

**WSBA Juvenile Law Section Agenda**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

**12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**Zoom Meeting Link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82978835230?pwd=48fJHrs2jhfV4zaIFhFIHHnRMLLeBbH.1>

**1) Attendance (need 7 for quorum): Anastasia, Sophia, Jim, Kari, Lisa, Itzel, Marci, Kaelen, Carolyn, Jeff, Nancy**

**A) STAR Council Donation (Kari):** Email sent a few weeks ago for STAR council grants, do sections want to contribute up to \$5k for a law student in WA school. Purpose to create a pipeline from school to rural community public service jobs. If students have summer internship, can have job offer upon graduation. Solo/small firms, AAG, etc. All areas of law. We can identify if it is for an internship related to juvenile field. Offset summer costs (living expense). Jim-deadline? Kari-today. Decision on awardees in April. Itzel-for law students? Kari-yes, 1L-3L non graduating. Jeff-funding wise, would we need budget amendment and we need approval? Carolyn, yes usually approved if we have the funds, generally. Jeff-we do have funds, but if we fully fund, other projects we floated last meeting may be difficult to plan. Not ongoing ability, depends on next year's funds. Kari-needs whole 5k this year b/c no other section to join funds. Itzel-maybe next year to plan for it? Jim-probably won't have in person this year b/c of timing. Can't know how many applicants at this time. Kari-last year, some students wanted to work at AAG but wsba cant give funds to aag. Indiv sections can though. So maybe we could ask if they do juvenile work in that situation. Anastasia-like next year and build into our budget and vote on it earlier. Kari-other sections are smaller less budget so hard for them. Email Kari final decision. Lisa-limits other opportunities for our projects. Rural areas have great need. Our professional development projects could have a couple of opportunities with same funds. Jeff-consider for rural areas, ocal aag opd have trouble staffing those areas. Should we partner with STAR to host events focusing on juvenile law in rural areas and benefit field broadly. What do we

want to focus money on for lawyers practicing in this field? Jim- (julianne carolyn's boss) to talk about partnering in a different way. Motion? None.

**2) Necessary Votes:**

a) January Minutes-no quorum, tabled.

**3) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Jim-Nothing to report this month. Floor-none. Marci -The Institute of Black Justice is holding a gala on February 28. When I last checked, tickets were still available. Probably in Tacoma.**

**4) Old Business:**

a) Executive Committee Bios Need Updated. Review on our webpage and send updates to Jim, who will send to Noah. Jim--please email to him. Website bios: Karrina, Aminat, Sophia, Itzel.

b) Mentor Program: Does anyone have experience behind the scenes of such a program? Does anyone volunteer to research ethics? Nothing new this month.

c) Newsletter: Anybody interested in working on this? Nothing new this month.

**5) New Business:**

a) Legislative bills-do we want to comment on any? Jeff--many have died, the ones worth following. 2/22 budget bill should come out and meetings on Monday after. Tort claim bill is interesting, and from our field may have controversial effects. Probably small impact on most parties. Stems from juvenile rehab are most of damages but child welfare is also part of it. None that we probably need to comment on now that so many have melted away. Jim-feels similar that no need to comment. Floor-none.

b) Law Student Scholarships?--fund section dues. Jeff-supports. Combine with other opportunity for law students. If an in person conference, good chance for networking since it's hard on zoom type events. Jim-support, and tie into in person. Itzel-support to tie into learning experience. Presentation at school was reason to join. These meetings are also good chance to learn b/c can be involved. Anastasia--will move to cover Itzel and Sophia next quorum and maybe other options for writing contest kind of things to win membership scholarship.

**6) New Member Liaison Report (Aminat): not present today.**

**7) BOG Liaison Report (Kari): not present now**

**8) Committee Reports:**

**a) CLE/Outreach Committee (Daria): not present today**

**b) Civil Legal Needs Committee (Lisa): Emailed a couple weeks ago about how to move on youth insurance civil legal need. Will follow up on those.**

**c) Dependency and Child Welfare Committee (Kaelen/Karrina): Kaelen-nothing today, like to meet with Karrina.**

**d) Legislative Committee (Jeff): see above, plus Gonzaga presentation still has no date unfortunately. Will work on it. Anastasia believes in him.**

**e) Juvenile Justice Committee: Vacant.**

**f) Law School Representatives Report (Sophia/Itzel): Itzel-planning March SU event. Got the room, Sophia will pick up lunch. Itzel working on flyer, is using wsba logo approved ongoing? Anastasia will email Carolyn. Sweatshirt is on the way to test. Can we take photos at event. Need release? Jim will ask Carolyn on that part. Anastasia will ask SU if they have release needed. Lisa-good job Itzel**

**9) WSBA Liaison (Carolyn): had to leave not present now**

**10) Roundtable: pw for member section, please review for next month to approve sending pw out to section.**

**11) Adjournment: 12:46**

**Next Meeting: [March 18, 2026, 12:00 PM](#)**