

BOG Creates Professional Development Recommendations Implementation Committee

Past-president Dick Manning will chair this ongoing effort to fully implement the recommendations of the 2003 Professional Development Committee chaired by Jeff Tolman. Manning foresees further work on the concept of internships, bar-exam content, and law-school cooperation.

Wayne Blair Briefs the BOG on the Work of the Court Funding Task Force

Blair highlighted the work of each of the five current workgroups:

- Development of a graphic showing the context for all trial-court functions.
- Discussion about how to deal with functions that are not funded or administered by the trial courts but are critical to them (criminal indigent defense; civil low-income legal services; law libraries).
- Development of a computer model of trial-court funding, both current and a projection of need.
- Recommendation that Title 3 be revised to include all functions in district and municipal courts, and that all courts of limited jurisdiction have full Title 3 jurisdiction.
- Recommendation that all trial-court judges be elected.

- Recognition that the Public Safety and Education Account as the distributor of court revenue at the state level is ineffective and "broken."
- Reconsideration of the state and local fiscal responsibilities for the trial courts, and the development of possible alternate models for the allocation of trial-court costs.
- Philosophical discussion of the role and types of court user fees.
- Education of the public and legislative audiences.
- Long-term strategy for the achievement of adequate funding of the trial courts.

Lindsay Thompson Confirmed as *Bar News* Editor after Serving Eight Months as Interim Editor

Nancy Talner Nominated to the Supreme Court for Appointment to the Judicial Information System Committee

ABA Delegate Appointments

Paula Boggs, of Seattle, was appointed to the newly created ABA delegate position, and Sonia Rodriguez, of Yakima, was appointed to the delegate position for a member under 35 years of age.

WSBA Membership, at the Annual Meeting, Adopts a Resolution Condemning the Detention of Citizens without Counsel and Meaningful Judicial Review

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Upcoming Events

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September 25

WSBA 50-Year Member Tribute Luncheon
Westin Hotel, Seattle

October 2

Ethics 2003 Committee Public Forum on
Client Confidentiality
WSBA Office, Seattle

October 5

WYLD Board of Trustees Meeting
WSBA Office, Seattle

October 9

Asian Bar Association of Washington
Annual Awards Banquet
Washington Athletic Club, Seattle

October 16

WSBA Annual Committee and Section Chair
Orientation and Luncheon
Warwick Hotel, Seattle

October 17-18

WSBA Board of Governors Meeting
Fifth Avenue Suites, Portland, OR

October 23

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Judges
Reception and Awards Ceremony
Seattle Sheraton

November 16

WYLD Board of Trustees Meeting
Hampton Inn, Richland

December 5-6

WSBA Board of Governors Meeting
Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat, Leavenworth

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