

**WSBA Litigation Section
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 5, 2025

Meeting Time: 12:00 pm

Meeting Location: Zoom Conference

Attendance

	In Person	Telephone	Absent
Tiffany Wilke, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robert Wilke, Past Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ian Leifer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allison Widney, Board of Gov Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- **CLE Committee** (Ian, Janelle, Bil, Rob)
 - Planning Annual Litigation CLE (same one WSBA reached out about)
 - CLE Committee met in February
 - Looking at September / October dates
 - Topics covered will focus on discovery
 - Several firms reached out about potential collabs
 - Seeking information from WSBA about whether there can be an in person component to the event
- **Spring Litigation Event** (Rob, Janelle, Matt)
 - Speaker Ideas – Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson

- Janelle to confirm Judge Peterson's availability on May 22nd
 - Location – K&L Gates Seattle office
 - 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 TBD
 - Reminder: sponsorship agreements will need to be drafted and signed and all agreements between the venue and WSBA should be sent to Carolyn ASAP.
- **Newsletter Committee** (Janelle and Mike)
 - Will like to comment that it is clear attorneys are reading the newsletter
 - We have had several attorneys reach out regarding with helping for the CLE and specifically cited the newsletter
- **WSBA Election Committee** (Janelle, Bil, and Matt)
 - Applications open on March 10
 - There are two remote meetings for applicants, where Exec board can talk about benefits of being involved
 - March 14 from 10 – 11: Janelle will attend
 - April 3 from 12-1 pm: Ian will attend
 - There should be email blasts to the litigation section listserv so applicants can be aware of the opportunity to be involved
- **Judicial Dinner** (Tiffany, Matt, Rob, Bil, Cole)
 - Next meeting still in mid-March
 - Cole agreed to join the committee
 - Goal is to have information finalized at least one month prior to the event so WSBA can review
 - Thus if the event will be in June, everything should be done by April
- **Litigation Section Scholarship** (Mike and Matt)
 - Matt has received written applications from Seattle U. and U. Washington
 - Mike is working with Gonzaga regarding the Linden Cup
- **WSBA Fall Event?**
 - Skipping in lieu for Annual Litigation CLE
- **Trial Advocacy Program and Mock Trial Exercises**

- Litigation Section agreed to sponsor \$500 worth of lunches for the event
 - Awaiting on the letter from WSBA regarding the sponsorship
- **Approved February Minutes**