



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Taxation Section

WSBA Tax Section Executive Committee – Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 20, 2023; 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. (Meeting via Zoom)

In Attendance

Kristi Richards
Jason Harn
Megan Tahl
Cat Connell
Daniel Ng
Kimberly Anderson
Reed Jones
Ellen Tung
Al Mullins
Jay Letter
Dan French
Aimee Miller
Darren Jensen
Rich Johnson
Jessica Bejerea
Aaron Johnson
Tina Poley
John Clynch

1. Called to order 8:10 am
2. Call to Order, Attendance, Approval of Minutes Meetings
 - May Minutes – Approved
 - September Minutes – Approved
3. Treasurer's Report (Al Mullins)
 - Jason will send Al last couple months of financials and final FY24 budget.
 - i. Coordinate for a transition call together.
4. New/Ongoing Items
 - Website Update:
 - i. Items that should be added or discussed:
 1. Comms and DEI had call with Noah; made significant changes to website.
 2. Going to work with Jennifer to add to scholarship page.
 3. Pro-bono: Darin is going to introduce himself to Clynch.
 4. Adding Section materials: meeting minutes, CLE slide decks.
 - a. Should materials be password protected for members only? No objections.
 - b. Would help clean out top of website.

5. Is a master calendar for events page possible, i.e., section specific on our page then link to master?

6. Going to ask Noah why October meeting is not on widget.

- FY23 Annual Report Form
 - i. Submitted on October 13.
- Transition to new leadership
 - i. If anyone has any questions regarding new roles, let us know.
- Scholarship
 - i. Since Carolyn is not here, keep open item regarding confirmation that scholarship winner received scholarship.
- IRS Approval re: Liaison
 - i. Not sure if it has come through yet.

5. Committee / Liaison Reports

- Estate & Gift Tax (Cat Connell & Reed Jones)
 - i. Sent out meeting schedule.
 - ii. First kick-off meeting is October 27.
- International Tax (Al Sierra)
 - i. Wondering if section is able to comment on *Antio* regarding what procedure is like for submitting briefs.
 - ii. Al is going to touch base with Carolyn regarding procedure.
- Transactional Tax (Dan Sito)
 - i. No report.
- IRS Liaison (Rich Johnson)
 - i. No report.
- DOR Liaison (Kimberly Anderson & Tina Poley)
 - i. No report.
- Legislative (Brett Durbin & Callie Castillo)
 - i. Not on call/ no report.
- Communications & Website (Jay Jetter)
 - i. No report.
- Young Lawyers (Daniel French)
 - i. No report.
- Outreach/Scholarship (Jennifer Gellner)
 - i. Not on call/ no report.
- Pro Bono Committee (Darin Jensen)
 - i. No report.
- State & Local Tax (SALT) (Aaron Johnson)
 - i. No report.
- CLE (Sofia Meglioli & Jason Harn)
 - i. No report.
- DEI (Ellen Tung & Jessica Bejerea)
 - i. Ellen is leaving Washington soon and will be stepping down as co-chair.
 1. Shared quote: “If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu.”
 2. Encourage everyone to publicly support minorities; how real change happens.
 3. Happy with what we’ve accomplished so far and excited for plan developed by DEI, SALT, and Legislative Committees.

ii. Mentorship Program:

1. Had ~30 survey responses which will be added to the website soon.
2. Twice as many WSBA attorneys who identify as practicing in tax than members of the section.
3. Going to develop list-based mentorship based on list of practitioners willing to be contacted.
4. Meeting on December 3 at noon.

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- i. Brent emailed an update regarding bar license task force recommendation; comment period started.
- ii. Website tracking all state bar licensure reform efforts available:
www.lawyerlicensingresources.org.

6. Adjourned at 9:01 am