



**Gender and Justice Commission**  
**September 1st, 2023**  
**9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Zoom Videoconference**



**MEETING NOTES**

**Members & Liaisons Present**

Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud  
Judge Rebecca Glasgow  
Allison Tjemsland  
Barbara Serrano  
Carly Quast  
Dua Abudiab  
Elizabeth Hendren  
Irene Motles  
Javier Ortiz  
Commissioner Jonathon Lack  
Judge Bonnie Glenn  
Judge Michael Finkle  
Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown  
Karla Carlisle  
Katy Daley  
Laura Edmonston  
Lynn Daggett  
Rachel Sottile  
Renee Larson  
Terry Price  
Victoria Blumhorst  
Quinn Dalan  
Judge Cindy Smith

**AOC Staff**

Kelley Amburgey-Richardson  
Crissy Anderson  
Avery Miller  
Laura Jones  
Frank Thomas

**Members & Liaisons Absent**

Lillian Hawkins  
Shannon Kilpatrick  
Dana Raigrodski  
Dave Reynolds  
Jennifer Ritchie

**Guests**

Judge Andre Peñalver  
Zyreena Choudhry  
Peter Collins, Ph.D  
Latricia Kinlow  
Judge Anita Crawford-Willis  
Annalise Martucci

## **WELCOME AND INITIAL BUSINESS**

- Justice Gordon McCloud welcomes the Commission to the September meeting, apologies for late-minute change to Zoom, and outlines our five umbrella goals from the 2021 Gender and Justice Study.
  - Data Collection
  - Access to the Courts
  - Mass Incarceration
  - LFOs
  - Judicial/ Legal Education
- Members of the Commission welcome and introductions.
- May Minutes were approved.

## **COMMITTEE AND PROJECT UPDATES**

### **Communications Committee, Laura Edmonston**

- Compiles the monthly news report of studies, articles or other news regarding gender and justice. She has been considering working on something more frequent than monthly and seeing what kind of ideas to put together for increased communication and gain a platform to collaborate on projects.

### **Incarceration Committee, Elizabeth Hendren**

- Update in the meeting materials regarding the implementation work done with DOC, regarding changes in gender responsive programming, parent/child relationships and rights and access to the courts/ representation, visitation, LFOs, etc. DOC has seen a lot of turnover in recent years, especially pilot projects happening in the women's prisons, so meeting regularly with doc on gender issues. They recently put out a GIPA report, which overlaps with many of our own recommendations. Working on legal access issues regarding new phone system to be able to talk to their attorneys and getting legal information onto the new tablet system. Pre-COVID the Committee went into Mission Creek to do a legacy conference for women about to be released, organized by incarcerated women, judges would come in to lead a workshop, discuss how meaningful it was to have interactions with judge. The committee is trying to get it started again, but has proved challenging with the COVID staffing issues. Hoping by next year to be back to a fuller event. Elizabeth will send out information regarding a presentation from outside consultant on the GIPA, and a tour of Mission Creek on September 15<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

### **Domestic and Sexual Violence Committee, Quinn Dalan**

- The Committee has been working on Bench Guide updates for the Domestic and Sexual violence chapters. Commissioner Farmer has been hosting Civil Protection Order Forums, to allow Judicial officers to share information. They have been working on compiling a DV resource library. Additionally, there was a survey sent out on protection order dockets to every county and compiling the data, looking at how different counties are enforcing firearm surrender for example, and since WA is a non-unified court system, every court is different and can approach these issues differently. The process is different in each county as well, so filing is different in different counties.
  - Laura updates on the Crime Victim Services Workgroup in the budget bill last session, which is beginning to ramp up. Currently reaching out to stakeholders, the workgroup will be chaired by Judge Jacqueline High-Edward. Avery and Laura will staff and look at need for evidence-based training and developing a plan to standardize access to community based assistance for victims of gender based crimes.

### **Implementation Committee, Barbara Serrano**

- The Committee is working on implementing the recommendations from the 2021 Gender and Justice Study. One of the major recommendations was lack of accurate and complete data collection on what's happening with women in the courts and the legal profession. The Caseload Forecast Council is supposed to be collecting data on demographics in sentencing in felony. The 2021 study found a number of issues with the methodology of this data and the committee has been working with staff members from the CFC. Concurrently, the Committee has asked BJA whether they would agree to move forward with legislation to potentially fix the problem. Also discussing caregiving as a mitigating factor in sentencing and doing away with residential time summary reports in favor of a case sample review. Wanted to raise consideration in Civil and Family Law Committee. The Jury Diversity Bill also included a childcare workgroup, which GJC will be involved with. Another suggestion within the Commission to create a standing committee on data. May end up morphing the GJC Data Subgroup.
  - Commissioner Lack would be happy to serve on a family law committee
  - Javier Ortiz would also volunteer for that committee.
  - Rachel Sottile discusses willingness for CCJY to partner on recommendations from Ch 9 and 10 of the study.

