



Dispute Resolution Section

Washington State Bar Association

1325 Fourth Ave., Ste. 600, Seattle, WA 98101-2539

2025-2026 Executive Committee

Paula Emery, Chair
Donna Lurie, Vice Chair
Courtland Shafer, Treasurer & Past Chair

Allison Widney, Board of Governors Liaison
Julia Doherty, New Member Liaison

Chris Casillas, At-Large Member
Melissa Fuller, At-Large Member
Oliver Garrison, At-Large Member
Ted Hunter, At-Large Member
Mark McCarty, At-Large Member
Mel Simburg, At-Large Member

Jody Leff, Advisor
Bob Oberstein, Advisor

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA
December 12, 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 November meeting minutes

12:10: Committee & Priority Reports on items not addressed in review of Retreat Commitments

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

12:40: ExComm Member updates regarding [Retreat Commitments](#)

General:

Paula: ask Carolyn for list of former section members; member data 2019-present; years in section - **done**

All: recruit personally for these positions

Julia: submit website changes to Noah, copying Carolyn

Paula/Julia: create document to promote FY26 scholarships – **in process**

Paula: Intern JD posted with law schools – **done, interviews for the internship in progress.**

Education/miniCLEs:

Donna/Paula – January: Managing Client Expectations in Mediation, January 21 - **Registration Live Now**

February: Jody + leg/public policy: early family law mediation considerations - **in process, 3/3/26**

March: Conference planning committee/conference teaser webinar – **in process**

April 22: Mel/Bob: Remote v in-person considerations

NWDR Conference:

Ted/Julia: broadening audience and applications for scholarships

Julia: QR code for the section - Join Now link – **in process**

Melissa + Julia as accountability buddy: look into and report back re: tablecloth, swag, poster with QR code – **in process**

All: cultivate personal connections to encourage registration for conference from beyond Washington State – **in process**

Other priorities:

Promoting Informed Use and Best Practices of DR

www.wsba-adr.org

Melissa: Meet the Neutrals feasibility study

Chris: follow-up with Christine Cimini re: UW mediation program partnership

Membership Development – Connect with other sections:

Donna: connect with Labor and Employment -- done

Julia: Litigation section/new member liaison -- in process

Ted: connect with Environmental and Land Use section -- done

Courtland: connect with Real Property, Probate & Trust section

December: Recruit ExComm member to connect with Family Law and Solo & Small Firms sections

1:15: Finances & Budget (Courtland)

1:30: Adjourn