

**DATE: September 25, 2024 - 1:30pm to 3:30pm (Meeting In-Person) – 925 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Suite 2900, Seattle, WA 98104**

## Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order – 1:56pm
2. Time and cadence of meetings
  - a. Difficult time for meeting at 8am for parents
  - b. Agreed to moving to in-person meetings on Wednesdays at noon
  - c. Held at K&L with hybrid option
3. Budget review
  - a. At the end of this fiscal year, will have \$17K surplus
  - b. By end of 2024-25, aiming to have additional \$5K for a total of \$20K
  - c. Status of the scholarship – Jennifer to confirm that all scholarship and donations have been paid for this year
  - d. Aaron – to discuss whether we are spending too much money on the lunch; what is the net amount we spent
  - e. Discussion on whether to maintain the annual luncheon
    - i. Rich – historically important as annual meeting
    - ii. Jessica – seek input from WSBA about what other sections are doing
    - iii. Prestige that comes with having the event at a local venue, not one of the schools
    - iv. Rich to review historical data relative to the luncheon
    - v. Monitor dues of other sections
  - f. Members of chief counsel’s office that are not barred in Washington - DOR
    - i. Law students only can be admitted – Bob
    - ii. Logan to investigate
  - g. John Clynch – executive committee approved as pro bono chair
  - h. Najja Bullock – executive committee voted and approved as CLE chair
  - i. Pro bono chair and law school outreach
    - i. Wants to expand the connection between law school
    - ii. Pro bono fair at UW? – possible outreach at that event
    - iii. Wills clinic
    - iv. Pro bono opportunity for SALT matters
      1. Aaron Johnson and Scott Schumacher discussing options
      2. Small businesses need representation as well
        - a. Audit defense, ruling request, petitions
        - b. Could be a longer term representation
      3. How to cover with clinic malpractice vs. private malpractice

4. Rather than making part of the clinic, devising program to package SALT cases to be taken by pro bono attorneys (not clinic student)
  5. Moderate Means as a partner? – doesn't seem to be an option based on Jennifer's past experience
  6. Tina – DOR is willing to collaborate on a clinic or other type of structure to support this effort
- j. Committee reports
- i. Estate and gift tax – had first meeting, 7 meetings total planned for this year, two presentations lined up for the coming year
    1. CTA
    2. Tax controversy presentation
    3. Goal is to get both presentations for CLE credit
    4. Stretch goal is to address estate tax exemption
    5. Connect with Najja B about how to get CLE credit – production training
  - ii. Transactional tax – Daniel Ng
    1. Roundtable discussion last year – would like to increase that number
    2. Happy hour might be an option – firm host
      - a. Collaborate with other sections
    3. Generative AI and the practice of tax – connect with other sections or members of other committees
  - iii. IRS Liaisons (Logan and Jason H)
    1. Want to establish quarterly meeting with first event in Q1 of 2025
    2. Wants to trend off of what EGT does in terms of establishing a regular meeting
    3. Continue to host judge meeting when calendar falls in Seattle
      - a. Split Seattle and Spokane calendar – possibly host an event in Spokane rather in Seattle
  - iv. DEI Committee (Jessica)
    1. Main two goals
      - a. Mentorship program – 2L and 3L can participate as mentees and mentors will now get CLE credit
        - i. Jessica was able to get the MCLE board to change their policy on this front
        - ii. Also inactive members can also mentor as well

- iii. Going to do outreach to law schools
    - iv. Prepare resource guides to give to mentees
    - v. Tap Foundation for resources to promote mentorship
  - b. Get into high school and junior high schools – Kristi R has done some research on that front
    - 2. Use EC resources to present at law schools
    - 3. Share data from most recent demographic study at a future meeting
- v. DOR Liaisons (Tina and Kimberly) – first, a win because someone reached out to Tina directly about a tax issue because they found her name on the WSBA website
  - 1. Goal is to keep the public and the EC informed about the major changes at the DOR
  - 2. Collaborating with practitioners in tax-adjacent areas on CLEs
    - a. REET / Penalties and Interest / property tax (may be some legislative things happening)
    - b. Funding for potential clinic
- vi. Legislative (Brett and Marisa)
  - 1. Connect with DOR when agency package is complete
  - 2. Legislative support for taxpayer clinic – DEI
  - 3. Tracking bills in session
- vii. International Tax
- viii. SALT – Washington State Tax Forum
  - 1. 210 people in attendance
  - 2. DEI was on the panel
  - 3. August 7-8, 2025 (second week of August)
  - 4. Using listserv for outreach
- ix. Communications – goal is to get information out as soon as possible
  - 1. Have a WSBA page on LinkedIn – wants to reactivate (can use as a platform)
- x. Scholarship – Measurable goal (decreasing delta between donations and amount paid out by the members)
  - 1. Review process for selecting the actual candidate