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A Message from the Chair

Greetings, Criminal Law Section Members! It is my great pleasure to serve as your chairperson for the 2016 calendar year. Your executive committee is hard at work planning quality membership benefits.

The Criminal Law Section is the only bar organization in the state that unifies defense attorneys and prosecutors to benefit the criminal bar as a whole. The Section Executive Committee is equally divided between prosecution and defense. Our unique composition allows us to bring balanced presentations to our members and gives us a strong, credible voice on legislation.

In 2015, under the capable leadership of Jimmy Hung, the Criminal Law Section had an exceptional year of member benefits. We hosted two mini CLEs: one in Seattle and one in Spokane. Our annual major event, the Criminal Justice Institute, received tremendously positive feedback from attendees. We are fortunate to have last year's dynamic duo, Hugh Birgenheier and Kim Hunter, spearheading CJI again in 2016.

We look forward to bringing you another year of exceptional membership benefits in 2016. We kicked off the year with a mini CLE and annual meeting in January. Mark your calendars for the following dates!

- June 4, 2016, 10 a.m.: Member benefit CLE at Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, WA. Free to members!
- September 22 & 23, 2016: Our annual two-day CLE extravaganza! Criminal Justice Institute at the Criminal Justice Training Center in Burien, WA.
- January 28, 2017*: Criminal Law Section Annual Meeting at Seattle University School of Law in Seattle, WA. (*date, time, and location to be confirmed)

I am always interested in hearing from section members. Please reach out if you have suggested topics for CLEs, a member benefit you would like to see the section provide, or if you want to get involved.

Blythe Phillips, Criminal Law Section Chair

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Upcoming 2016 CLEs from Our Section

- ◆ A member benefit CLE will be held in Spokane on June 4, 2016, at the Gonzaga University School of Law courtroom. This CLE is free to members and law students; however non-members may attend *and* join the section for only \$30.00. Topics will include 2016 changes to marijuana law and upcoming legislation, ethics, and domestic violence no-contact orders. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and presentations begin at 10 a.m. A member lunch mixer and executive committee meeting will be held immediately afterwards, at which all members and attendees are welcome.
- ◆ The annual Criminal Justice Institute will be held in Burien on September 22-23, 2016, at the Criminal Justice Training Center. Topics TBA, but in years past, 15 credits have been available to attendees. Look for a special newsletter about the CJI coming soon.

WSBA Sections Policy Workgroup Update

Criminal Law Section Executive Committee member Kim Hunter has been instrumental in the new WSBA Sections Policy Workgroup. Following a dialogue between section leaders and the Bar Association, a new workgroup with section representation has begun to look at how sections can better work together and with the WSBA to represent members and advance the goals and purpose of the WSBA.

Kim organized the leadership of this and other sections at a meeting held in Seatac in March; as a result of that meeting, the workgroup structure was changed from its original makeup to include section representation. Kim was elected to represent medium-sized sections in the workgroup.

More information on the processes and outcome of the WSBA Sections Policy Workgroup will be included in the coming months.

Exciting New Member Benefit!

Criminal Law Section members are eligible to receive a free copy of Judge Kessler's *Criminal Case Law Notebook*, which is available as a MS-Word file, or as an app for Android and Apple IOS devices. The Word file is available from Josephine Townsend by email at JCTownsend@aol.com ; the apps, a \$150.00 value, will be available soon and a link sent to members.

If you would be interested in submitting items for publication in future Criminal Law Section newsletters, please contact the newsletter editor, Dale Slack, at cdslack@wapa-sep.wa.gov.

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MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee meets quarterly to discuss and vote on Section business and to plan for future business. In past years, meetings have been held exclusively in the Seattle area, but meetings are now held at least once per year in another city on the eastern side of the state.

Meetings are usually tentatively scheduled at the prior meeting and may be adjusted pending member availability. Executive Committee members are elected to three-year terms by ballots sent to Section members.

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for *Saturday, April 23, 2016*

Meeting Location: 13 Coins

Called to order: 9:07am

Adjourned: 10:27am

Present: Aimee Sutton, John Strait, Hugh Birgenheier, Julianne Unite, Josephine Townsend, Dale Slack, Jimmy Hung, Blythe Phillips, John Sheeran, Dale Slack, Mark Vovos, Ann Danieli, June Riley

Absent: Kim Hunter, Edwin Aralica, James Hershey, Jana Jorgensen, Tessa Gorman, Ron Hammett

Meeting Discussion

Minutes from Last Meeting: John moved to approve, Hugh (and others) seconded, approval passed

Spokane CLE

Form filed

Information on the website

Coordinate with WSBA on emails-one month before the program

Or listserve messages as often as we would like

June 4 CLE in Spokane

Dale-MJ presentation

Hugh-Ethics procedural rules in the case of bar complaint/disciplinary process

Kim Hunter on no contact orders in domestic violence

Blythe will chair the CLE

10AM-noon for CLE

Lunch mixer following

Meeting after lunch-Mark will deal with food.

Mark is working on publicity

Free for members and law students, \$30 for others

CJI:

Kim not present due to medical issues

Battle to get the room, but adding more training for officers, September 22-23, 2016

Hugh got break out rooms

Electronic equipment-mics, etc

Food still pending-

Boxed lunches, on site catering, pizza are options

If anyone wants to speak, let Hugh know

Especially people from out of town

Blythe wants Exec Comm members to come to do intros

June 1 is deadline for getting to Hugh with ideas for CLE presentations

Introductions

October meeting date:

Table to June to discuss possibly having at CJI

January Annual Meeting:

January 28 at Seattle U

Possibly with CLE

John will arrange for food service

Mini CLE will start at 10, registration at 9:30

Ideas on topics: ethics, LFOs, competency from KCPAO (or for CJI), Batson challenges

Section Workgroup Update:

Meeting this Thursday, April 28 10-2.

Can someone attend? Kim is likely not available. Ann will see if she can attend by phone.

Meeting trying to get everyone up to speed on budgeting, financial info.

Complete re-start

John voices concern about independence

 Taking a position on legislation

General report from Ann Danieli

Escalating costs of civil litigation-Russ Aoki

 Huge committee

 Concerns from civil litigators

Unified bar

 Half license fee goes to regulatory side

 Other half goes to programming

 How do we support the non-regulatory side under current fees

 Likely to increase fees

 8 million in reserves at time of referendum

 Reducing to minimum amount to sustain bar foundation

Nomination Committee: Jimmy-no big updates from the last time. Jimmy contact Jana via email.

 Jimmy goal: diversity. Need more diversity of geography, and ethnicity

Next Meeting:

 June 4

 August 13

 Fall? At CJI

 January 28, 2017

Old Business

 Josie has Kessler caselaw notebook for 2016

 Apps for android and iphone

New Business

 Hugh's goal for next year is to increase membership

 Survey to identify what members want-Blythe will put together

Good of the Order

Adjourn: Blythe moved to adjourn, Hugh seconded, motion passed.