



Gender and Justice Commission (GJCOM)
SeaTac Office
18000 International Blvd
Friday, November 3, 2017 (8:45 AM – 12:00 PM)

MEETING NOTES

Present: Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Judge Anita Crawford-Willis, Josie Delvin, Patty Eakes, Grace Huang, Trish Kinlow, Heather McKimmie, Judge Rich Melnick, Riddhi Mukhopadhyay, Judge Marilyn Paja, Dr. Dana Raigrodski, Leslie Savina, Judge Cindy K. Smith, Gail Stone, Vicky Vreeland, Cassidy Wisley-Paul

Via Phone: Judge Eric Lucas, Jennifer Ritchie

AOC Staff: Nichole Kloepfer, Kelley Amburgey-Richardson, Cynthia Delostrinos

Not Present: Gail Hammer, Justice Susan Owens, Judge Michael Evans, Sonia Rodriguez True, Sal Mungia, Kathy Bradley

CALL TO ORDER

September 11th Meeting Notes

Minutes approved and passed unanimously as presented.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Justice Gordon McCloud welcomed the four new members:
 - Judge Anita Crawford-Willis
 - Ms. Riddhi Mukhopadhyay
 - Ms. Heather McKimmie
 - Ms. Patty Eakes
- She invited everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves and share their areas of expertise and role on the Commission.
- This meeting will be unusual in that instead of conducting specific business, each committee chair will share about their committee's work. This will help the new members choose a committee to join and get to know GJCOM.

COMMITTEE AND PROJECT UPDATES

- Reports from Liaisons
 - This is a new regular agenda item.
 - Washington Women Lawyers - Ms. Jennifer Ritchie
 - WWL posted the GJCOM Annual Report and other shared resources on their page.
 - Yearly Spokane event was well received. GJCOM would like to know more about WWL events to attend or sponsor.
 - Ms. Ritchie will send to Ms. Amburgey-Richardson for distribution.
 - Access to Justice Board – Mr. Sal Mungia

- Mr. Mungia was just appointed and wasn't able to attend the meeting. In the future, he will provide a written report if possible.

ACTION: Liaisons should send information about any upcoming events to Kelley Amburgey-Richardson for distribution. GJCOM members are encouraged to attend these events.

- Tribal State Court Consortium
 - Judge Cindy K. Smith provided an overview of the TSCC Committee.
 - There is a general planning committee and two work groups, which grew out of the recent Regional Meeting.
 - One work group is looking at creating a court rule so state and tribal judges can talk to each other.
 - The second is looking at the state and tribal child welfare systems and services available.
 - TSCC Annual Meeting
 - This meeting took place during Fall Conference.
 - The TSCC screened the film, Tribal Justice, held a discussion, and talked about upcoming TSCC projects. The film centered on restorative justice practices.
 - The committee is looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested please contact Kelley or Judge Smith.
- Incarcerated Women and Girls Committee
 - Gail Stone provided an overview of the work of the IWG Committee.
 - Court Access Convening
 - A number of action items were identified by the 5 workgroups at this meeting, including telephone access and access to legal services and case information. This work is ongoing.
- Communications Committee
 - Judge Marilyn Paja provided an overview of the work of the Communications Committee.
 - The Committee is looking for new members. Dana Raigrodski and Trish Kinlow volunteered.
 - GJCOM Women's History Month Event
 - The GJCOM March meeting is usually held at the Temple of Justice, followed by a reception to celebrate Women's History Month with interested parties such as legislators.
 - In past years, attendance has been low from legislators due to session.
 - GJCOM needs to decide how to proceed this year & select a group interested in working on this event.
 - Any volunteers?
 - Vicki Vreeland volunteered to help with Women's History month event.
 - Social Media
 - There has been a suggestion to start a GJCOM Facebook page. MJCOM has one.

- Judge Paja expressed that it would be necessary to have committee members interested in actively working on the page.
- Kelley Amburgey-Richardson provided an overview of options, and facilitated a brief discussion about the utility of a Facebook page.
 - Issues raised:
 - Photo permissions
 - Security – is it possible to limit who can post to the page?
 - Survivors of DV, SA may post frequently on pages that address these issues. This may be an issue since GJCOM is not a direct service entity that can respond to support requests or legal questions.
 - Public records issues
 - Time consuming
 - Alternatives:
 - GJCOM could send information about GJCOM events and photos to WA Courts Facebook page to be posted.
 - Add additional information to the GJCOM website, including photos
- The committee will meet to discuss this further.

