### Washington State Bar Association WSBA Legislative Committee Meeting WSBA Seattle October 14, 2010

### Minutes taken by Sean O'Donnell

Members present: Pat Aylward; Rick Bartholomew, Chair; Watson Blair; Kathleen Kim Coghlan; Fred Corbit; Marilyn Endriss; Claudia Gowan; Ryan Patrick Harkins; Kenneth Henrikson; Peter Karademos; Martha Lantz; Donald Law; C. Dean Little; Mark Matthew Miller; Sean O'Donnell, Vice Chair; Geoffrey Revelle; Mark Rising; Kyle Sciuchetti; Suchi Sharma; Klaus Snyder; Brian Sommer; Carrie Valladares; Sara L. Watkins.

Members not in attendance: Lisa Brodoff; John Cary; Taudd Hume; Ray Kahler; Merrilee MacLean; Cynthia Morgan; Jon Ostlund; Amit Ranade; D. Roger Reed; Connie Wan.

Also present: John Rizzardi and William Hames, WSBA Creditor Debtor Rights Section; Steve Larsen; Kathryn Leathers; Diane Froslie.

Meeting opened at approximately 1:15 pm.

Opening by Richard Batholomew, Legislative Committee Chair. New and returning members introduce themselves.

### **AGENDA ITEM #1 (RECEIVERSHIP)**

First presenter was John Rizzardi from the Creditor Debtor Section (chair-elect). He outlined proposed changes to the statute (and submitted a memo in support of the changes) and requested that the Legislative Committee recommend sponsorship to the BOG.

John outlined proposed changes to RCW 7.60 – the first major changes to Washington's receivership law since 2004.

Members pointed out minor technical changes that may have been overlooked by drafters. John agreed to take those back to his committee for consideration.

A motion was made to table consideration of sponsorship until the changes proposed by the Legislative Committee could be made.

A vote was called to table consideration:

AYES: 23

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

## AGENDA ITEM #2 (PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS --- concerning the exemption of certain property and annuities from creditors)

Presenter: William L. Hames, WSBA Creditor Debtor Rights Section

Bill Hames provided an overview and history of the proposed bill which had previously been considered by the Legislative Committee and sponsored by the WSBA.

He asked for the Legislative Committee to again recommend sponsorship of the bill.

A motion was heard to sponsor the bill.

AYES: 23

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

# AGENDA ITEM # 3 (EDUCATION CREDITS AND RETIREMENT SAVINGS EXEMPTIONS -- concerning the exemption of education credits and retirement savings from creditors)

This bill had previously been sponsored by the WSBA. A motion was made to renew sponsorship.

AYES: 22

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

### **AGENDAN ITEM #4 (ESCROW UPDATE)**

This item was stricken from the Agenda and placed on the November 5, 2010 meeting agenda.

### AGENDA ITEM #5 (UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT)

Rick Bartholomew provided a brief history of the bill and proposed changes and outline Rep. Jamie Pederson's involvement to date.

A number of Legislative Committee members wanted assurance that stakeholder groups had been provided an opportunity to review the bill and afforded an opportunity to comment on it.

The committee engaged in a healthy discussion the ramifications of the bill and the need to ensure that the committee receives input from a variety of sources.

No votes taken on this agenda item.

Kathryn Leathers then addressed items 3 and 4 on the Legislative Committee's agenda (personal property exemptions and education/retirement savings exemptions)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45PM.