

**WSBA Litigation Section
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 5, 2025
Meeting Time: 12:00 pm
Meeting Location: Zoom Conference

Attendance

	In Person	Telephone	Absent
Tiffany Wilke, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Wilke, Past 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"/>
Bil Childress, Chair-Elect	<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"/>
Lesley O'Neil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Janelle Elysee, Secretary/Treasurer	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ian Leifer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allison Widney, Board of Gov Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- **CLE Committee** (Ian, Janelle, Bil, Rob)
 - Timing is TBD depending on final timing of Spring Event
 - We will do an Annual Litigation Event and our Spring Event as our primary focus this year
 - Will need to fold topics of the mini-CLE into the Annual Litigation CLE
 - Janelle will respond to Shanthy Raghu to determine what kind of content the Annual Litigation CLE has done in the past
- **Winter Litigation Event** (Rob, Janelle, Matt)
 - Speaker Ideas – Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson
 - Location – K&L is likely. Waiting on K&L contact to confirm capacity – Rob told them 100+ people.

- Date – Pushed back to Spring 2025. Waiting on confirmation from K&L to confirm availability before coordinating with the Judge.
- Sponsor for alcohol – Matt’s office has graciously offered to contribute \$500.00; Cochran Douglas in for \$500.00
- Topic: Civility in the Law
- New committee meeting date is TBD
- Matt to inquire with his office about potential food options
- **Newsletter Committee (Janelle and Mike)**
 - Blast is going out tomorrow (2/6/25)
 - Agreed that the newsletter will be 2x/year rather than quarterly
- **WSBA Election Committee**
 - Committee members are Janelle and Bil.
 - Need one more person not on the EC. Rob reached out to inquire if individual from last year would be interested. Will allow a few days for a response (election form due 2/10)
 - If not, we will open this up to the section members
 - Agreed that we will only require a Statement of Interest; not a Resume
 - Carolyn recommends creating a custom description and information form/desired skills/estimate of time commitment
- **Judicial Dinner**
 - Committee members are Tiffany, Matt, Rob, and Bil
 - Judges expressed interest in Tacoma this year for a venue location.
 - Committee to set up a meeting in mid-March to discuss next steps – Matt to send Zoom link
- **Litigation Section Scholarship**
 - Committee is Mike and Matt
 - Budget is confirmed to be \$2k per school (\$6k total)
- **WSBA Fall Event?**
 - Likely will skip this year – TBD.
- **Trial Advocacy Program and Mock Trial Exercises**
 - Heard from WSBA re: the following:
 - Under our New Member Program portfolio, our team is gearing up to develop and deliver the annual Trial Advocacy Program (TAP), accompanied by a day of virtual mock trial exercises. TAP is currently scheduled for June 5/6, with the mock trial exercises tentatively slated for June 28.

- The 2-day CLE will take place for in person and webcast audiences this year, and I wanted to connect to see if and how the section may wish to be involved or support. (In the past, the section has sponsored a lunch. For your reference, it is my understanding that your section budget has \$500 in new lawyer outreach that could be used for this purpose) We welcome you or other section representatives to speak during the opening or lunch to share more about the section and benefits to membership, for example. Please let us know your plans so we may coordinate accordingly.
 - Janelle to reach out to confirm if this is open to section members generally or only to EC.
 - Janelle will hopefully have an update at the March meeting.
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- **Janelle to Cover next 1-2 meetings**
 - **Approved January Meeting Minutes**