

OATH REVIEW AND DRAFTING TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2026

The meeting was held in person and remotely via Zoom.

Members present were Rajeev Majumdar (Chair), Angela Balconi, Hunter Abell, Kyle Sciuchetti, Hon. James Smith, Courtney Hudak, Monte Mills, and Roger Wynne. Also present were Matthew Dresden (WSBA Board of Governors liaison), Steve Crossland (Chair of the Limited License Legal Technician Board), Robert Gottfried (WSBA member), Doug Ende (WSBA Chief Disciplinary Counsel), and Rachel Agent (WSBA Disciplinary Program and Systems Manager).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

1. Agenda Overview and Reading and Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2026 Meeting

The minutes of the March 23, 2026 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

2. Report: Meeting Materials

Chief Disciplinary Counsel Ende reported on the meeting materials, which included three article citations provided by Task Force members Judge James Smith and Kyle Sciuchetti, as well as the agenda for the 2026 ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility, which features a program focused on the oath of attorney

3. Guest Speaker: Robert Gottfried

Robert Gottfried, discussed the impetus for writing "[The Anatomy of Our Oath to Support the US Constitution](#)," which was designed for law students during Robert's employment at the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility.

4. Report on Interim Presentation to Board of Governors (BOG)

Last month, Chair Majumdar provided an interim report at the BOG meeting with an update on the Task Force's work.

By unanimous consent, the Task Force approved the Chair's proposal to request that the BOG approve an extension beyond the October 31, 2026 Charter deadline for completion of work.

5. Report and Discussion: Data Analyst Survey Results on the attorney and LLLT oath surveys

Chair Majumdar presented the data analysis report on the results of the surveys. Of note, the newer lawyer audience was statistically underrepresented in the survey and a majority of out of state practitioners supported not changing the oath.

6. Reports from Subcommittees

The subcommittees referenced their written materials and discussed their work over the past month.

7. Discussion of Next Steps

The Chair, along with the WSBA staff liaisons, will prepare a preliminary draft of revisions to the lawyer oath reflecting the subcommittees' recommendations.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.