



Dispute Resolution Section

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA
September 26, 2025, 12:00pm – 1:30pm PST

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86301779629?pwd=KJ1ph8qbMPJqkrM6rMK9RTaVx2dYIU.1>

Meeting ID: 863 0177 9629, Passcode: 619025

12:00: Welcome and Meeting Matters

1. Confirm quorum
2. Agenda additions and changes, approve agenda and August meeting minutes

12:05: Announcements

12:10: FY26 YLL liaison nominee: Julia Doherty; ExComm discussion and vote

12:15: FY26 research intern

12:20: 2026 NWDR Conference – please promote:

1. [Requests for workshop proposals](#) accepted through October 17, 2025
2. [Conference website](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Bluesky](#)
3. [Sponsorship opportunities](#)

12:25: [Draft FY25 Annual Report](#): review and inform

12:35: Finances & Budget (Courtland)

12:40: [Board Retreat](#) plans: Mel/Ted

12:50: Committee Reports

- a. Legislation & Public Policy (Jody)
- b. Membership & Outreach (Mel)
- c. Academic Relationships (Julia)
- d. Continuing Legal Education (Donna, and all)

1:30: Adjourn