

MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2019

Members Present: Hon. Paul Bastine, ret., Chair, Trena Berton (by phone), Michele Carney, Prof. George Critchlow (by phone), Brooks Goode (by phone), Andre Lang (by phone), Gary Swearingen, Sarah Sumadi (by phone), Jennifer Unger (by phone), and Doug Walsh (by phone).

Members Excused: Dominiqué Jinhong and Amber Rush.

Also Attending: Julie Shankland (General Counsel)(morning session), Lisa Amatangel (Associate Director Litigation and Internal Operations)(afternoon session), Paula Littlewood (Executive Director)(morning session), Joseph Williams, Michelle Lucas (ATJ Liaison) (by phone), Jim Bamberger (OCLA), Laurie Garber (Northwest Justice Project), Art Lachman (APRL), and Sherry Lindner (Paralegal).

Technology Assisted Forms Project (TAF)

Jim Bamberger and Laurie Garber presented the TAF Project, Washington FormsOnline. TAF's objective is to provide free, accessible, online tools for people without lawyers to find and complete forms used in family court.

TAF is being funded by the Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) and project management is being done by the NW Justice Project.

TAF has 66 forms prepared, and the potential to add forms. TAF is in the automation testing phase and anticipates going live in March.

LawHelp Interactive will host TAF and WA LawHelp Interactive will be maintained by NW Justice Project.

Court House Facilitators (GR 27)

In 2015, ATJ Board submitted to the Court a proposed amendment to GR 27. A majority of stakeholders agreed that GR 27 should be revised but AOC did not have the budget to implement the proposed amendment.

The Board will continue to look into the court house facilitators program.

Regulatory Reform Effort by the Association of Professional Responsibility's (APRL) Future of Lawyering Committee

Art Lachman reported to the Board that APRL is reviewing the RPCs and how to expand the rules to provide lawyers with opportunities to expand their practice. APRL is looking into four



areas: 1) Referral Fees/Nonlawyer Fees; 2) Cross-Border UPL; 3) RPC 5.4/Ownership; and 4) Business Structure. APRL is also looking at other professions and their regulatory makeup.

APRL has four subcommittees with over 50 members with liaisons from ABA, WSBA ODC, Conference of Chief Justices, FTC, and ISLES.

Mr. Lachman invited the Board to participate in the discussion.

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The Board approved the November 15, 2018, minutes by consensus.

GR 24 Update

The Court has asked the Board to review the exception list and separate the online legal services exceptions to its own section. Doug Walsh will revise the proposal and present it to the Board.

ATJ Tech Committee asked the Board to attend its February 19 meeting to discuss GR 24. Doug Walsh and George Critchlow will attend the meeting and discuss the proposal.

GR 25 Update

The Court adopted the rule on November 28, 2018.

The Board entered Executive Session to deliberate about the Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaints.

Executive Session

The Board voted to end the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.