

Practice of Law Board

Established by Washington Supreme Court Administered by the WSBA Douglas Walsh, Interim Chair

MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2019

<u>Members Present</u>: Hon. Paul Bastine, ret., Chair, Trena Berton, Michele Carney, Prof. George Critchlow, Brooks Goode, Amber Rush, Sarah Sumadi, Jennifer Unger, and Doug Walsh.

Members Excused: Andre Lang, Gary Swearingen, and Joseph Williams.

<u>Also Attending</u>: Terra Nevitt (WSBA Interim Executive Director), Julie Shankland (General Counsel/Staff Liaison), Kyla Jones (WSBA Paralegal), Ellen Reed (ATJ Tech Liaison) and Professor Drew Simshaw (Assistant Professor, Gonzaga University School of Law).

MINUTES

The Board approved the August 15, 2019 minutes by consensus.

<u>UPDATES</u>

1. Chair/Vice Chair Positions

The Board discussed potential candidates for a Chair position. Doug Walsh volunteered to serve as interim Chair of the Board until a replacement is identified. A motion was made and seconded to forward Doug Walsh's name to the Court for consideration for interim Chair. The motion carried unanimously. The Court appointed Doug Walsh as interim Chair effective October 1, 2019.

2. Recruitment

The Board discussed Andre Lang's resignation from the Board, effective September 30, 2019. The Board has been working to recruit one lawyer and one public member. The Board reported that there has been communications with Professor Drew Simshaw, an Assistant Professor at Gonzaga University School of Law. Professor Simshaw has expressed interest in applying and becoming a member of the Board. A motion was made and seconded to forward Professor Simshaw's application to the Court for expedited consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

3. GR 24

There has been no communication from the Court regarding the withdrawal of GR 24.



COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR PROGRAM - DISCUSSION

Discussion of the Courthouse Facilitator Program will resume at the October 17, 2019 meeting with the new Board members.

ONLINE LEGAL SERVICES – DISCUSSION

The Board discussed Professor Drew Simshaw's article, *"Ethical Issues in Robo-Lawyering: The Need for Guidance on Developing and Using Artifical Intelligence in the Practice of Law."* Discussion of this article and other updates will continue at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to carry over the executive session to the October 17, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

ASSIGNMENTS

Everyone: Thoroughly read Professor Drew Simshaw's article Trena, Gary, Jennifer, Brooks, and Julie: Recruitment Gary: Draft a stakeholder interview script

The meeting was adjourned.