

**WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
LAW CLERK BOARD**

MINUTES
February 7, 2020

Law Clerk Board Members in Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Myers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexa Ritchie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracy Finnegan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christell Casey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Phillabaum, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Perlman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joyce Heritage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Mowrey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Meyers | |

Staff and Others in Attendance

Renata Garcia, Innovative Licensing Programs Manager and Katherine Skinner, Innovative Licensing Analyst and staff liaison to the Board also attended.

BOARD BUSINESS

Public Agenda

The Board approved the minutes of the November 1, 2019 meeting.

The Board reviewed options to change the Law Clerk certificates in order to create a more effective and cost efficient method. The Board provided their input to update the language to “In recognition thereof, we have signed this” in place of “In witness thereof”. The Board agreed to review the certificate again after the edits were incorporated.

The Board discussed APR 6(d)(3) that states a Law Clerk must complete the Law Clerk Program within 6 years of initial enrollment. Some Board members expressed their confusion with the term “initial” as it is not clearly defined in the APR 6. The Board agreed they would be interested in reviewing the Rules and Regulations in more depth. The Board decided to table the discussion to be reviewed at the following Board meeting in order for Katherine to outline the instances where there is conflicting language in both the APR 6 Rules and Regulations.



Confidential Agenda

Actions/Petitions/Requests

- Twelve applicants were approved to enroll in the Law Clerk Program beginning March 1, 2020
- One primary tutor application was approved
- Four requests for leave were approved
- Two requests to add books to the Jurisprudence reading list were approved
 - *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do*
 - *Because of Sex: One Law, Ten Cases, and Fifty Years That Changed American Women's Lives at Work*
 - *The Demise of the Reasonable Man: A Cross-Cultural Study of a Legal Concept*
 - *Building a Better Law Practice: Become a Better Lawyer in Five Minutes a Day*
 - *A Life of Crime: Memories of a High Court Judge*
 - *In Contempt*
 - *1777*
 - *The Law*
 - *In Search of the Republic*
- Five fourth year proposals were approved

Evaluations

- The Board conducted six first-year evaluations and approved continuation in the program upon completion of all remaining first year coursework and book reports.
- The Board conducted two fourth-year evaluations and approved successful completion of the program upon submission of all remaining coursework and book reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Skinner, Innovative Licensing Analyst

