



**Washington State Minority and Justice Commission
(WSMJC)**
Monday, February 27, 2017
8:45 am – 12:45 pm
AOC SeaTac Office
Seattle, WA
Teleconference: 1-877-820-7831
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MEETING NOTES

Commission Members Present

Justice Charles Johnson, Co-Chair
Justice Mary Yu, Co-Chair
Justice Debra Stephens
Prof. Lori Bannai
Ms. Anne Benson
Ms. Diana Bob
Prof. Robert Boruchowitz
Ms. Lisa Castilleja
Mr. Steve Clem
Judge Linda Coburn
Sgt. Adrian Diaz
Mr. Mike Diaz
Judge Lisa Dickinson
Judge Theresa Doyle
Judge Bonnie Glenn
Ms. Anne Lee
Ms. Kim Morrison
Ms. Karen Murray
Ms. P. Diane Schneider
Judge Lori Smith
Judge Dennis Yule, Ret.

AOC Staff Present

Ms. Kathy Bradley
Ms. Carolyn Cole
Ms. Cynthia Delostrinos
Ms. Nichole Kloepfer

Guests

Mr. Abdullahi Jama
Ms. Minty Longearth
Ms. Rosalba Pitkin
Ms. Jasmin Samy

Student Liaisons Present

Ms. Lia Baligod
Mr. Peter Alexander Gale
Ms. Jodilyn Gilleland
Ms. Katherine Sanburn

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m.

The meeting minutes from the December 2, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

The Commission welcomed the following guests:

- **Abdullahi Jama** – Mr. Jama is an independent consultant in Seattle working to provide support for immigrant communities. He previously served as the Community Development

Specialist with the Safe Community Initiative at the City of Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. Before working for the City of Seattle, he worked with OneAmerica as the Senior Organizer & Advisor to the Executive Director.

- **Minty Longearth** – Ms. Longearth currently serves as the Community Engagement & Communications Specialist with the Seattle Community Police Commission.
<http://www.seattle.gov/community-police-commission/about-us>
- **Rosalba Pitkin** – Ms. Pitkin currently serves as an Outreach Specialist at Clark College Office of Diversity and Equity.
<http://www.clark.edu/campus-life/student-support/diversity-and-equity/index.php>
- **Jasmin Samy** – Ms. Samy currently serves as the Civil Rights Manager at the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Washington chapter.
<http://cairseattle.org/meet-our-staff>

CO-CHAIRS REPORT

2017 Jury Diversity Supreme Court Symposium at the Temple of Justice: May 24, 9 am – noon, followed by a reception

- The Commission will reveal the results of its jury demographic survey at the symposium.
- The Commission is happy to confirm that Washington Appleseed will co-sponsor the event.
- Keynote speaker Professor Nina Chernoff from CUNY School of Law has been confirmed. More information about Professor Chernoff:
<http://www.law.cuny.edu/faculty/directory/chernoff/Nina-Chernoff-WebResume.pdf>
“Wrong About the Right: How Courts Undermine the Fair Cross-Section Guarantee by Confusing it With Equal Protection”
http://academicworks.cuny.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1118&context=cl_pubs
- Save the Date announcement will be circulated when title is confirmed.

LFO Bill – HB 1783

- Bill sponsored by Representatives Holy and Goodman.
- Eliminates the accrual of interest on certain non-restitution portions of legal financial obligations (LFOs). Prohibits a court from imposing costs on a defendant who is indigent at the time of sentencing.
- A substitute bill has been passed in the House Committee on the Judiciary and the House Committee on Appropriations.

Discussion

- Justice Yu explained that there is a fiscal note of \$600,000 attached to upgrade computer capacity to separate and track non-restitution portions of LFOs. The fiscal note may be a major obstacle to getting the bill passed. The Commission has talked with AOC legislative liaisons to discuss a timeline for phasing in computer upgrades as a possible compromise if fiscal note issue stalls the bill.
- Mr. Steve Clem: Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) is not in opposition to the bill. There is discussion that the bill will be passed in the House, but not passed in the Senate because of the impact on local government funding. WAPA also shares concerns about the impact on local criminal justice systems.
- Judge Doyle: SCJA enthusiastically supports the bill.

