

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

August 21, 2026

The meeting was held in person and via video conference.

Members present were Mark Fucile (Chair), Michele Carney, Zachary Dillon, Sara Ayoubi, Abraham Ritter, Peter Jarvis and Seth Endo. BOG Liaison Mary Rathbone was absent. Also present were Jeanne Marie Clavere (staff liaison), Sandra Schilling (Professional Responsibility Counsel), Kevin Plachy (Director of Advancement Department), Kirsten Schimff (Associate Director Office of Disciplinary Counsel), Lucy Toner (legal intern), and Malik Rosales (legal intern). Judge Frederick Corbit, and Amber Lynott were excused.

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Announcements/Updates

- The committee thanked the outgoing chair for his outstanding service.
- The committee selected dates for the 2027 schedule.

The June 12, 2026, Minutes were approved.

WSSC Suggested Changes to RPC and Comments re AI

The committee presented at the BOG meeting in July. The GR9 has been sent to the WSSC. Staff will put the materials into Box.

Public Defender Caseloads. The subcommittee worked to incorporate comments and prepare a final draft. The subcommittee intends to present a final proposed opinion at the next meeting.

CPE ROP, and Integration of Lawyer RPC, LLLTRPC and LPORPC

The committee voted to approve the charter update which has also been approved by OGC and Chief Regulatory Counsel. The subcommittee will prepare the memo and staff will prepare materials for BOG review.

Issues Arising in Law Firm Departures

The subcommittee is continuing work on a draft opinion.

Withdrawals and Declinations based on RPC 1.16 (a)(2)

The subcommittee will send the draft opinion to additional stakeholders for comment.

Proposed Update to AO 1957

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

The committee moved to send the draft opinion to stakeholders for comment and post on the WSBA proposed opinion page.

Subscription Fee Modules

The committee moved to un-table the issue and the subcommittee will start work on a draft opinion on the topic.

Possible Amendments to RPC 1.14 per MR 1.14

The subcommittee is researching the issue and plans to reach out to stakeholders for comment.

Potential New Advisory Opinions

The committee declined to move to draft an opinion on settlement agreements.

The committee declined to move to draft an opinion on retired lawyer signature lines.

The meeting adjourned at 1: 41 PM