

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
LAW CLERK BOARD

MINUTES
May 7, 2021

Law Clerk Board Members in Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Phillabaum, Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Alexa Ritchie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracy Finnegan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christell Casey |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Myers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Perlman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joyce Heritage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Mowrey |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Meyers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Reinhart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leone Reinbold | |

Staff and others in attendance for some or all of the meeting

Bobby Henry, Associate Director, Regulatory Services Department and Katherine Skinner, Innovative Licensing Specialist and staff liaison to the Board

Public Agenda

Approval of February 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The February 5, 2021 Board meeting minutes were approved.

APR 6 Proposed Amendments

Christell provided an update on the APR 6 proposed amendments that were presented to the Board of Governors (BOG) for first reading on April 16, 2021.

The updated APR 6 proposal was presented to the Law Clerk Board (Board) for approval to be reviewed at the BOG meeting on July 16th. The Law Clerk Board unanimously approved the APR 6 proposed Amendments.

APR 9 Suggested Amendments

The Board reviewed suggested amendments to APR 9, which would allow a Law Clerk to apply for a Rule 9 license after completion of the Law Clerk Program as long as it is within 9 months of the completion date. The Board approved this suggested amendment to be reviewed by the BOG.



MCLE Credit for APR 6 Tutors

There has been increased interest in obtaining some amount of MCLE credit for tutor involvement in the Law Clerk Program. Emily and Jim volunteered to collaborate with the MCLE Board to explore the idea further.

Chair Nomination

The Board unanimously nominated Emily Mowrey to apply as the next chair of the Board, with the term beginning October 1, 2021.

Confidential Agenda

Applications

The Board approved ten applications for enrollment in the Law Clerk Program beginning June 1, 2021.

Requests and petitions

- The Board approved one request for leave.
- The Board approved four fourth year proposals
- The Board reviewed a request to add five books to the jurisprudence reading list
 - The Board approved 1 of 5 books requested
- The Board reviewed a petition for advanced standing

Evaluations

- The Board conducted three first-year evaluations and approved continuation in the program upon completion of all remaining first year coursework and book reports.
- The Board conducted six fourth-year evaluations and approved successful completion of the program upon submission of all remaining coursework and book reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Skinner, Innovative Licensing Specialist

