

**Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee**  
**November 10, 2011**

In attendance: Andrea Axel, Catherine Brown, Dan Ford, Andy Guy, Andrew Krawczyk, Steve Larsen, Angie Maddox, Rory O'Sullivan, Joanna Otero, Esther Park, Diana Singleton, Gail Smith, Jen Werdell, Dan Young, Lew Zieske

Attending via telephone: Mike Cressey, Rebecca Glasgow, Randy Winn

Unable to attend: Joanna Plichta Boisen, Brian DeFoe, Reagan Dunn, Brian Flock, Michael Kleps

**Introductions** In addition to welcoming newly appointed Committee members Brian DeFoe, Andrew Krawczyk, and Esther Park, we also welcomed Jen Werdell and Rory O'Sullivan to the meeting. Jen and Rory are not PBLAC members, but are interested in working with the committee to develop and implement projects.

**September Meeting Minutes** were approved.

**2012 PBLAC Projects** PBLAC Chair Andrea Axel summarized seven potential project ideas for PBLAC to focus on during the 2012 committee year and asked for members to volunteer to work on one or two. Subcommittees and workgroups were determined as follows:

- Long Distance Lawyers subcommittee will identify a new pro bono program partner to continue supplementing service delivery in rural Washington with volunteer attorneys from urban areas in the state. Andy Guy will circulate a list of criteria the subcommittee will use to select a new program partner. Diana, Andy G., Joanna O., Lew, Gail, Andrea and Andrew K. volunteered for this subcommittee.
- Increased CLE Credit for Pro Bono Service subcommittee will develop and vet a recommendation for the MCLE Board to increase the number of CLE credits an attorney may earn for pro bono service. Esther, Mike and Dan F. and Dan Y. volunteered for this subcommittee and Dan Y. volunteered to lead it.
- Outreach to Volunteer Lawyer Programs subcommittee will define its goals and may work with the Washington Young Lawyer Division to connect with local pro bono programs. Gail, Randy, Lew and Andrew K. and Becca volunteered for this subcommittee and Becca volunteered to lead it.
- Members formed an informal workgroup to explore how to promote pro bono service by new and retiring lawyers and another workgroup to consider whether PBLAC might work to promote pro bono service at law firms with the creation of a preference system.
- Members also discussed being mindful about how our 2012 projects and subcommittee work will complement themes of diversity and the ABA's Celebrate Pro Bono week as we proceed.

**Next Steps** Each subcommittee should plan to meet in the next month. Catherine will be in touch to help with scheduling and arranging conference calls and other logistics. Any committee members who have not signed up for a subcommittee should contact Andrea, Joanna or Catherine with their preferred assignment.

The Long Distance Lawyers subcommittee and the Increasing CLE Credit for Pro Bono Service subcommittee are on the agenda to give updates at the December PBLAC meeting.

**The next PBLAC meeting will be Thursday, December 8 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. at WSBA.**