

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES  
MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2016  
Tacoma Harvester, 29 North Tacoma Avenue  
7:15 a.m.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Matthew Thomas

**PRESENT**

President:	Matthew Thomas
Vice President:	T. Diane Clarkson
Secretary-Treasurer:	Kenneth W. Blanford
Immediate Past President:	John R. Christensen
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Commissioner Diana L. Kiesel
Trustee:	James McCormick
Trustee:	Antoni H. Froehling
Trustee:	Heather R. Straub
Trustee:	Sarah E. Richardson
Volunteer Legal Services Liaison:	Mark V. Brady
WSBA Liaison, 6 <sup>th</sup> District:	Keith M. Black
Criminal Law Section:	Maureen Goodman
Family Law Section Liaison:	Barbara H. McInville
Young Lawyers Section President:	Ryan Hogaboam
Volunteer Legal Services Director:	Laurie Davenport
TPCBA Executive Director:	Kit Kasner

**ABSENT**

Trustee:	John R. Wilson
Trustee:	Sophia Palmer
Criminal Law Section:	Phillip Thornton
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Judge Ronald Culpepper
Pierce County Superior Court Judicial Liaison:	Stephanie Arend
Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge David Ladenburg
District Court Liaison:	Judge Margaret Ross
WA Women Lawyers Liaison:	Ingrid McLeod
Minority Bar Association Liaison:	Joseph Evans

**REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

**President's Report – Matthew H. Thomas**

Commissioner Kiesel was at the Guardianship Meeting. It was suggested they begin posting some of the tutorials on the website. Superior Court wants to see the 5<sup>th</sup> floor reused as courtrooms. The local bar has been asked to weigh in on that. That issue was assigned to the Superior Court Commission. They decided that it was not an issue for them but we should support it in the form of a letter.

**Vice-President's Report— T. Diane Clarkson**

No Report Given.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report– Kenneth W. Blanford**

There is interest in doing Lawyerpalooza in 2017. There are some financial hurdles we will have to overcome. Our first CLE of the year was financially successful.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Action Items**

**REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS/COMMITTEES/SECTIONS**

**VLS – Laurie Davenport**

VLS is part of the local Bar Association. Volunteer Legal Services provides civil legal services to people with lower incomes in Pierce County. Funding is a constant issue for VLS. This year the VLS budget fell \$58,000 short. The Supreme Court has ordered that processes for low income individuals have access to justice in civil matters. VLS is partially funded by interest rates on IOLTA accounts. When the recession hit, the reduced income from IOLTA hurt VLS. [www.weblawyer.org](http://www.weblawyer.org) allows people to log in and ask questions (after a screening process). Attorneys can log in and answer questions.

**Judicial Liaison Superior Court – Judge Cuthbertson (Given by Commissioner Kiesel)**

The Mentorship program is going to be a little more challenging due to Commissioner Kiesel's schedule.

**Judicial Liaison District Court – Judge Ross**

None.

**Judicial Liaison Municipal Court – Judge Ladenburg**

None.

**Trustee and Section Liaison Reports**

**Young Lawyers Section – Ryan Hogaboam**

The Swearing Ceremony is on May 21, 2016 (4:00 PM). The new directories are available.

**WSBA Liaison, 6<sup>th</sup> District: Keith M. Black**

They just finished the Board of Governors meeting in Bremerton. The strength of the local bars plays into the strength of the State Bar. He attended the Western State Bar Conference. Access to Justice is an important issue State wide. They are looking at what additional value could be provided by the Bar Association. The BOG focused on the access to justice campaign.

**Family Law Section – Barbara H. McInville**

The Family Law Section is dealing with local rule changes.

**Criminal Law Section –Maureen Goodman**

None.

**Collaborative Law – Lynn Johnson**

None.

**Other Reports**

**Washington Women Lawyers – Ingrid McLeod**

None.

**Minority Bar Association – Joseph Evans (given by T. Diane Clarkson).**

Joe Evans is the President of the Minority Bar. They currently are working with the Urban League in attempting to deal with gang violence. They are talking to young people about the negatives of joining gangs. They are coordinating with Metro Park to find a location. Currently, the Minority Bar is a support role.

**Volunteer Legal Services – Mark V. Brady**

None.

**Bar Convention – John R. Christensen**

None. Have not secured a keynote speaker.

**Other Business**

None.

**ADJOURNED**