

WSBA IP Section  
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda  
12/9/2025

- 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); Baha Obeidat (BO);~~ Beth Schubert (BS); Jonathan Barnard (JB)

- 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: 4:12 PM

QUORUM: YES NO

- REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

Motion: Jim

Second: Connie

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.

Motion: Connie

Second: Jonathan

Vote: all ayes

Abstention: 0

Nay:0

Motion: passed

- 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. 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.

Suggestion: Add an agenda item to next meeting to discuss joint meeting logistics and timing.

C. CLE UPDATES:

IP Mini CLE

- i. Chairs: Said, 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.

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

- i. Chairs: Rodney, Connie, Syed
- ii. Date: April 24, 2026
- iii. Format: Reception with networking component on April 23, 2025 (Wednesday)

**Discussion:** DONE.

IP Licensing CLE

- i. Chairs: Jim, Jonathan
- ii. Date: TBD (Fall 2026)
- iii. Format: Remote only

**Discussion:** Done.

CLE Timely Topics '25

- i. Chairs: Connie, \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. Date:
  - a. TBD
- 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
- **Discussion:**
    - WSBA LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
      - A. Chair: Elizabeth Breakstone**Discussion:** no new items.
  - ADJOURN: 4:38pm