

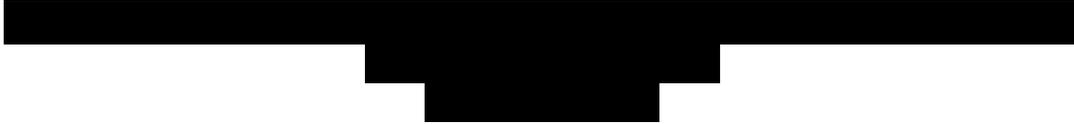
# Oath Review and Drafting Task Force

## Meeting Agenda

March 23, 2026 – 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

In person: Washington State Bar Association  
1325 Fourth Ave., Suite 600, Seattle, WA 98101-2539

Or remotely via Zoom:



1. Call to Order & Opening Ceremonies
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2026 Meeting
3. Report: Meeting Materials
  - [Massachusetts Attorney's Oath History That Should Not Be Repeated](#)
  - "Beginning in 2026, the State Bar of California requires licensees to submit an annual civility oath declaration affirming adherence to the attorney oath." ([The State Bar of California > Complete Your Attorney Annual Renewal](#))
4. Report and Discussion: Final Survey Results:
  - [Attorney Professional Oath Survey](#) (748 responses, 54% in favor of updating, 49% in favor of a combined oath for all license types)
  - [Limited License Legal Technician Professional Oath Survey](#) (12 responses, 75% in favor of updating, 86% in favor of a combined oath for all license types)
  - [Limited Practice Officer Professional Oath Survey](#) (9 responses, 56% in favor of updating, 29% in favor of a combined oath for all license types)
  - [Public Input: Attorney Professional Oath Survey](#) (1 response, 100% in favor of updating)
5. Discussion of Next Steps: Moving from "Review" to "Drafting" – Formation of Subcommittees – Task Force Chair's Proposed Drafting Subcommittees
  - **Subcommittee on Revision of Existing Oath Provisions**  
Roger Wynne, Subcommittee Chair  
Courtney Hudak  
Angie Balconi
  - **Subcommittee on Potential New Oath Provisions**  
Hon. Rebecca Glasgow, Subcommittee Chair  
Professor Monte Mills  
Hon. James Smith
6. Discussion: Should the Task Force recommend an oath re-attestation process as part of annual licensing?

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7. Open Forum
8. Announcements
9. Adjourn

## OATH REVIEW AND DRAFTING TASK FORCE

### MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2026

The meeting was held in person and remotely via Zoom.

Members present were Rajeev Majumdar (Chair), Kyle Sciuchetti, Hon. Rebecca Glasgow, Roger Wynne, Hon. James Smith, and Courtney Hudak. Also present were Erin Overbey (King County Prosecuting Attorney), Matthew Dresden (WSBA Board of Governors liaison), David Ward (Principal Legal Analyst, AOC), Steve Crossland (Chair of the Limited License Legal Technician Board), Joshua Goodwin (JD Candidate University of Washington School of Law), Doug Ende (WSBA Chief Disciplinary Counsel), Sara Niegowski (WSBA Chief Communications and Outreach Officer), and Rachel Agent (WSBA Disciplinary Program and Systems Manager).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

#### **1. Agenda Overview and Reading and Approval of Minutes January 12, 2026 Meeting**

The Chair presented the meeting agenda. The minutes of the January 12, 2026 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

#### **2. Special Guest Presentation: Erin Overbey**

Erin Overbey, King County Prosecuting Attorney and Immediate Past President of the King County Bar Association, and author of "[Keeping the Oath: A Promise to Defend the Constitution in a Defining Moment](#)" and "[Thank You for Your Support](#)" gave a brief presentation to the Task Force.

#### **3. Report on Meeting Materials**

The Chair acknowledged and remarked on recent correspondence from Tom Ehrichman directed to the Oath Review and Drafting Task Force.

Chief Disciplinary Counsel Ende reviewed the meeting materials. Of note, California requires all lawyers to declare adherence to California's oath on an annual basis during the annual license renewal.

#### **4. Report and Discussion: Preliminary Survey Results: Lawyer, LLLT, LPO, Public**

Chief Communications Officer Niegowski reported on the initial results of the Lawyer, LLLT, LPO and Public surveys. The survey will remain open until March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. Report and Discussion: Internal Rating the Current Components of the Oath of Attorney Survey**

Rachel Agent (WSBA Disciplinary Program and Systems Manager) provided a brief overview of the results of the internal Task Force survey. Discussion of the survey results ensued among the Task Force members and guests.

## **6. Discussion of Next Steps: Moving from “Review” to “Drafting”**

Following a discussion, the Task Force determined by consensus that it will await final survey results prior to taking further action. Chief Communications Officer Niegowski will present the survey results at the Task Force’s meeting on March 23, 2026.

## **8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

The State Bar of California's Civility Oath declaration:



## Civility Oath

State Bar Rule 2.3 requires all attorneys to submit a declaration affirming their commitment to conduct themselves with dignity, courtesy, and integrity in the practice of law.

[Submit your civility oath declaration »](#)

Affirm the attorney oath below.

I, **John Smith** solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of an attorney and counselor at law to the best of my knowledge and ability. As an officer of the court, I will strive to conduct myself at all times with dignity, courtesy and integrity.

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