

**WSBA Litigation Section  
Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

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**Date: May 1 2024**

**Meeting Time: 12:00 pm**

**Meeting Location: Zoom Conference**

**Attendance**

	<b>In Person</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Robert Wilke, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Nelson, Past Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chair Elect – Tiffany Wilke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bil Childress, Secretary/Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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).**
  - June 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Canlis in Seattle
  - Guests to arrive at 6:45 p.m.
  - Attendees confirmed:
    - Chief Justice Steve González with Michelle González
    - Associate Chief Justice Charles Johnson with Dana Johnson
    - Justice Susan Owens
    - Justice Debra Stephens with Craig Stephens
    - Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud
    - Justice Mary Yu with Aline Flowers
  - Discussion: Program for the Evening

- Last Judicial Dinner: Cocktail hour was pretty open ended and justices kind of mingled and then we had assigned seating for the meal itself to make sure there was bench and bar at every table – once we get RSVPs how to arrange seating
  - Will introduce who we are, thank them, and make sure seats are assigned to facilitate good interactions
- **WSBA Litigation Mentorship Program Committee** (Janelle Elysee, Cole Douglas, Lesley O’Neil)
  - We have one unmatched mentee: Yvonne Carrick in Kennewick
    - Does anyone know a Central/Eastern WA based litigator that may want to mentor a young lawyer?
      - Bil will investigate whether he has a potential mentor
- **Update from Law School Outreach Committee** (Matthew and Susan);
  - Recipients identified and scholarships payments are being processed
    - Matt confirmed scholarship funds are being paid
- **WSBA Elections Nominating Committee** (Ian, Rob, Tiffany)
  - May 13: Finalize Candidate Slate
    - Only applicants are Janelle, Rob, Tiffany, Cole and Ian
  - 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
    - Rob, Bil and Ian to meet
- Approved April Meeting Minutes
- Discussed potential social media posts instead of Newsletter