

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

In attendance: Andrea Axel, Catherine Brown, Andrew Guy, Alison Holcomb, Steve Larsen, Joanna Otero, Diana Singleton, Gail Smith, Sharlene Steele, Randy Winn, Dan Young, and Lew Zieske

Attending via telephone: Jim Bamberger, Mike Cressey, and Michael Kleps

Unable to attend: Fiona Cox, Reagan Dunn, Loren Etengoff, Brian Flock, Rebecca Glasgow, Joseph Marshall, James McCormick

*The meeting convened at 12:05 p.m.*

**January Meeting Minutes** were approved with minor changes.

**Thanks & Introductions** Thanks to outgoing PBLAC liaison, Sharlene Steele, and welcome to incoming PBLAC liaison, Catherine Brown.

**GR 34** was adopted in December 2010. A hard-working team created pattern forms for use in all jurisdictions. PBLAC should publicize this rule throughout the WSBA, local bar associations, legal aid providers, and pro se litigants. Reagan Dunn will work with Andrea Axel and Steve Larsen to approach Seattle Times and other newspapers to run an op-ed in support of GR 34. PBLAC and the Alliance need to pay attention to how and where this rule is applied and/or how it is misapplied.

**RPC 6.1** The subcommittee presented a draft summary and recommendation for the BOG which included the following three items: increase the goal from 30 to 50 hours of pro bono service each year; encourage monetary donations to organizations who serve clients of limited means; and prioritize pro bono assistance for clients of limited means and organizations who serve them. The full committee voted to recommend that the BOG amend RPC 6.1 as follows: prioritize direct pro bono service to individuals of limited means over other kinds of service; increase the goal of completing 30 hours of pro bono service each year to 50 hours; and encourage monetary or in-kind contributions to organizations that provide or financially support legal services to persons of limited means.

**Urban-Rural Pilot Project** A thorough report from this subcommittee was circulated prior to the meeting. Andrea encouraged members to review the report and contact her or Andy Guy with questions, comments, or concerns. There may be time for a detailed report at the March PBLAC meeting.

**The next PBLAC meeting will be Thursday, March 10 at 12:00 p.m. at WSBA.** We will discuss PBLAC's diversity and how to integrate diversity into the work of the committee.

*The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.*