ACTION: The Committee will meet to discuss potential implementation of social media and the Women’s History Month event.

- Education Committee
 - Judge Melnick provided an overview of the work of the Education Committee.
 - Fall Conference Report
 - GJCOM sponsored two sessions: DV & Children and Transgender Parties. Both were well-received. We are waiting on evaluations.
 - Dean Edleson and Professor Suddha Shetty provided an additional training - Hague Convention & DV CLE for the Clark County Bar. There was good attendance and the subject matter was very engaging.
 - Judicial College – DV Session & Webinar
 - Planning call for this session took place on Nov. 2nd. Session is on track.
 - Since there is so much content to deliver in a 3-hour session, a follow-up webinar is being considered. A potential presenter has been contacted.
 - Appellate Conference Session
 - This is a joint program with MJCOM on Collateral Consequences – specifically LFOs and Reentry Issues.
 - Honorariums will be provided to a panel of formerly incarcerated people.
 - SCJA Conference Proposals Accepted
 - Two proposals were accepted
 - Immigration Enforcement at the Courthouse (joint proposal from all 3 Commissions, selected as plenary)
 - Chief Justice Fairhurst may be interested in being involved
 - Court Access for Incarcerated Parents (selected as choice session)

- DMCJA Proposed Sessions
 - GJCOM proposed 2 sessions:
 - Immigration Enforcement at the Courthouse session (joint proposal)
 - Technology Misuse in DV Cases, Part 2 (follow-up from last year's very well-received session).
- Miscellaneous
 - The joint Commissions education committee is meeting regularly. The next meeting is on the 15th.
 - Neurobiology of trauma videos for GJCOM website
 - Kelley Amburgey-Richardson is looking into options for this. Is in contact with an expert psychologist who may be interested in recording the videos.
 - Dr. Raigrodski suggested a YouTube channel for GJCOM.
 - Dr. Raigrodski suggested to the subject matter experts in the room that they could record their trainings or presentations for GJCOM.
 - Commission members recognized Judge Melnick for his work in leading this committee and making it active and thriving.
- Gender Bias Study
 - Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud provided an overview of the work of the Gender Bias Study committee.
 - Funding Update
 - National Center for State Courts (NCSC) advised that the State Justice Institute (SJI) would not fund both a planning grant and a larger project grant.
 - GJCOM will go for the larger grant. This would be for two years, and the ballpark estimate to conduct the study is \$300,000 - \$500,000. In addition to SJI, private foundations will be considered.
 - NCSC is offering their technical assistance for 2 days in WA to help us develop survey instruments, identify other methods of data collection for each topic, and prepare to write a large project grant, due in February.
 - Staff are working with Justice Gordon McCloud on a proposal for the researchers, and then committee input will be sought. The committee will convene before the researchers come.
 - Dr. Raigrodski suggested that there would still be utility in the workgroup meeting now to discuss outreach to stakeholders.

ACTION: The committee will meet to discuss next steps with the researcher visit and concurrent committee work.

- Judicial Officer & Law Student Reception
 - Vicky Vreeland provided a report about the event.
 - It was a full house, great statistical information provided by Dean of Law School regarding women in law.
 - Justice Gordon McCloud gave energizing opening remarks.
 - Scholarship Recipients

- Rebecca Sweeney, 2L, received a scholarship from NAWJ
- Ava Sanchez, 2L, received a scholarship from WSAJ
- An ad hoc committee plans this event each year.
- Expanding the scholarship program
 - NAWJ and WSAJ have discussed increasing the scholarship awards
 - It was also suggested that GJCOM look at other organizations that may want to sponsor a scholarship, such as WWL, MAMAs.

ACTION: This committee will connect with Jennifer Ritchie about the potential for a WWL scholarship.

