

**SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA  
September 15, 2020 10:30 am**

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1. **Welcome:** Eleanor Doermann
2. **Remembering Dudley Panchot**
3. **Secretary's Report:** Al Armstrong
  - Review and approval of minutes from August 18, 2020 meeting
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Ron Thompson
  - Review of July 2020 reports
5. **Annual CLE and Mini-CLE:** Carole Grayson and Eleanor Doermann
  - October 30 webinar with Kurt Bulmer
6. **Newsletter:** Morrie Shore, Jim Riehl, Eleanor Doermann
  - Update on electronic newsletter.
7. **Adjourn**

**SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 18, 2020**

This meeting was our sixth consecutive meeting conducted entirely by phone, again due to the coronavirus crisis. As in the last few meetings, we met through Zoom. The following Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: Chair Eleanor Doermann, Ron Thompson, Brian Comstock, Steve DeForest, Jeanine Lutzenhiser, Al Armstrong, Joe Gordon, Dudley Panchot, Jim Riehl, Morrie Shore, Carole Grayson and Eleen Trang of the WSBA. Not able to be present were BOG Liaison Tom McBride and Scott Osborne.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Eleanor welcomed the attendees.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Al's Minutes of our July 21 meeting were approved by Motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ron's Treasurer's Report reflected a gain of \$6.25, representing the income from one new member joining our Section (\$25.00 minus the WSBA's per-member charge of \$18.75). This brings our Section fund balance to \$9,386.21 as of June 30, 2020. Ron also distributed a copy of the WSBA's Statement of Activities through June 30.

Our F/Y proposed budget request was modified to reflect a \$250 expense for conference calls, which reduced our projected income for the year from \$325 to \$75.

Ron noted that as of June 30 we are 35 members below budget. Ron also remarked that we currently (re our F/Y 2019 budget) are \$956.92 in the black. He also again stated that we are ahead of this year's budget because we, as yet, have incurred no publication expense.

**ANNUAL CLE**

It was confirmed again that the date of our next in-person CLE will be May 14, 2021. Kurt Bulmer will be available for both our Mini-CLE and the May 2021 Annual CLE.

**MINI-CLE**

Carole noted that the Bar's Legal Lunchbox mini-CLEs are given between noon and 1:30 pm. This would be a good time to present any mini-CLEs that we put together, not conflicted of course with the Bar's presentations. Carole said that we could have Kurt Bulmer as a presenter, on

October 30. Eleanor said that would be great, and that we should only have one speaker for the first mini-CLE.

### **BRIAN'S SUGGESTION OF A SECTION-WIDE ZOOM MEETING**

Brian came up with an idea that could help us build a relationship with our Section members: a Zoom meeting that includes our entire Section. He indicated that Rotary sometimes conducts these kinds of meetings. Jim noted that church services and business meetings are done this way. Eleanor said that this an interesting idea. It was suggested that an Executive Committee member find out if this is do-able.

Jim suggested that we have such a Section-wide meeting, and that perhaps we could publicize this meeting in our next electronic newsletter. Eleen noted that the Solo and Small Practice Section conducts these sort of meetings, calling them roundtables.

Dudley said we should ask for volunteers from the Executive Committee to put this idea into practice.

### **NEWSLETTER**

It was mentioned that Member Emeritus Philip DeTurk has written an article that we could include in our electronic missive. Jim said that he would write something about what the ABA is doing for older attorneys, and could also provide a link to ABA materials on this subject. He said Morrie has also contacted him with some ideas. It was mentioned that we may want to introduce ourselves to membership by posting our Executive Committee membership roster. Jim indicated we may also want to make a pitch for more Section members. Carole mentioned that we should place a "Save the Date" notice regarding our October 30 mini-CLE, and mention our speaker Kurt Bulmer as well.

Regarding past issues of Life Begins, Brian indicated that we can access all past issues. Eleen mentioned that we can at least retrieve past issues back to about 2003. Eleen asked Brian to send her the hyperlink to access the older issues.

Eleen mentioned that, with respect to section publications, there are three levels of approval that must be cleared in order for a given article to proceed to distribution. She estimated the turn-around time for these three approval levels to be about a week. Brian said we don't want to have to deal with such a review process. Jim said that we should understand that the Bar may have to answer for what we might print. Dudley said that he thought that a one-week turn-around was reasonable. Brian held his ground, saying we shouldn't have to put up with the review process.

Eleen noted that the costs of our electronic newsletter would be reflected in this year's budget, not next year's budget.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

Eleanor mentioned that attorney Mike Frost has indicated to her that although he does not wish to be a member of our Executive Committee, he would be willing to lend a hand with our projects if needed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Eleanor adjourned the meeting.

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on September 15, 2020 at 10:30 am.

