2024
    - We received one UW essay
    - We received six SU essays
      - We selected Liz McDonald as the Seattle U. WSBA Litigation Section Scholarship Recipient
    - Matt and Rob to prepare letter to UW and SU recipients
  - Susan confirmed with Gonzaga that we will not sign a five-year commitment but would like to award winner of Linden Cup \$2,000 scholarship for foreseeable future
    - The Linden Cup is in April and we will award the winner a \$2,000 scholarship
- **WSBA Elections Nominating Committee** (Ian, Rob, Tiffany)
  - Application Portal Opens remains open until April 15
  - Action Items:
    - May 13: Finalize Candidate Slate
    - May 28: Approve Ballot
- **CLE Committee** (Ian, Bil, Rob)
  - Action Item: August CLE
    - Topics: written discovery and differences between state/federal rule and local rules
- March Meeting Minutes were approved