

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Court Rules and Procedures Committee

### Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021

Members Present: Chair Isham Reavis, Magda Baker, Kristin Ballinger, Claire Carden, Paul Crisalli, Stephanie Dikeakos, Tony DiTommaso, Brian Esler, Duffy Graham, Ofelia Granados, Eric Lindberg, Tim Moran, Sarah Nagy, Ashton Rezayat, James Smith, Emory Wogenstahl, and Jon Zimmerman.

Members Excused: Jody Cloutier, Richard Greene, Karen Knutsen, John Ledford, Margaret Macrae, Sara Mooney, Rachel Reynolds, Jeff Sbah, Kathleen Shircliff, Mara Snyder, and Ann Summers.

Also Attending: Judge Blaine Gibson, Judge Bradley Maxa, Kyla Jones (WSBA Paralegal), Nicole Gustine (WSBA Assistant General Counsel), and Gov. Lauren Boyd (BOG Liaison)

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Chair Isham Reavis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The February 22, 2021 minutes were approved by consensus.

2. Subcommittee Reports

a. RAP Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Brian Esler gave a report on the RAP Subcommittee. The subcommittee considered two issues and do not believe there is a need for a change: (1) RAP 18.14 and (2) RAP 2.2(c). The subcommittee is still examining two other issues: (1) if rules need to be clarified in light of [a recent Supreme Court decision](#) and (2) e-filing and e-service.

b. RALJ Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Claire Carden gave a report on the RALJ Subcommittee. The subcommittee is prepared to present fourteen proposed changes at the April 12, 2021 Committee meeting. Most of the proposals consist of technical changes. One substantive change will be proposed to RALJ 6.2. Chair Carden is working on the GR 9's and materials for the proposals.

c. Subcommittee X

Subcommittee Chair Tony DiTommaso gave a report on Subcommittee X. The subcommittee has been working on updating the District Court Civil Rules' language to be gender neutral as the Superior Court Civil Rules did in the past. The subcommittee will present their proposals to the Committee at the April 12, 2021 meeting.

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### 3. Equity and Disparity Workgroup Update

There was no update on the Equity and Disparity Workgroup.

### 4. Other Business

RAP Subcommittee Chair Brian Esler reported on his conversation with WSBA President Sciuchetti. He confirmed that the Court Rules Committee cannot submit a comment to a rule change without BOG approval. Members were encouraged to comment on rules in their individual capacity only. The Committee discussed a memo that was sent to Past-President Majumdar and Executive Director Nevitt last year. Brian Esler will forward the memo to President Sciuchetti. Governor Lauren Boyd reported that there is a BOG meeting next week and she will discuss the Committee's role in rule proposals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.