



WSBA

COURT RULES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Telephonic Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2013

Committee Chair Hillary Evans called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members present: Chair Hillary Evans, Leslie Clark, Paul Crisalli, Tony DiTommaso, Jr., Eric W. Eisenberg, David M. Iseminger, Kailin James, Dale Johnson, Shawn Larsen-Bright, Nicole McGrath, Kathleen Nelson, Shannon Ragonesi, Ann Summers, Karen Denise Wilson, Judge Kevin Korsmo and Judge Blaine Gibson.

Members excused from attending: Maureen M. Cyr, Shannon Kilpatrick, and Bryan Page.

Members who did not respond to meeting notice or attend meeting: Gene Barton, Katharine Bond, Roy Brewer, Daniel Brown, Dean Chuang, Anne M. Cruser, Sean J. Flynn, Elizabeth A. Fraser, Jeannie Mucklestone and David Stevens.

Non-Members/Guests present: Shane Carew.

Also attending: Nan Sullins (AOC Liaison), Elizabeth Turner (WSBA Assistant General Counsel – Staff Liaison) and Sherry Mehr (WSBA Paralegal). Ken Masters (BOG Liaison) was unable to participate in this meeting.

Minutes

The February 2013 Minutes were deferred to the April 15, 2013 meeting.

Old Business

UCLA Rules: The Chair reported that the BOG meeting went well and the Revised UCLA Rules were approved with the Committee's suggested changes, subject to the conditions requested by the Committee.

JuCR 9.3: Mr. Barton was not in attendance, so Ms. Turner reported that the Committee received a letter from Justice Johnson stating that the Supreme Court Rules Committee has

granted the Northwest Defendants' request to withdraw the proposed rule. The Chair and Ms. Turner thanked Subcommittee X for all their hard work on JuCR 9.3.

New Business

RAP Subcommittee: Subcommittee Chair Ann Summers reported that the subcommittee met on March 14 and primarily focused the thirteen suggested rule amendments proposed by the Court of Appeals. The subcommittee is suggesting grammatical changes to some of the proposed amendments and does not support two of the proposed amendments. Ms. Summers will write a summary of the meeting. Ms. Summers further explained that the subcommittee is still reviewing a proposed change to RAP 8.1 submitted to the committee by former committee member Neil Wachter; Mr. Wachter is reviewing suggested edits and the proposed amendment is not ready to be brought forth to the Committee at this time but will be before year end.

RALJ Subcommittee: The Chair welcomed the new RALJ Chair, Kailin James, and inquired if the subcommittee had any updates. Subcommittee Chair James reported that the subcommittee missed its previously scheduled meeting but will have a regular meeting schedule; the next meeting is Wednesday, March 20. Ms. James thanked the Chair for appointing her as subcommittee chair.

ESI Subcommittee: Subcommittee Chair Shawn Larsen-Bright reported that the subcommittee has received input from the ATJ in regards to the current proposed versions of Rule 26 and Rule 31. Mr. Larsen-Bright anticipates a report to the Committee in the middle of April.

Subcommittee X: Ms. Turner reported that with the completion of JuCR 9.3 Subcommittee X can now resume work on their original agenda.

Other new business: Ms. Turner reported that the comment period on the Revised Proposed Family Law Civil Rules will expire April 30 and the Committee should prepare itself to respond to the comments. Ms. Turner further explained that the Local Rules Task Force (LRTF) charter was renewed for two more years but we anticipate this Committee will work with LRTF on responding to comments and on any other changes to the CRs which may be implicated. The LRTF will also need to respond to ATJ subcommittee's comments previously submitted. Ms. Turner reminded the Committee that the ATJ is endorsing "plain language" in rules and that this may become more of an issue as time goes on, for all court rules.

Ms. Turner thanked the Committee and reminded everyone that the next meeting is on April 15, 2013.

The Chair thanked everyone for participating, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.