

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
via Zoom

PRESENT

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| PRESIDENT * | Amanda Searle |
| VICE PRESIDENT * | Sarah Richardson |
| SECRETARY-TREASURER * | Catherine Guza |
| TRUSTEE * | Jennifer Andrews |
| TRUSTEE * | Steve Krupa |
| TRUSTEE * | John Cummings |
| TRUSTEE * | Desiree Hosannah |
| TRUSTEE * | Heather Swann |
| TRUSTEE * | Bryan Hershman |
| FAMILY LAW LIAISON * | Mark Nelson |
| YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON* | Jordan Couch |
| PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT | Judge Diana Kiesel |
| | Judge Stanley Rumbaugh |
| | Commissioner Barbara McInville |
| | Brett Purtzer |
| WSBA LIAISON, 6TH DISTRICT | Desiree Hosannah |
| PIERCE COUNTY MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION LIAISON | Carly Roberts |
| TACOMAPROBONO | Jennifer Andrews |
| WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS | Leslie Bottimore |
| COLLABORATIVE LAW LIAISON | Lindsey Rogers |
| | Professor John Weaver, Ret. |
| LAW SCHOOL LIAISON | Kit Kasner |
| TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | Diane Clarkson |
| GUESTS | |

* Denotes voting member

ABSENT

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| IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT * | James McCormick |
| CRIMINAL LAW LIAISON | Dee Sonntag |
| | Jessica Ritzmann |
| PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT | Judge Jeanette Lineberry |

* Absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:03 am by President Amanda Searle.

2. MEETING MINUTES

The June 2021 minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as presented.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—AMANDA SEARLE

DEI CLE went last month, another two in August and September. Encourage participation. DEI Board meeting held last week.

TPCBA Office is going to be moving. Have three office spaces narrowed down.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—SARAH RICHARDSON

Nothing to report except she really enjoyed DEI Board Meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT—JAMES MCCORMICK

Nothing to report.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT—CATHERINE GUZA

Financial reports provided.

Donations made with memberships was paid out: Family Law, Tacoma Pro Bono, and Law Library.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. ACTION ITEMS

None

8. UPDATES FROM THE COURTS

JUDGE RUMBAUGH

Normal order August 16, 2021. Not requiring jurors to wear masks. Most Judges will start in person hearings either by or before this date.

Local Rules will start meeting in September and will address capacity of court to handle dockets remotely. Zoom hearings place a lot of strain on Judicial Assistants.

Additional technology coming to the courtrooms. Currently using audio and visual in some courtrooms. Will work to have in all

Courtroom doors will be replaced with security doors to address emergency situations, where JA will be able to lock doors at their desks.

Judge Penalver will be sworn in next week and will be in Department 23.

Judge Arend retires in September and Judge Martin retires in November. Two new judges will be coming on. Be kind to new judges.

Criminal pending cases and civil cases are very back logged. 450-500 civil cases

Type 3 cases were easier to settle via Zoom.

Type 2 and probates were not as easy to settle by Zoom.

Rotations coming in August.

JUDGE DIANA KIESEL

Be kind to new judges.

COMMISSIONER MCINVALLE

Dockets were consistently going during pandemic, virtually, so no backlog with commissioners' case loads/dockets.

During pandemic, the commissioners' dockets had lower caps. On August 2, 2021 those docket caps will be raised.

Unlawful detainers: Governor extended a bridge between the end of moratorium and the start of eviction of process. Exceptions: if you have meeting with counsel and funding is available, should be able to start process sooner. Working cases out of old South Sound 911 building. Commissioner Johnson heading efforts. HJP also having resources to help with task.

1320 Gov- DV- greatly expands what the court is allowed to do. Anyone who has any involvement in DV, read the statute, and review final bill report, and reach out to her if there are any questions. Will increase DV dockets.

Remann Hall- will continue hearings by remote through December. Commissioners are making the same decision. Looking at some dockets staying virtually. DV Screenings will be in person. Reach out to her with any input.

9. UPDATES FROM THE TPCBA SECTIONS

FAMILY LAW SECTION—MARK NELSON

DEI Series will continue in August and September.

Habitat for Humanity event is being planned for September 11, 2021. Watch for further info.

Wants to provide input to court regarding Zoom and virtual hearings.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION—JORDAN COUCH

Growing attendance at last meeting. Lots of new people showing up.

In person meetings returning August 2021 with Zoom option available.

Location: Pfau Cochran Vertetis Amala: 909 A Street, Suite 700, Tacoma, WA 98402

CLE toward end of August- Kit will be sent details.

10. UPDATES FROM THE BOARD LIAISONS

COLLABORATIVE LAW—LESLIE BOTTIMORE AND LINDSEY ROGERS

New term just started. Lindsey Rogers is new president. Listed other positions.

Leslie applied for Leadership Academy but didn't make final cut. On to new things.

with ICP program for leadership and conflict resolution. In October in San Diego.

Next meeting will be September 21, 2021 at 5:30pm and will be hybrid.

Encourage people to come to meetings.

MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION—DESIREE HOSANNAH

Nothing to Report.

LAW SCHOOL LIAISON—JOHN WEAVER

Hybrid starting September online/part time legal education.

Above the Law column- Covid has increased law school applications. Will report on admissions on all statewide schools.

WA WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISON – JENNIFER ANDREWS

JFAB Event being planned.

School supplies drive announcement will be sent out.

50th Anniversary of State Wide Women's Lawyer Group- August 10th WA Women Lawyer Day

First "Happy Hour" event occurred.

TACOMAPROBONO—CARLY ROBERTS

Staff increased: 25 right now, more by mid of August.

August 14th is Family Law Day. DV is on rise.

Hoping to open office soon. Need more space and leased space next door to help.

Taking referrals via phone and online.

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION LIAISON- JESSICA RITZMANN

Not present. None provided.

WSBA- BRETT PURTZER

July BOG meeting started with retreat.

Issues: Proposed amendment to GR 40 that will impact Domestic Relations and informal trials. Trials by Affidavits. Please review and make comments. Will come back in front of board in a few months. Comment period is current. More proposed amendments have comment period ending July 29th.

Mandatory Malpractice Insurance goes into effect by the end of this year.

Meeting is in August. New President takes over in September.

11. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

12. NEXT MEETING

Next Board of Trustees meeting by Zoom, Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.