



GENDER AND JUSTICE COMMISSION (GJCOM)
TEMPLE OF JUSTICE – CHIEF’S RECEPTION ROOM
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON
FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016 (9:30 AM – 11:45 AM)

MEETING NOTES

Present: Chief Justice Barbara A. Madsen, Chair; Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Vice-Chair; Ms. Kelley Amburgey-Richardson, Ms. Emily Cordo, Judge Michael Evans, Ms. Grace Huang, Judge Richard Melnick, Judge Marilyn Paja, Judge Mark Pouley, Dr. Dana Raigrodski, Ms. Sonia M. Rodriguez True, Ms. Leslie Savina, Ms. Gail Stone, Mr. David Ward,
AOC Staff: Ms. Pam Dittman, Ms. Nichole Kloepfer
Excused: Ms. Rita Bender, Judge Anita Crawford-Willis, Ms. Josie Delvin, Ms. Gail Hammer, Judge Judy Jasprica, Ms. Trish Kinlow, Judge Eric Lucas, Ms. Vicky Vreeland
Guests: Ms. Clare Fitzpatrick, Ms. Emily Hendrick, Mr. Tamaso Johnson, Ms. Samantha Pearlman, Judge Theresa Pouley, Ret.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 AM.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Report

- January 8, 2016 Meeting Notes
The January 8, 2016 meeting notes **need to be approved.**

- Quick Recap of Meeting and Reception
Pam provided a quick rundown of the schedule for the meeting, including the need to break by 11:45 so the room can be turned over for the Reception.

- Recognition of Scholarship Events (January 21 & 22)
Chief Justice Madsen recognized the continued partnerships and collaboration between the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) and the Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ) in securing two scholarships to award to 2L and/or 3L female law students who exhibit leadership, an interest in gender issues and improving our legal system.

In conjunction with kick-off events for the 2016 NAWJ National Conference being held in Seattle from October 5-9, we were able to award two Gonzaga students scholarships at the events. Ms. Angela Jones was awarded the NAWJ scholarship and Ms. Stephanie

Faust was awarded the WSAJ scholarship. A more complete write-up was contained in the meeting packet.

- Conference of Chief Justices

Chief Justice Madsen is the Chair of Tribal Court Committee for the Conference for Chief Justices. During a recent meeting, the Committee was able to have an update from several states on the work being done within their consortiums and/or courts. We were able to include an update provided by Cindy Bricker, AOC and Pam Dittman, AOC on what is happening with Washington's Tribal State Court Consortium. Several members of the committee left enthused about where they can assist with convening TSCC's in their state.

The Conference of Chief Justices also passed a resolution supporting the efforts of the limited legal license technician (LLLT) program, which was also supported and approved by the ABA House of Delegates. The resolution urged the adoption of formulating regulatory objectives in each state and developing a framework for legal providers.

- BJA Legislative Committee Agenda

The Board for Judicial Administration (BJA) has been reorganizing. They have implemented a way to be apprised of impending legislation. To explain more of this new process, former AOC Legislative Director, Mellani McAleenan will be a guest presenter at the July 8, 2016 Commission meeting.

Vice Chair Report

- Juvenile Justice Stakeholders Meeting

Justice Gordon McCloud has been involved with the work of the Juvenile Defense Improvement Group. A specific effort is to develop a strategic plan for improving access to a quality juvenile defense. The plan will be submitted this summer in hopes of obtaining a three year grant from the federal government to fund implementation of the plan and evaluating outcomes. Sustaining the work, if proven effective, will be the focus of a further conversation.

Justice Gordon McCloud shared with Justice Bridge that the Commission membership is interested in assisting with and/or participating in this effort where needed.

Staff Report

Staff have secured guest speakers for May and July meetings. The agenda indicates who and meeting.

Committee Reports

- Communications

The annual report has been started. It is anticipated a draft report will be completed by the May Commission meeting. Members discussed building a distribution list. In the past, the electronic version has been placed on the G&J website, on Inside Courts, and distributed to a myriad of AOC listservs such as all judicial officers, court staff, Commissions, etc., and distributed to the legislature.