**Detail Trial Balance**

Includes Activities from July 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020

Washington State Bar Association

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:00 PM

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## Washington State Bar Association

Statement of Activities

For the Period from July 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020

**83.33% OF YEAR COMPLETE**

	FISCAL 2020 BUDGET	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	REMAINING BALANCE	% USED OF BUDGET
<b>SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION</b>					
<b>REVENUE:</b>					
INTEREST - INVESTMENTS	50.00	-	-	50.00	0.00%
SECTION DUES REVENUE	6,500.00	-	5,625.00	875.00	86.54%
MINI-CLE REVENUE	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b>8,050.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,625.00</b>	<b>2,425.00</b>	<b>69.88%</b>
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES:</b>					
CONFERENCE CALLS	-	-	142.44	(142.44)	
PER MEMBER CHARGE	4,968.75	-	4,218.75	750.00	84.91%
NEWSLETTER EXPENSES	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	0.00%
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	1,000.00	-	225.64	774.36	22.56%
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES:</b>	<b>7,968.75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,586.83</b>	<b>3,381.92</b>	<b>57.56%</b>
<b>NET INCOME:</b>	<b>81.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,038.17</b>		
FUND BALANCE AS OF 9/30/19:	8,348.04		8,348.04		
<b>NEW FUND BALANCE:</b>	<b>8,429.29</b>		<b>9,386.21</b>		



# LIFE BEGINS

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## LETTER from the EDITOR

*Greetings* to Members of the  
Senior Lawyer Section

AS YOUR NEWLY-ELECTED CHAIR of the Senior Lawyer Executive Committee, I am pleased to announce the comeback of the Senior Lawyers Section newsletter, now in electronic form. Many of you are familiar with “Life Begins,” our traditional print publication, from years past. The electronic newsletter format is new for our Section, and it represents just one of the ways we are adapting to changing times. We hope that the new format will improve our ability to stay connected with our Section members.

I would first like to introduce myself. I was appointed as Chair of the Executive Committee on an interim basis in March 2020, and I was then confirmed in our on-line election in May. I follow in the footsteps of Brian Comstock in this position. Brian faithfully filled this role since 2017. Brian continues to be actively involved in the Executive Committee, and I thank him on behalf of the Committee for his years of leadership.

My initial involvement with the Senior Lawyer Executive Committee was as the Young Lawyer Liaison to the Section in 2015. I qualified for membership in the Section by virtue of my age, and at the time I was also a Young Lawyer, based on my number of years in law practice. I was either a young senior lawyer or an old new lawyer, depending on how you look at it. I have now “aged out” of my Young Lawyer status, but I will never age out of being a Senior Lawyer. As for my background, I graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 2012, following a long healthcare career. I was a physical therapist at Swedish Medical Center for 25 years. I am now an elder law attorney in solo practice in Tukwila, Washington. My practice includes estate planning, probate, guardianship, and ERISA disability appeals. I also have a particular interest in identifying and serving the legal needs LGBTQ seniors.

The Senior Lawyer Section has long emphasized and prided itself in its tradition of collegiality and in person connection, with the annual CLE conference as the most important focus of our work each year. However, I enter my new role as Section Chair at a time when our entire world has been turned on its ear, and the Senior Lawyer Section is no exception. Given of the depth of our members’ connections in the legal community, our annual CLE always includes an excellent slate of esteemed presenters. However now, in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, we find ourselves needing to minimize physical personal contact, especially because the demographic of our membership is particularly vulnerable to the potential ravages of Covid-19 infection. While valuing our traditions, we must adapt in order to remain connected. It may turn out that this pandemic will be just the catalyst needed for the Section to embrace new traditions.

The planning process for the 2020 CLE conference at the Seatac Marriott was well underway when the coronavirus arrived at our doorsteps this spring. We had an excellent slate of speakers lined up for May 1, 2020, but made the necessary decision to postpone the program when the first “Stay at Home” orders were issued by

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## Letter from the Editor Continued...

Governor Inslee. We initially rescheduled for October 30, 2020 hoping the pandemic would be well under control by that time. Little did we know what was ahead. The hard reality has emerged that it will likely be quite a while before we can physically reconvene. We have now forwarded our conference reservation at the Marriott to May 14, 2021, and time will tell whether we will be able to gather then.

In the meantime, we are turning to virtual options for CLE opportunities. Ethics attorney Kurt Bulmer, one of the speakers for the day-long program, has graciously agreed to present a mini-CLE webinar on October 30, 2020, the same date we had hoped to hold our annual conference. He will speak on the very timely topic of legal ethics of emerging expectations around gender, sex, and race. We also hope to provide an additional webinar during the winter months.

Regardless of whether we can meet again in person in 2021, it is clear that our world has changed. Instead of getting “back to normal,” we must plan for a “new normal.” The generations that currently make up the Senior Lawyer Section may be more reluctant to embrace virtual technology than younger generations of lawyers, but as a Section we can learn. The Executive Committee has now successfully embraced meeting via Zoom, and I dare say enjoys it!

