

## **NWLawyer Editorial Advisory Committee Meeting**

Sept. 12, 2018 • 12 - 1 p.m. • Mt. Rainier Room

- **EAC Members:** Daniel Himebaugh, Renee McFarland, Joan Miller, Ralph Flick, Sophia Byrd-McSherry, Christopher Graves.
- **WSBA Staff:** Margaret Morgan, Connor Smith, Jina Constantine, Colin Rigley.
- Roll call
- Thank-you to members ending their service! Any advice to pass along to new members?
  - a) Big thank you to Renee for serving two years as the committee chair! Congrats to Renee McFarland who is coming on as a temp editor for *NWLawyer*. Last meeting for members who have served two years: Dan'L Bridges (BOG liaison), Christopher Graves, Aubrie Hicks, James Hietala, Stephen Jackson, Sophia McSherry, Joan Miller, Bridget Schuster.
  - b) Welcome 2018-2019 committee chair – Ralph Flick serving as chair for 2018-2019 EAC season.
- Review August issue
  - a) Great graphics and a good follow-up to text-heavy July issue. Good mix of a variety of topics for August issue.
  - b) *Shamrock Paving* article was well done and author did a nice job on breaking down a complex case to a simpler explanation that everyone can understand.
  - c) Agreement re treatment of the *Shamrock Paving* case—even if not in my practice area, still relatable and engaging.
  - d) Photos really draw you in and shine light on legal activities that a lot of people don't have knowledge about.
  - e) Following up with "Baby Court" author to write more articles potentially. First issue Jina really had a lot of input in, she did a great job with everything.
- Editor's Report
  - a) September issue almost done – may go to the printer early next week. Bar president on cover, coverage of new governors. Usually in October issue but we moved it up due to our special October issue. Been working on the Sept. and October issue simultaneously.
- Oct issue run sheet
  - a) 50 years of civil and legal aid in Washington – Oct issue. NW Justice Project, Alliance for Equal Justice, and other legal organizations. All of the Oct. featured content in hand, 18,000 words of content – need to look at possibly trimming it. Sitting down with graphic design team 9/13/18 for ways to possibly present these

articles graphically. Timelines, summaries of significant cases and sidebars. Lots of content revolving around clients who have received legal aid. Issue could be a turning point for layout, having a dummy version with content laid out.

- Upcoming stories report/feedback
  - a) Human rights issue – or series of articles from the World Peace Through Law Section.
  - b) November issue – tribal law pieces potentially. Article on first Tulalip Tribes member and another article regarding Indian law. Article on practicing law in regular court and tribal current a possibility.
  - c) How can we break down this very big topic we've discussed: how the legal profession is changing in terms of low bono and computerized services like LegalZoom?
  - d) Michael Cherry submitted a piece on advertising changes for lawyers and changes in LLLTs.
  - e) Chris Graves may interview his former CEO/boss at My Legal Edge. *NWLawyer* editorial team can create questions for Chris to ask in an interview.
  - f) Daniel Himebaugh – story idea: Lawsuit in Oregon vs. the bar about mandatory membership. (Not the only case, being pursued in other states possibly) Important issue, Daniel is willing to draft an article exploring it and submit it to editor for consideration. Related to *Janus* ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court this year.
  - g) Chris Graves: Emerging issues with justice clinics, homeless county legal services, possible October issue connection.
  - h) Renee McFarland: Eastern Washington agriculture and trade article idea – continuing to reach out to try to collate article/issue. (reach out to state commodities commission, may have input regarding data – what is grown and how it's produced). Top 10 Christmas gifts for Lawyers, covered in blog 4 years ago but not in *NWLawyer* for December.
  - i) Colin – pros and cons to working in a rural area – blog content being created for rural Washington coverage, could be useful for *NWLawyer*.
  - j) Renee: Magazine could revisit the wine industry in Washington, also focus on hop industry – Colin – 80% - 90% of hops grown in Yakima WA.
  - k) Colin – California eliminated cash bail industry: coverage for blog or maybe *NWLawyer* – reached out to Access to Justice Board for quick blog information. July issue profiled LFO and could this be the next frontier? Brace for impact story, what is going to happen in California and what will happen here?
  - l) Renee – Council on Public Defense on bar association looking into bail related issues meeting Friday, Sept. 14. Issue in California – double edged sword, are they holding people longer since there is now cash bail? Jamie Hawk with ACLU – very active with ABA on this issue. Mentioning to the council regarding interest on this topic at meeting Friday.
- Questions/Good of the order/Announcements

- a) October meeting should be attended in person, preferably. Ideal for new members to meet everyone and plan more effectively.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Oct 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9