

**WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
LAW CLERK BOARD**

**MINUTES**  
**May 6, 2022**

**Law Clerk Board Members in Attendance**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Mowrey, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexa Ritchie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracy Finnegan      | <input type="checkbox"/> Christell Casey          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Myers      | <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Drutman             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Meyers         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Reinhart  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leone Reinbold      |   |

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

Jonathan Burke, Innovative Licensing Counsel, Bobby Henry, Associate Director of Regulatory Services, Katherine Skinner, Law Clerk Program Lead and Anne Trent, RSD Paralegal

**Public Session**

**Approval of February 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The February 4, 2022 Board meeting minutes were approved.

**Approval of Amended November 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The amended November 5, 2021 Board meeting minutes were approved.

**Next Generation Bar Exam**

Bobby Henry updated the Law Clerk Board (Board) on the next generation bar exam. He explained that law clerks that began the program after January 2021 may be using the new format by the time they are sitting for the bar exam as it is expected to be implemented in 2026.

**Board Meeting Calendar FY23 and Budget**

Emily Mowrey brought to the Board's attention the need to decide the meeting calendar for the next fiscal year and the modal in which it will take place. Due to the increasing number of law clerks and agenda topics, the Board voted to increase the number of Board meetings from four to six times per year. Rotating every other month, one in person full-day meeting and a virtual half-day meeting. The new schedule will begin with the February 3, 2023 Board meeting.



### **Board Recruitment Committee**

Katherine Skinner brought to the Board's attention the number of current and future open Board positions and the lack of volunteer applications. Katherine asked if any members of the Board would volunteer to be on the temporary recruitment committee to brainstorm ideas and participate in outreach for volunteers. Michelle and Emily volunteered to be on the committee.

### **Board Chair Recommendation**

The Board voted Emily Mowrey as Law Clerk Board chair for FY 23.

### **Bylaws on Term Limit**

The Board reviewed the Bylaws on term limits. The Board asked Katherine to draft a request to the Board of Governors to extend the term limit from two to three, three-year terms. They also asked Katherine to request a term extension for Michelle and Emily.

## **Executive Session**

### **Applications**

The Board approved nine applications for enrollment in the Law Clerk Program beginning when the final confirmation letter is sent.

### **Requests and petitions**

- The Board reviewed one fourth year proposal
  - Alternative Dispute Resolutions
- The Board reviewed three requests to add new titles to the Jurisprudence reading list
  - Board approved some of the titles and are not considering the others at this time.
  - Two books approved
  - One book approved
- Two requests for leave were approved
  - 12 months
  - 12 months
- One employment waiver was approved

### **Evaluations**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Skinner, Law Clerk Program Lead