Members should submit to Pam other listservs of persons of interest the report should be distributed too. The list can grow as needed. And, members are welcome to distribute also.

- Domestic Violence

The Committee has a conference call scheduled.

- Education, Judge Melnick

- Joint Education Workgroup – This is a newer ad hoc workgroup that is comprised of members from both the Gender & Justice and Minority & Justice Commissions. The intent of the group is to help identify and develop short and long-term educational needs and how the Commissions can contribute and be more proactive in our approach to session submittals, while looking at long-term and emerging needs also. The first conference call is scheduled.
- Appellate Conference (April) – *The Supreme Court and Same Sex Marriage, Religious Liberty, and Free Speech: The Road from Where We Have Been to Where We Are Going* with Professors Stephen Kanter and Jim Oleske, Lewis & Clark Law School Across the country, legislatures and courts are wrestling with conflicting claims of gay rights, religious liberty, and free speech. The focal point concerns individuals and organizations who refuse to provide certain services or benefits to same-sex couples, and this session will explore the various legal issues implicated by such refusals.
- SCJA Conference (April) – The Commission is sponsoring two sessions.
 - *Children of Incarcerated Parents, Keeping Families Connected* will be discussing the unique barriers incarcerated parents face in both dependency and family law proceedings. Panelists include Commissioner Jennie Laird, King County Superior Court; Elizabeth Hendren, Northwest Justice Project; Kimberly Mays, formerly incarcerated parent; and Belinda Stewart, DOC.
 - *State and Tribal Courts* will be moderated by Judge Raquel Montoya-Lewis and included panelists Chief Justice Anita Dupris and Presiding Judge Jane Smith

- Courthouse Facilitator Training (May) – AOC staff are collaborating on a one-day workshop for courthouse facilitators that address areas where domestic violence intersects with their clientele.
- DMCJA Conference (June) Plenary Session – Faculty have been identified and an initial draft agenda has been submitted to faculty for revisions.
- Fall Conference (September) – Same Sex Marriage and a possible tribal session

- Equality in the Profession
Gender Bias Study – Justice Gordon McCloud, Judge Anita Crawford-Willis, Dr. Dana Raigrodski, Vicky Vreeland, Leslie Savina, Emily Cordo, and Joy Williams expressed in interest in this project. Staff will work on scheduling conference call.

- Incarcerated Women and Girls, Gail Stone
This committee has been meeting and have been building off the work Elizabeth Hendren has already begun and also isolating topics and ideas from the stakeholders’ meeting that can be addressed.

- Legislative, Grace Huang
Grace indicated there have been several bills of interest this session. It will be interesting to see which bills are passed out of committee by tonight’s cutoff date.
 - Transgendered issues on public accommodation – there has been a huge explosion of anti-transgender bills. All failed, but could become a ballot initiative
 - Stacking of domestic violence misdemeanors to be a felony
 - Eliminating mandatory DV arrest for youth when not intimate partner but other family issues that would best be resolved in a different way
 - Firearm access issues-mechanisms regarding relinquishment of firearms and implementation challenges of firearms surrender
 - Sexual assault protection orders and allowing same considerations as DVPOs receive, such as setting standards for firearms surrender and permanent orders
 - Sexual assault kits
 - Certificates of Restoration Opportunity (CROP) - allow courts to issue certificates to say that offender’s “debt to society” paid off

- Sexual Violence, Kelley Amburgey-Richardson and Emily Cordo
This workgroup is scheduling and holding quarterly conference calls to discuss items that were identified at the December, 2015 Stakeholders meeting such as new chapters to the Sexual Offense Bench Guide and future educational opportunities

- Tribal State Court Consortium, Judge Mark Pouley
Judge Pouley discussed the Resolution adopted by the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) regarding the Tribal State Court Consortium. Justice Gordon McCloud,

Judge Pouley, and Judge Cindy Smith were able to present at the ATNI meeting on the work of the TSCC and the continued collaborative efforts taking place in Washington, while recognizing that more work is needed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45.