

WSBA Juvenile Law Section Minutes

Friday - September 20, 2024

12:00pm – 1:00pm

NEW! Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82842586749>

Social Time (12:00-12:10)

Welcome!

- 1) Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2024. Quorum established. Kari moves to approve, Bailey seconds. No opposition; August 2024 minutes approved.
- 2) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
 - a) National Indian Child Welfare Act Conference (NICWA):
<https://www.nicwa.org/conference/>
 - i) Conference dates: March 30-April 2, 2025
 - ii) In-person: Orlando, FL. Last year expense for in-person registration was \$650 for non-members, early bird pricing.
 - iii) Virtual option. Last year, \$75 per virtual attendee.
 - iv) Scholarship opportunities?
 - A) Any scholarship opportunities that include in-person attendance (and travel) that are cost reimbursable will have to comport with WSBA limits on per diem etc. To avoid reimbursement situation, some sections just pick a dollar amount that they will provide and then the recipients will have to cover other costs. Instead of

having reimbursement model, ask for proof of registration, for example, to show that funds awarded are used as intended. Have come to a section meeting after the fact to have them report on their experience. Will need to run a proposal by Carolyn for WSBA review; Carolyn can provide a template from other sections that we might use if we want to go this route.

B) Discussion around expense of virtual vs. in-person. Very expensive to send someone for in-person 2 day conference. Greater impact with virtual attendance, as can provide scholarships for so many more attendees.

b) Follow-up on utilizing Section Leaders listserv to advertise for opportunities to collaborate? Solo and Small Practice, Pro Bono/Low Bono.

- i) Procedure: send an email out advising on a CLE or training we are doing, ask if other sections want to collaborate.
- ii) Kari suggests that RPPT (Real Property, Probates, and Trusts Section) might want to partner with us on minor guardianships. SSP (Solo and Small Practice Section) might also be interested, as many on that listserv also do guardianships. Many attorneys who take child welfare cases are also solo practitioners.
- iii) Jill Geary notes an effort to create a child law/rep section within KCBA and that might be an opportunity for cross collaboration. Steering committee includes immigration,

juvenile defense, and education (sports, special ed, discipline) attorneys. If CLE committee or other subcommittee members have any questions or want to connect, can contact Jill at [jlgearyl@gmail.com](mailto:jlgearyl@jillgearyl.com).

- 3) Youth to Prison Pipeline CLE/Julie McConnell and Fallon Speaker, University of Richmond: Ready to move forward? Katherine is trying to partner with Pierce County Minority Bar Assoc (PCMBA). So no additional updates at this time.
- 4) New Business.
 - a) Juvenile Law Section Website
 - i) CLE recordings section? Include SIJS recorded CLEs?
 - ii) Members only section? What content to include?
 - A) Include JLS CLEs and those made available by other entities such as AOC (by including a link to their pages). Create a hub for resources across the web that could be of interest to section members: DOH guidance, information on setting up your own practice, podcasts, blog posts, practice guides... Include the “warm hand raise” list that Anastasia has developed.
 - B) Might be worth our time to create a subcommittee so we have dedicated members who are compiling information and being a go-between for the Section and Carolyn. Address this in October when the new executive committee has its first meeting.

- C) **Question: could there be a resource here that is also publicly available but once a member of the public has accessed it X number of times, they have to become a member in order to access it again. (Like a New York Times paywall but instead of paying to view, they become members and get access.)**
 - b) **Kirk Galang, GWU Student: Interview with Juvenile Delinquency professional: any volunteers? GWU student emailed Jim requesting to interview someone with juvenile criminal experience. Anyone interested or know of anyone who might be interested? (Anastasia has forwarded to two points of contact already. Thanks, Anastasia!)**
- 5) **Young Lawyer Liaison Report: Anastasia. Project was to contact 3 law schools in WA and figure out a presentation on how to take contracts as a new lawyer. Not getting a lot of responses and ones that do respond advise that their students rarely immediately go solo so are more focused on getting jobs in firms right out of school. GU advised that already have a pipeline project in development with OPD and OCLA so not interested in doubling up on this initiative. However, Anastasia is willing to chat on this topic should it be helpful with Gonzaga. Will connect with Jeff. In the meantime, pivoting to connecting with public defense offices in each county to see what needs they have for those kinds of cases. PD offices are being more responsive.**
- 6) **BOG Liaison Report: Kari. BOG adopted the new indigent defense standards proposed to it by the Council on Public Defense earlier this month.**

6) Committee Reports:

- a) **CLE/Outreach Committee: Katherine.** SIJS CLEs were a huge success. At one point, had 305 people registered to attend or who were actively attending. Asked that they be made available on the section website.
- b) **Civil Legal Needs Committee: Katherine.** Meeting with the Institute for Black Justice next week. Potential partner organization, along with PCMBA, to do a pro bono legal clinic working on LFOs.
- c) **Dependency and Child Welfare Committee: Nancy and Kaelen.**
 - i) **Title 11 Guardianship training?** Reached out to Geene Delaplane at DCYF? Have not been able to reach out to Geene yet. Kaelen to follow up after this meeting. Anastasia has offered to partner on a minor guardianship training effort as well.
 - ii) **Juvenile offender representation training?** N/A.
- d) **Legislative Committee: Jeff.** US House passed an amendment to SSA but still has to pass Senate, nothing really to report otherwise. WA State legislative session doesn't begin until January.
- e) **Juvenile Justice Committee: OPEN POSITION** pending FY 25.

8) Law School Representative Report: OPEN POSITION.

9) Roundtable.

- a) **If something we have done as a section that we want to let others know about, send a short write up to Carolyn and she will share out in the monthly Section Bulletin. Great way to share our successes!**

- b) Section Leaders annual event that is happening 10/30. In past, has been called an orientation but are rebranding as a “re-orientation.” Reality is that it is not just for new section leaders but even experienced folks because things do change or folks might need reminders. Virtual event.
- c) Thanks to Jim for his leadership this past year!

Adjournment.

**Next Meeting: October 18, 2024. NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS
START!**