



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## **Taxation Section**

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – December 17, 2021**

Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic

### **December 17, 2021: Meeting of the WSBA Tax Section**

#### **Persons in Attendance by Zoom or Telephone:**

1. Claire Taylor -- Chair
2. Kristi L. Richards – Vice Chair
3. Megan Tahl- Secretary
4. Cat Connell – Treasurer
5. Darek Jarski
6. Will Richard
7. Dan French
8. Jennifer Gellner
9. Carolyn MacGregor
10. Brett Durbin
11. Ellen Tung
12. Daniel Sito
13. Bob Mahon
14. Dan Jensen
15. William Richard
16. Rich Johnson
17. Tuan Ngo
18. Al Mullins
19. Aaron Johnson
20. Jason Harn

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- 8:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order
  - A motion to approve the prior meeting minutes was made, seconded, and passed.

#### **Treasurer’s Report (Cat Connell)**

- We have received additional account statements from Carolyn McGregor.
- The Section maintains a decent fund balance; working on spend down with reduced fees, need additional spending.
- The projected fund balance is significant – around \$17,000 even if spend everything intended to spend this year.
- There are funds available if you want to have CLE’s events.
- Best option for requesting/using funds (preapproval or request reimbursement?):



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- Carolyn MacGregor
- Can go through WSBA and have the amount paid via direct pay
- If prefer reimbursement, encourage pre-approval requests (at least verbal for per diem reasonableness range)
- Contracts (hotel/restaurant) require WSBA review and approval first.

### New Items Discussion:

- Potential in person event
  - Breakfast (young lawyers done in past) & speaker
    - Concern about non-Seattle attorneys
    - Held at a restaurant that would be able to accommodate Covid restrictions
  - Zoom CLEs but networking component after
  - Mail people a kit for cooking lesson to make something (BECU example)
    - Downside is it's hard to network and not as interactive
  - Town Hall Event where each committee gives a state of the section report.
    - Lane Powell may be able to host the event in their open event space.
    - An afternoon event would present the easiest time frame
    - Late February or early March. (When are the school breaks?)
      - March 10<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date

### Individual Committee Reports

#### Estate & Gift Tax (Cat Connell & Reed Jones)

- Recent committee event with CLE credit and strong attendance by members

#### International Tax (Tuan Ngo & Al Mullins)

- No updates

#### Transactional Tax (Dan Sito)

- No updates
- The committee is slowing down for end of the year.

#### IRS Liaison (William Richard)

- No updates



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### DOR Liaison (Dan Jensen)

- No updates

### Legislative (Brett Durbin)

- DOR is making general changes to the capital gain tax legislation.
- There are a number of other tax bills in consideration but nothing significant.

### Communications & Website (Rich Johnson)

- DEI Mission statement needs to be put on the website.

### Young Lawyers (Megan Lowe)

- No updates

### Outreach/Scholarship (Eric Reutter)

- No updates

### Pro Bono Committee (Jennifer Gellner)

- Jennifer needs a volunteer for Tax Court, however, she will attend there is no volunteer.

### State & Local Tax (SALT) (Aaron Johnson)

- No updates

### CLE (Jason Harn & Sofia Meglioli)

- There is a meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> which will be a mini CLE
- The committee is working with Professor Hatfield at UW regarding a mini CLE
- There is potential for a half day CLE, however, the group is unsure on timing.
  - Early or mid-June would be a good time to have this event.
  - The event should cover a range of practice areas.
  - Having a Zoom meeting would be the easiest course of action and could include an in-person option
- There will be an event scheduled every couple months, however, we cannot commit to meetings every month.

### DEI (Sienna Boyd & Ellen Tung)

- No updates

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 AM**