

**WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
LAW CLERK BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**September 8, 2017**

The Law Clerk Board met at the WSBA office on September 8, 2017 for the purpose of a regular Board meeting. Participating Board members were: John Edison, Maureen Wickert, Malena Pinkham, M. Abbas Rizvi, Raphael Nwokike, Ben Phillabaum and Jane Kaufman, Chair. WSBA staff Renata Garcia, and Chris Coleman Liaison to the Board also attended.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Public Agenda

The Board reviewed and approved the final draft of the new orientation materials presented by WSBA staff. The Board approved the new board member orientation materials. The Board and WSBA staff will present the new orientation materials to the new members of the Law Clerk Board on November 3, 2017 during the next Board meeting.

The Board reviewed a petition for judicial externship for a Law Clerk. The Board agrees that this externship would be an excellent opportunity for the clerk to gain valuable experience. However, the Board determined that the petition for the judicial externship does not comply with APR 6 regulations. The Board requested that the clerk resubmit the petition to be presented at the next Board meeting.

The Board reviewed a petition for a two-year advanced standing from a new enrolled law clerk. The Board denied the request. The Board discussed and is willing to grant some first year courses for advanced standing. The Board will reevaluate the clerk's petition for advanced standing aligned with clerk's prior completed education and will grant advanced standing for the necessary courses at the next Board meeting.

Confidential Agenda

- The Board approved the July 14, 2017 meeting minutes.
- The Board approved five assistant tutors for two clerks.
- The Board approved 22 new Law Clerk Applications.
- The Board approved one request for leave.
- The Board approved two requests for withdrawal.
- The Board approved four book titles requested by a clerk:
  - “Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption” Thompson-Cannino, Cotton, Torneo, 2010
  - “Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil” Hannah Arendt 2006
  - “Assata: An Autobiography” Shakur, Davis 2001
  - “My Own Words” Ginsburg, Harnett, Williams 2016

- The Board approved the following fourth year studies requested by six clerks:
  - “Administrative Law”, “Creditor-Debtor Relations”, “Legal Accounting”, “Personal Federal Income”, “American Indian Law”, “Insurance”.
  - “Administrative Law”, “Remedies”, “International Family Law”, “Alternative Dispute Resolution and Negotiation”, “Trial Preparation/Trial Advocacy”.
  - “Employment Law”, “Remedies”, “Creditor-Debtor Relations”, “Insurance Law”.
  - “Remedies”, “Creditor-Debtor Relations”, “American Indian Law”, “Administrative Law”, “Elder Law”, “Immigration”.
  - “Administrative Law”, “Labor Law”, “Remedies”, “International Law”, “American Indian Law”, “Trial Practicum”.
  - “Insurance”, “Land Use”, “Creditor-Debtor Relations”, “Remedies”, “Environmental Law”, “American Indian Law”.

#### Evaluations

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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