

WSBA IP Section  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
01/14/2025

- BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

*Rodney Tullett* (RT) (Past Chair); *Connie Wan* (CW) (Chair); *Syed Abedi* (SA) (VICE CHAIR); *Jim Vana* (Secretary-Treasurer); *Nika Aldrich* (NA); *Elizabeth Breakstone* (EB); *Greg Plichta* (GP).

- A. YOUNG LAWYER LIAISON: Heather Hedeem
- B. SECTION LIAISON: Carolyn MacGregor (CM)
- C. BOG LIAISONS: Alain Villeneuve
- D. WSBA CLE LIAISON: Sally Romero (SR)

- CALL TO ORDER: 4:02 PM  
QUORUM: QUORUM

- REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

Motion: *Connie Wan*

Second: *Syed Abedi*

Vote: all in favor

Abstention:

Nay:

Motion: passes

- THINGS TO BE DECIDED AND WORKED ON

- A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINT: ONE VACANCIES, BOTH AT LARGE 2023 – 1 YEAR

Nominee:

Motion:

Motion made by:

Second:

Vote:

Motion:

Discussion: 2 vacancies; *Syed* discussing with potential candidates. Once elected, can renew for 2 additional years without another vote.

- SCHOLARSHIPS

We have 15K in the budget to give as scholarships for local law schools. The student awardees will be invited to attend the IP Institute.

- University of Washington: \$5000
- Seattle University: \$5000
- Gonzaga University: \$5000

**Discussion:** *Connie* will continue to be liason for SU and UW; looking for Gonzaga liason (*Connie* will take for now)

- A. PRO-BONO PROGRAM UPDATE

**Update:** The program has started. Seattle U is hosting the program. We have five applications. DWT and Perkin Coie Pro Bono Programs.

## B. CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION – JOINT MEETING

**Discussion:** 1 case currently matched with supervisor; 6 more waiting for supervisor match (looking for more supervisors). Current inventor roster includes multiple underrepresented demographics.

## C. CLE UPDATES:

IP Mini CLE (can be panels?)

- i. Chairs: Connie, Elizabeth
- ii. Date:
  - March 27, 2025: noon-1
    - Topic: IP dispute on Amazon
  - June 26, 2025: noon-1
    - Topic: Trademark (TBD)
  - September 25, 2025: noon-1
    - Topic: IP licensing/transaction (TBD)
- iii. Format: Virtual lunchtime CLE

**Discussion:** We decide to offer this CLE events as a series of three mini-CLE event. The CLE will be offered at the last Thursday of each quarter as lunch time mini-CLEs. The CLE will be free to IP section members and will be \$35 for the non-IP section members. Alain can use February timely topics presentation as basis for this presentation in June. Nika will give design patent presentation in June. Sally is working on March 27 CLE.

## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual IP Institute

- i. Chairs: Rodney, Connie, Syed
- ii. Date: April 2025

**Discussion:** Suggest having a reception if a CLE is to be Live only. Alain suggested Charles Wright, a Sr VP at Amazon in charge of counterfeiting, as keynote speaker. Connie proposed having Nika reprise design patent discussion. Elizabeth could cover trademark topic. Event will be

## IP Licensing CLE

- i. Chairs: Jim, Sunah
- ii. Date: Q3, 2025
- iii. Format:

**Discussion:** Jim and Sunah will pick up this topic in the next month.

## CLE Timely Topics '25

- i. Chairs: Connie, Rodney
- ii. Date: Dec. 4, 2024; Jan. 12, 2025; Feb. 15, 2025.
- iii. Format: Remote

**Discussion:** This CLE is now offered as three 2-hr CLE events. Alain is currently working on presentation covering Amazon marketplace (for Feb. 15 date).

## D. Benefit to the section members:

More mini-CLE series? Networking events?

- WSBA LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

A. Any volunteers?

**Discussion:** Elizabeth will serve as liason.

- ADJOURN: 4:46 pm