Minutes
Access to Justice Board
October 18, 2013

Present: **ATJ Board Members** Chair Kirsten Barron, Chair-Elect Ishbel Dickens, Breean Beggs, Lynn Greiner, Geoff Revelle, Hon. Anita Crawford-Willis, Hon. Lisa Atkinson, Andy Sachs; **ATJ Board Committee Chairs and Members** Brian Rowe, Don Horowitz, Christina Kale, Alex Doolittle, Eric Gonzalez Alfaro, Rita Dermody, Caitlin Davis Carlson, Jim Bamberger, Aurora Martin; **Liaisons** Hon. Johanna Bender (District and Municipal Court Judges Association), Dirk Marler (Administrative Office of the Courts); **Guests** AOC Supreme Court Case Management system Project Manager Maribeth Sapinos, AOC Chief Information Officer Vonnie Diseth, LAW Fund Director Naria Santa Lucia, Bob Taylor.

Presentation on the New Superior Court Case Management System: AOC Chief Information Officer Vonnie Diseth and AOC Superior Court Case Management System Project Manager Maribeth Sapinos gave a power point presentation and led a discussion about the new five-year, $29.5 million project to implement a commercial off-the-shelf case management system developed by Tyler Technologies. The system will replace the current Superior Court Management Information System (SCOMIS) and will be piloted in Thurston, Lewis and King Counties before it is rolled out statewide. Pierce County has opted out of the system. ATJ Board Technology Committee member Christina Kale represents the ATJ Board on the Court User Work Group, which is providing feedback on the system. Current project issues and challenges include: (1) agreement on Local Planning and Implementation Costs; (2) agreement on the Vision for the Superior Courts in the State of Washington; (3) establishing Guiding Principles for the SC-CMS Project on which to base their decisions; (4) resolving the Clerks concerns with using Document Management system; (5) establishing Statewide Policies for E-Filing.

Vonnie and Maribeth will make the power point available to the ATJ Board and other stakeholders.

Approval of September 20, 2013 ATJ Board Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved as drafted.

ATJ Board Chair's Report: The ATJ Board has been invited to attend the annual meeting of the WSBA Legislative Committee. Geoff Revelle is a member of the Committee and will attend as a representative from the ATJ Board.

Approval of Proposed Final ATJ Board Meeting Schedule: The schedule was approved.

Approval of Proposed 2014 Goldmark Programming: The ATJ Board approved the proposal developed by Ishbel Dickens, Naria Santa Lucia and Threesa Milligan:

- The pro bono programs will meet in the morning. There may be 30 minutes devoted to the ATJ Board's evaluation.
- The Supreme Court will be invited to convene for a panel discussion in the afternoon.
- There will be a reception in the late afternoon to recognize and graduates from the first Leadership Academy Cohort, and for the Campaign for Equal Justice to give a number of awards.

Approval of Reappointment of George Yeannakis to the Council on Public Defense: This was approved.

ATJ Board's 20th Anniversary Celebration: The Board had a preliminary discussion, which included location, invitees and the suggestion of the development of a power point presentation.

Future of the ATJ Conference: There is consensus that the conference be revived with the caveat there is a defined purpose for the event. The discussion will continue at the ATJ Board Executive Committee.

Funding Report:

LAW Fund: Director Naria Santa Lucia reported that the Campaign for Equal Justice has raised close to one million this year. The Pierce County Law Firm Campaign has just been launched, and the King County Law Firm Campaign had a successful and early completion. The October 15 Beer and Justice Event in Yakima attracted 90 people are raised $9,680. The Endowment for Equal Justice is now at $9.6 million, which includes a recent $1 million gift from Bill Gates, Sr.

Legal Foundation of Washington: Director Caitlin Davis Carlson and staff have been meeting with the new grantees from the *Judd v. AT&T* class action settlement, whose grants LFW has been charged with administering. LFW will now require that 25% of annual grants to Alliance programs be placed into reserve funds.

Equal Justice Coalition: EJC Director Eric Gonzalez Alfaro is again working to support King County funding for Alliance programs. Currently six programs receive funding. There is a $15,000 shortfall this year. The week of October 21 is National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. The EJC will read a proclamation on October 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Best Practices Summit: ATJ Board Technology Committee Chair reported on the October 15 meeting at the AOC SeaTac Offices to bring key stakeholders together to discuss proposed best practices for electronic access to court records. The project is funded by an American Bar Association grant to the ATJ Board. Consultant John Greacen is revising the draft, which will be circulated for comment. The project has submitted a proposal for a workshop at the April 2014 ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference.

Leadership Academy: Ishbel Dickens reported that the Academy's final retreat is October 24-26. The group has developed a revision of the Hallmarks, which will be presented at the November ATJ Board meeting. Recruitment is underway for Cohort II.

ATJ Board evaluation: Kirsten reported that the ATJ Board has retained national consultant John Tull and is beginning the process of developing evaluation instruments for the evaluation, to include a survey, interviews and focus groups.

Board for Judicial Administration: ATJ Board Liaison Ishbel Dickens reported that the BJA is receiving negative feedback on its recent proposed alignment.

ER 901: The ATJ Board discussed this proposed rule, which is now before the Supreme Court. Neither the ATJ Board nor its Technology Committee have agreed-upon language to address the concerns about the proposed rule. Don Horowitz and Brian Rowe will submit comments in their individual capacities.

WSBA Task Force on the Escalating Costs of Civil Litigation: Task Force member Breean Beggs advised the ATJ Board that its members may be contacted by the Task Force.