

**Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee**  
**May 9, 2013**

In attendance: Co-Chair Esther Park, Co-Chair Rory O’Sullivan, BOG Liaison Dan Ford, Will Ross, Todd Nunn, Andrea Axel , Rachel Rappaport, Ana Selvidge (WSBA Staff)

Attending via telephone: Mike Cressy, Stan Kehl

Unable to attend: Randy Winn, Thomas Brixius, Brian DeFoe, Reagan Dunn, Andrew Krawczyk, Joanna Otero, Carla Reyes, Karen Schweigert, Lew Zeiske

April Meeting Minutes – Approved after correction of Todd’s attendance in April.

Project Updates

1. Access to Justice Network – Will, Andrea and Dan, reported on ATJ Board meeting in which discussion revolved around outcome/impact and re-examining the statewide plan. Appears to be a similar struggle to WSBA with volunteer board/committee members and large committee commitments. A lot of focus was given to the need for sustainability.
2. Coordination with Law Schools/Interns –ATJ along with the three law schools are planning for a summer internship orientation in June.
3. Government Lawyer Pro Bono Work – Rory and Rachel presented on a pro bono policy from Snohomish County Prosecutors. They will develop a model policy based on this and also work on a letter for the various prosecutor offices across the state. Letter will include ways other offices have engaged in pro bono/public service and connect them to their local opportunities. Group will also identify a champion within the prosecutors associations to help lead this charge. Todd and Will discussed the [WAPA](#) and [WASAMA](#) as organizations that can also help drive this effort.
4. Supreme Court Honor Roll – Work group met earlier this week, but will present its recommendations next meeting. Currently examining what the bar does and what can be increased, such as posting an honor roll list via the NWSide bar and or publishing a list in NW Lawyers during pro bono month in October. The workgroup also requested to have its name changed to Pro Bono & Public Service Recognition. There will be a meeting May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm via phone, open to all committee members.
5. Long Distance Lawyering/Tennessee Project – Todd reported on the merging of the two groups. In both cases the group is continuing to identify potential places for the projects to be housed.
  - o Stan mentioned Legal Voice seemed interested in housing the Tennessee Project he will follow-up and report back. There was a large discussion on whether there was similar conflict protection under RPC 6.5 and if not whether we needed a new rule. Todd and group will research this more and come up with a new name for this project.
  - o Joanna will present on the Long Distance Lawyering project at the next ATJ Delivery Systems Committee to get feedback and insight on the project’s potential for statewide implementation.
6. QLSP Needs for Volunteers – Ana reported back on survey Randy conducted.
7. Pro Bono Newsletter – Sign-up sheet went around for committee members to write-up a blog post on a QLSP. This will be sent out electronically for other members to sign-up.

Overview and updates on WSBA Public Service Programs. Main changes include the transition for the WSBA Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project at the end of June 2013 and the start of a Veterans focus initiative. Committee provided leads for more insight to both issues.