



Dispute Resolution Section

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 23, 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. Volunteer for meeting minutes**
- 2. Confirm quorum**
- 3. Agenda additions and changes, approve agenda and November meeting minutes**

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

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

12:30: Discussion: Julie Mcfarlane is now unable to attend the conference. Can we reallocate the funds for her attendance to Ken Cloke?

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

General:

All: recruit personally for open ExComm positions

Julia: submit website changes to Noah, copying Carolyn

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

Paula: Intern – Mingyue Zhou offered the position and accepted; contract executed and research has begun

Education/miniCLEs:

Donna/Paula – January: Managing Client Expectations in Mediation, January 21 - [Registration Live Now](#)

Jody -- February: Standards That Shift Practice: How the 2025 AFCC Updates Shape the Future of Family Mediation, Thursday, March 3, [Registration Live Now](#)

Melissa -- March 12: Ken Cloke webinar for those registered for the NWDR Conference only – in process

Mel/Bob -- April 22: 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

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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:

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

Paula: connect with Family Law Section – in process

January: Recruit ExComm member to connect with Solo & Small Firms sections

1:15: Finances & Budget (Courtland)

1:30: Adjourn