



The WSBA Board of Governors met on May 18-19 in Seattle. The Board enjoyed breakfast with the [Washington Leadership Institute \(WLI\)](#) Fellows Friday morning for the annual joint breakfast. The WLI is a leadership training program run in partnership between WSBA and the UW School of Law). Below is a recap of the meeting. A full agenda can be found [here](#).

Interview and Selection of 2017-2018 WSBA President-Elect

The Board elected **Bill Pickett** to the 2017-2018 President-elect seat on the Board of Governors. His term will start at the conclusion of the Board meeting on Sept. 29, 2017. Pickett was elected to the Board of Governors from the 4th District in September 2015. He is a solo practitioner in Yakima, where he focuses his practice on trial advocacy in personal-injury and wrongful-death matters, civil rights and police misconduct, and medical negligence issues. Pickett will follow 2017-2018 President Brad Furlong. (See [public materials](#) beginning at page 18.)

Interview and Selection of 2017-2020 WSBA At-Large Governor

The Board elected **Alec Stephens** to the 2017-2020 at-large governor seat on the Board of Governors from a field of eight candidates. His term will start at the conclusion of the Board meeting on Sept. 29, 2017. Stephens is a former chair of the Civil Rights Law Section and served on last year's Sections Policy Workgroup as the small sections representative. He specializes in civil rights, human rights, and equal opportunity laws and policies. Stephens will replace Mario Cava who finishes his term as an At-Large Governor this fall. (See [public materials](#) beginning at page 36.)

Preview of Updated wsba.org

Communications Manager Jennifer Olegario provided the Board and guests a preview of the updated wsba.org website. Improved features include an audience-based navigation bar, better search functionality, and more visibility for key links and pages. The new website is expected to launch this summer. Executive Director Paula Littlewood updated the Board and guests on the realignment of the Communications and Outreach Department in order to better reach out and engage with members and the public.

Limited License Legal Technician (LLLT) New Practice Area and Enhancements to Family Law Practice

LLLT Board Chair Steve Crossland and LLLT Board Family Law Advisory Committee Chair Nancy Ivarinen discussed the LLLT Board's suggested amendments to APR 28 regarding enhancements to the family law practice area. The proposed amendments adjust the scope in regards to the family law LLLTs' ability to work with contested major modifications of parenting plans, nonparental custody, and division of single family

residential dwellings with a limited amount of equity. The proposed amendments would also permit family law LLLTs to attend alternative dispute resolution proceedings; work with any protection orders that arise in a family law case; and communicate with opposing parties and their representatives regarding procedural matters, among other enhancements. LLLTs would also be able to accompany clients into court in a limited fashion in order to provide support to their clients and answer questions from the judge. (See [public materials](#) beginning at page 98.)

Generative Discussion – Mandatory Malpractice Insurance

Governor Kim Risenmay and WSBA Chief Disciplinary Counsel Doug Ende led a discussion regarding mandatory malpractice insurance. Although many U.S. jurisdictions, including Washington state, have disclosure rules requiring reporting and/or disclosure of whether a lawyer is covered by professional liability insurance, only Oregon and Idaho (effective January 2018) require that lawyers have such insurance as a condition of licensing. Presentation and discussion topics included Washington's 1986 effort to propose a mandatory malpractice rule, the Washington state insurance disclosure rule, Washington state statistics on coverage, mandatory malpractice systems worldwide, the Oregon and Idaho systems, and potential system models. The Board's Executive Committee will evaluate the ideas generated and consider whether further exploration by WSBA is warranted. (See [public materials](#) beginning at page 124.)

Proposed ABA Resolution Opposing 9th Circuit Restructuring

In response to various legislative proposals to split the federal Ninth Circuit, the ABA's Standing Committee on the American Judicial System intends to request that the ABA House of Delegates reaffirm its existing policy opposing restructuring of the Ninth Circuit. The WSBA Board of Governors was invited by the Chair of the relevant ABA subcommittee last month to co-sponsor or support the resolution. After a presentation by James Williams, the Washington State Delegate to the ABA, and comments from other guests, the Board discussed the issue and voted to co-sponsor the proposed ABA Resolution opposing the Ninth Circuit restructuring. The Board will also direct the WSBA's delegates to the ABA to vote in support of the resolution. . (See [public materials](#) beginning at page 156.)

Proposed Charter for Referendum Process Work Group

The Board approved creation of a Referendum Process Review Work Group to review the WSBA referendum process. The Board delegated nomination of work group members to President Haynes. (See [public materials](#) beginning at page 206.)

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Activities at Courthouses

The Board approved a written request from counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union to send a letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) urging DHS agents to refrain from conducting immigration enforcement actions at or near state courthouses. Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst sent a similar letter earlier this year. (See [public materials](#) beginning at page 210.)

Other Discussion

The Board introduced a new standing agenda item at BOG meetings, called Other Discussion, whose purpose is to provide time for the Board and guests to raise issues of interest. Governor Risenmay provided information and raised concern about the efficacy of the Washington State Bar Foundation. This matter will be considered at the June 29, 2017 Budget & Audit Committee meeting.