

WSBA IP Section
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
10/14/2025

- BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Connie Wan (CW) (Past Chair); Syed Abedi (SA) (CHAIR); ~~Jim Vana (Vice Chair); Nika Aldrich (Secretary-Treasurer); Sunah Lee (SL);~~ Elizabeth Breakstone (EB); ~~Greg Plichta (GP);~~ Baha Obeidat (BO); Beth Schubert (BS); Jonathan Barnard (JB)

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

- CALL TO ORDER: 4:00PM
QUORUM: **YES** NO

- REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPT MINUTES

Motion: Connie
Second: Jonathan
Vote: all ayes
Abstention: 0
Nay: 0
Motion: Passed

- THINGS TO BE DECIDED AND WORKED ON
- BYLAW REVISION

Carolyn: definition of “young lawyer” has been changed. IP Section bylaw will revise accordingly. Carolyn will provide the redlined Bylaw in the Nov. meeting for the IP EC to vote on.

- 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: done and the fund disbursed
- Seattle University: done and the fund disbursed
- Gonzaga University: done and the fund disbursed

Discussion: Next year starting in January 2026. The winners should be picked by early April 2026. Connie will reach out to the law schools with Syed.

- A. PRO-BONO PROGRAM UPDATE

Discussion: Seattle U has continued its commitment to the USPTO in 2025 to host the program. We have 27 inventors applied. DWT and Perkin Coie Pro Bono Programs. 12 applications now assigned; volunteers are working with the inventors. We have committed to \$5K support to the SU for the program each year as long as SU hosts the program

- B. JOINT MEETING WITH OTHER SECTIONS: CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION, INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SECTION, INN OF COURT

Discussion: Heather is on the EC for the Inn of Court. Possibly Nov. open. We could consider offering the joint event to IP Section members as a membership benefit. In that case, the Section would cover its share of the cost from the Section budget.

- C. CLE UPDATES:

IP Mini CLE

- i. Chairs: Connie, Elizabeth
- ii. Date:
 - March 27, 2025: noon-1 (done)
 - Topic: IP dispute on Amazon (Part I: Taking down)
 - September 25, 2025: noon-1 (done)
 - Topic: Domain name disputes (Jen, Focal Law)
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- iii. Format: Virtual lunchtime CLE

Discussion: We decide to offer this CLE events as a series of three mini-CLE event. We aim to offer these CLEs 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. WSBA provides minimal supports, and the CLEs need to be organized and hosted by EC members.

28th Annual IP Institute

- i. Chairs: Rodney, Connie, Syed
- ii. Date: April 24, 2025 (Thursday)
- iii. Format: Reception with networking component on April 23, 2025 (Wednesday)

Discussion: DONE.

IP Licensing CLE

- i. Chairs: Jim, Sunah
- ii. Date: Oct. 1, 2025
- iii. Format: Remote only

Discussion: Done.

CLE Timely Topics '25

- i. Chairs: Connie, Rodney
- ii. Date:
 - a. Dec. 4, 2024: done
 - b. Feb. 12, 2025: Done
- iii. Format: Remote

Discussion: Done.

D. Benefit to the section members

- i. mini-CLE series: free to the IP members, \$35 for non-members
- ii. Mentorship Program: Greg, Heather
- iii. Networking events
- iv. The following organizations have some direct mentoring support and/or indirect networking opportunities. It may be useful to check in on those organizations without current direct mentoring support, as opportunities change over time.
 - Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) – IP Section
 - Link: Mentorship Opportunities
 - Washington State Patent Law Association (WSPLA)
 - Link: Washington State Patent Law Association – Mentoring Committee and Form
 - American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
 - Link: Mentoring Committees
 - Washington Inn of Court
 - Link: Mentorship opportunity
 - King County Bar Association (KCBA)
 - No current IP mentoring but other areas

- Chiefs in Intellectual Property (ChIPs)
 - Networking related, not direct mentoring
 - Licensing Executives Society (LES)
 - Networking related, no direct mentoring
 - Intellectual Property Owners (IPO) Association
 - Networking related, no direct mentoring
 - Washington Intellectual Property Alliance
 - Networking related, no direct mentoring
 - Intellectual Property Business Counsel (IPBC)
 - Networking related, no direct mentoring
 - Washington Lawyers for the Arts (WLA)
 - Pro Bono related
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- **Discussion:**
 - WSBA LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
 - A. Chair: Elizabeth Breakstone
 - Discussion:** no new items.

 - ADJOURN: 4:33pm