- Domestic & Sexual Violence Committee
 - Judge Paja provided an overview of the committee's work, and its new expanded focus.
 - Domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, workplace harassment
 - The committee will look to identify leads on each topic it decides to include, so none are overlooked.
 - The committee has not selected a new name yet.
 - Suggestions made included: gender based violence, interpersonal violence, domestic and sexual violence.
 - Need for Committee Chair
 - Judge Paja is temporarily chairing this committee because there is a current need for the committee to meet (Request for GJCOM feedback on DV treatment WACs).
 - A chair or co-chairs are needed. If anyone is interested in being a Chair or subject matter lead, they should tell Kelley or Judge Paja.
 - Domestic Violence Projects
 - Committee meeting on proposed WAC revision re: DV treatment
 - Committee met via phone on Oct 27th.
 - Heard from Amie Roberts, DSHS on draft WACs.
 - Will discuss in more depth at in-person meeting in December.
 - TBD: Firearms surrender best practices regional training.
 - Judge Paja would like the committee to discuss this project.
 - What is currently needed? What format? Who would the faculty be?
 - She has been involved in a pilot in Kitsap that may be helpful, revising bench cards, working with a national group.
 - In-person meeting Dec. 15th, 9a.m. – 12p.m. at SeaTac Office.
 - This meeting is for any GJCOM members or committee members who are interested in working on these issues.
 - Committee hopes to identify chair(s), get ready for the upcoming STOP grant projects related to DV, SV, etc.

ACTION: Anyone who is interested in a Chair or subject matter lead role on this committee should contact Kelley Amburgey-Richardson or Judge Paja.

- Legal Financial Obligations

Trish Kinlow, Tukwila Municipal Court Administrator presented on King County's NEW Unified Payment Program (UP).

- Beginning October 1, 2017, individuals with traffic-related fines in multiple jurisdictions in King County will have an easier and less expensive way to pay court-mandated fines through the new UP Program. This program also lifts the hold on a person's drivers; license before the fines are paid in full.
 - Using the documentation provided by the court, the customer will submit an online application to participate in UP.
 - The payment agency works with individuals to determine a realistic payment plan, as low as \$25.00 per month, which includes a \$7.00 fee.
 - Once the payment agency receives the first installment, participating courts will be notified and they will notify the Washington State Department of Licensing that the hold can be removed from the person's driver's license.
 - At this time, UP is only available in King County, but Pierce County expressed interest in the program.
 - In King County 172 cases signed up for the program.
- HB 1163 DV Workgroups
 - A report and supplemental materials are attached to the packet.
 - Judge Paja & Judge Lucas reported on the first meeting of the workgroups and their progress with this project.
 - Laura Jones is the contract staff person on this project.
 - First meeting was October 4th. The next in-person meeting is December 12th. Each workgroup will meet via phone in-between in-person meetings.
 - Written report is due next June to the legislature.

CHAIR AND STAFF REPORTS

- Chair Report
 - Justice Gordon McCloud provided a few membership updates:
 - Rita Bender has resigned from the Commission to focus on her class action case out of state. The Nominations Committee is finalizing a selection for her replacement from the previous pool of candidates.
 - Sal Mungia has been appointed the new ATJ Liaison. He is not able to attend this meeting, but will attend future meetings.
 - Committees
 - Justice Gordon McCloud asked each member to review their committee membership (attached to packet) and make sure it's accurate.
 - New members should tell Kelley which committee(s) they would like to join and she will add them to email lists.
 - International Delegation Visit
 - Approximately 25 women attorneys, judges, and advocates from around the world working on issues of women & justice joined GJCOM members, Supreme Court members and staff on October 10th at TOJ to discuss GJCOM's work and issues in-common.

- GJCOM hopes to have this opportunity again, and to learn more from the delegates.

ACTION: New members should look at all of the committees and decide which one(s) to join. They should let Kelley Amburgey-Richardson know so they can be added to the appropriate committee distribution lists.

- Vice Chair Report
 - Judge Paja recently attended the NAWJ Conference in Atlanta. A written report is included in the packet.
 - There were a number of interesting education programs, which she has provided information about to the Ed. Committee.
- Staff Report
 - Kelley Amburgey-Richardson pointed out the GJCOM budgets in the packet. Anyone who has budget questions should feel free to reach out.
 - Cynthia Delostrinos provided an update on the PO forms translations and showed where to access them on the AOC website.
 - Members were excited about this step toward accessibility.
 - A next step may be to record audio of the forms for those who have limited reading ability.
 - One concern raised was how these forms would be filed with the court, if the petitioner writes in their language rather than English.
 - This could be an educational opportunity.

ACTION: Ms. Delostrinos will contact the Interpreter Commission to talk about a process for how translated PO forms will be filed with the court. This could be included in the agenda of the Joint Commissions Education meeting.