### **Tribal State Consortium Report, Cindy Smith**

- TSCC put on a panel of tribal judges for NCREFC, moderated by Judge Lori K Smith and had judges from different parts of the state.
- Hosted the first regional meeting in Suquamish in June, coming out from the pandemic and had a presentation from WSP who is the tribal liaison with MMIWP.
- Thanks Laura Jones for the Ch 13 DV Bench Guide in Tribal Courts.
- The TSCC is preparing for our annual meeting at the Fall Conference.

### **Legislative Committee, Justice Gordon McCloud**

- Defers to Barbara Serrano on most of their activities.

### **Education Committee, Judge Glasgow**

- Focused on anti-bias and anti-harassment training, working with WSCCR to do a literature review to determine most effective practices in training.
- Additionally, working on training on crafting orders for visitation between incarcerated parents/ children.
- Training on tools to help judicial officers to avoid secondary trauma.

### **Law student Liaison updates**

- Gonzaga, Carly Quast
  - Gonzaga Women's Law Caucus has held a Board of Directors meeting, no general meeting yet. Upcoming club fair with recruitment and then general membership meeting, leadership is working on interconnecting with other clubs on campus. For example, reaching out to Minority/ Diversity clubs to pursue intersectional events. Looking to be more active club on campus, have connected with a few people about presentations, providing information, connections and networking opportunities for students.
- Lewis and Clark, Katelyn Sundstrom
  - First Board of Directors meeting on Monday, no update yet. Working on networking event OWLS—Oregon Women Lawyers, sometime in October.
- Seattle University, Renee Larson
  - Executive Board for Women's Law Caucus at Seattle University has met biweekly all summer to get aligned, wrote new charter, bylaws.
  - Currently, focused on membership and networking, membership was previously open for short period of time, now leaving membership open indefinitely and bringing dues down to 5\$. They will fundraise to fund scholarships in the spring.
  - Welcomed 1Ls last week and gained 26 members.

### **Other Liaison Updates**

- Terry Price, Access to Justice Board: General announcement regarding funding of these programs. Jim Bamberger, Director of OCLA, has announced his retirement, so they are searching for next Director of OCLA.
- Rachel Sottile, CCYJ: seeking to support GJC Implementation Committee especially on work around commercially sexually exploited minors and incarcerated women and girls. Lead partner in Debt Free Coalition, partnered with Berkeley advocacy, working to eliminate youth legal financial obligations.

- Crissy Anderson gives an update for WSCCR for Dr. Gertseva who can't be here today. She has been working with the Commission to contract with a researcher on effectiveness of anti-bias and anti-harassment trainings.
- Dua Abudiab gives an update on upcoming WWL annual event.
- Judge Bonnie Glenn presents on Racial Justice Consortium Action Plan and updates on the recent NCREFC conference. Also discusses youth programming at Echo Glenn and other shared interests with MJC and Access to Justice issues for those who are incarcerated.

**Statewide Jury Summons Demographic Survey Project, Frank Thomas and Peter Collins, PhD, Seattle University School for Criminal Justice**

- Started with paper survey results in 2016 and since then been working to update and expand and learn about the system. The newest iteration is in ESSB 5092 Section 115, Section 3, mandates AOC provide a method for courts to collect electronic information. Primary question is if summoned jurors are representative of the counties they're summoned from.
- Section 1: Basic Methodology
  - Met with each of the courts seeking to collect this data, asked questions about their abilities to collect data. Ongoing data collection ever since. Various courts have jumped in at different time. Over a half-million surveys collected. Demographic variables: Age, employment, income, education, ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation. Data only includes those who responded to the summons and opted in to the survey.
  - Findings: Black, American Indian, Alaskan Native survey respondents are underrepresented among those reporting to jury summons. On average, jurors have annual levels of income and education higher than average. As income categories increase, the proportion of white survey respondents increase. This iteration of the survey expands on previous ways: it's vastly more robust with nearly a quarter million responses and also in how it explores the attendant socioeconomic challenges to the likelihood of responding to jury summons.
  - 64% of respondents reported a barrier or hardship to participating in jury service. Work and dependent care were the most commonly selected categories and women were substantially more likely to report dependent care needs.
- Section II:
  - The study was able to look in more detail at 4 stages in pierce county, from online check in, reporting to courthouse, voir dire through to assigned to case as sworn juror. Black respondents are underrepresented at every stage, but were more represented at stage 4 than at stage 1.
  - Policy recommendations: continue studying demographics, study demographics of those who don't respond to summons, empirically test the master list of sources as representative of population, pilot increased juror pay, establish mechanism for court communication, fund data gathering on jury selection from summons to seating.
    - Terry Price offers recommendations on sending out jury summons in other languages.

## ADJOURNMENT

For the upcoming Gender and Justice Meeting, the time conflicts with the SeaTac location on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will have to be shifted to either the week before or before that, (27<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup>).