In mapping our course forward, it is important for us to hear from our Section members. I know that you have not been hearing enough from Section leadership recently, and we need to remedy that. We want to hear from you, our members, and to strengthen two-way communication. We want to know how Senior Lawyers are faring in these times and what is most pressing on your mind. What methods of communication would you like to see? What types of activities and resources would be of use to you? If you have thoughts to share, feel free to share them on our Senior Lawyer list serve. You can also email me or other members of the Executive Committee directly. Most important of all, I hope that you and your families are staying safe and healthy. We look forward to a time when can gather again in the future.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Doermann

*Chair, Senior Lawyer Section Executive Committee*

## SAVE the DATE

### Mini-CLE Webinar

October 30, 2020 | 12:00 – 1:30pm

Ethics attorney Kurt Bulmer will present a webinar on October 30, 2020 on the legal ethics of emerging expectations around gender, sex, and race. More information including a link for registration will be coming soon.

## REMEMBRANCES

### DUDLEY PANCHOT

*The Senior Lawyer Executive Committee has lost a most valued member, friend, and colleague.*

We are very sad to share that **Dudley Panchot**, an active member of our Committee, passed away suddenly on August 24, 2020. Dudley graduated from University of Washington School of Law in 1955. He began practice with the law firm that transitioned to become Wolfstone Panchot & Bloch, which later merged with Keller Rohrbach LLP. He was much admired by all who had contact with him, and will be sorely missed.

## Washington Senior Lawyers Quiz:

- Who was the first executive secretary of the WSBA?
- Who was the first president of the WSBA?
- What year was the State Bar Act adopted and who were the first members after the Act was passed?
- Who was the first Democrat elected as Attorney General of the State of Washington and whose son became a justice of the Washington State Supreme Court?

### Answers:

- Alfred J Schweppe (1933)
- B.F Dennison (1888-1889)
1933. The first members of the Washington State Bar Act became effective were “all persons now (June 7, 1933) entitled to practice law in this state.”
- Garrison Hamilton (1933-1940). His son Orris L. Hamilton served as a justice of the Washington State Supreme Court from 1961 to 1979.



## FROM *the* HISTORY CORNER

Some of you remember, and others of you may wonder, how the Senior Lawyer Section in Washington first came into existence. **Attorney Phillip DeTurk founded the section 22 years ago in 1998.**

Phil graciously agreed to share some of this early section history with us...

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### PHIL WRITES:

I joined the ABA in 1957 and was a long-time member. Around 1988, I became affiliated with the ABA Senior Lawyers. At the time one needed only be 55 and in good standing with the ABA to be involved. I attended parties and meetings of the Senior Lawyers group at the annual ABA gatherings in Chicago, Atlanta, Hawaii, and New Orleans, and during those sessions, there was discussion about starting a state Senior Lawyer section or division. In 1997 I undertook to create such a group in Washington. I contacted WSBA headquarters in Seattle to find out what was needed, and I learned that it just required ten people petitioning for it. I gathered the names from our attendees at a national convention, and in 1998 we were off and running.

I organized the first CLE oriented meeting at the Hyatt Hotel on Highway 99 near SeaTac. All lawyers 55 and over were invited. Sitting in my Puyallup office one day, mulling over what to send to our new Section members, I hit upon the name "Life Begins." At the time I had no thoughts about "Life", the national magazine, which might claim infringement on their masthead. Rather, I thought, "Life begins when one retires, or perhaps when one retires, life begins." So "Life Begins" began. I wrote most of it, including a synopsis of an important Supreme Court of Washington case, an editorial asking for members, and other articles. The forthcoming division was to be retirement-oriented with CLE sessions, an annual cocktail party at a museum or such, and further issues of "Life Begins." Later, as we gained more members, we expanded our focus beyond retirement and became more generalized.

I can recall the first CLE meeting. I was completely gratified by the huge attendance, more than I expected. In my darkest dreams, I was the only listener to the program, but there were well over 100, most of whom joined the division soon afterwards. One of the

speakers was Arnold Robbins. His topic was about the first year of retirement which he had just completed. Lots of travel, many hours of leisure, time to read novels and other material which was not law oriented, and then sheer boredom. "What do you do after that first year?" he lamented. Another lesson shared, I think by Arnie, was "Don't give up the second car." This was a byword for not expecting one's spouse to drive the retiree everywhere.

The first Board came out of that first meeting. In the following year, Ken Selander, Robert Berst, and Fred Frederickson all came aboard as officers to help with the future planning of our incipient group. Later we moved our annual meetings across the highway to the Sheraton Hotel, where we held many gatherings, all day events which included lunch and seven CLE credits for \$100.00. The speakers addressed current legal topics of interest to lawyers who might not otherwise learn about them, as well as some retirement topics. Sometime around 2000 we set up and ran a program in Spokane at Gonzaga University. Basketball was not big there at time. We arranged speakers through the Law School faculty there. It was fun but not particularly successful, so subsequent meetings have been held in Seattle.

I was still around when we started having meetings at the Broadmoor golf course. In fact, some of us played golf prior to the meetings in those early years. During these times we continued to send out issues of "Life Begins" at least quarterly, containing articles about law as it applied to the geezers in our division, future CLE speakers, new legislation which had been passed, short stories about prominent members, and may be a joke or two. I continued my involvement in this division until I moved to North Carolina in 2002, where I now reside.

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*Thanks for the memories Phil!*

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