- Ms. Kim Morrison: Clerks oppose reduction in funding for courts, not the elimination of the interest rate. Superior Court clerks are concerned that they do not have the capacity to monitor community restitution because it is outside of their court function. They also do not have a way of knowing whether a DNA sample has already been collected so the individual is not charged the fee again.
- Judge Coburn: DMCJA has not had an opportunity to discuss their position yet.
- **Recommendation:** Clerks, WAPA, MJC, SCJA, DMCJA collaborate on a joint statement to highlight sections of the bill they support and can be implemented immediately.

Pre-trial Task Force Kick-Off: March 31, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, AOC SeaTac Office

- A Pretrial Task Force has been formed to address issues raised in MJC's Symposium last year on pre-trial justice. CrR 3.2 (presumption of release pretrial) is not being followed.
- MJC, SCJA, DMCJA, and other stakeholders will be participating.
- The structure of the task force will include an executive committee (one member each from the Minority and Justice Commission, SCJA, and DMCJA) and 3 subcommittees.
- Data about recidivism rates and failure to appear rates will be gathered, and best practices and risk assessments will be assessed.
- **Ms. Annie Lee: Recommends that there be a juvenile component to the Task Force's work. The Task Force is open to exploring this.**

GR 36 – comment period open until April 30th

- Please read GR 9 Cover Sheet:
https://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/?fa=court_rules.proposedRuleDisplay&ruleId=537
- GR 36 is a proposed rule submitted by ACLU of Washington to address concerns regarding the ineffectiveness of Batson to protect potential jurors of color from biased used of peremptory challenges (packet page 38). Only 3 comments have been submitted as of 2/23/17.
- Most notable feature is that it employs a test that utilizes an objective-observer standard. Under GR 36, the trial court would find a peremptory strike invalid if an objective observer could find that race or ethnicity was a factor for a peremptory challenge. The comment section provides guidance to the judiciary and attorneys about how to apply the rule.

Discussion

- Justice Stephens: A mock hearing under this rule will be conducted at the Appellate Conference this year. Believes the ACLU will submit an amendment to broaden the rule to include gender. The comment section seems to be more legislative than interpretive, which can lead to inconsistent practice.
- Judge Doyle: SCJA Criminal Committee has concerns about how it was drafted, but they favor the objective standard. SCJA may suggest creating a work group to assist with the drafting and expand language to include gender and sexual orientation. Not SCJA's official decision, still needs to vote.
- WAPA has submitted its own rule, which may affect whether the rule can be sent to en banc for action.
- Prof. Boruchowitz: Council on Public Defense (CPD) has concerns about the role of the comment section in the rule. The rule as it's currently drafted suggests that the comment section is as binding as the rule itself. CPD hopes to provide a comment by April 30th.
- **Recommendation:** Commission members should go back to their entities and ask them to review and submit comments. It is important to hear as many voices as possible.

National Consortium for Racial and Ethnic Fairness: May 15 – 17, St. Louis, Missouri

The Commission would like to send 1-2 Commission members who are interested in attending. Delegates from each state are invited to submit a two-page written report and provide a brief oral report regarding activities and pressing issues in their state. Delegates must also provide a full report to the Commission. **If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please email Carolyn.cole@courts.wa.gov.**

Judges and Commissioners of Color Directory

- Workforce Diversity Committee sent a survey to judges and commissioners across the state to provide a photo, contact information, and self-identify their race/ethnicity if they wanted to be included in the directory. Email explained: “The purpose of the directory is to identify and showcase our Judges and Commissioners of color, making it easier for Judges, Commissioners, and those aspiring to be Judges and Commissioners to network and build a community. It can also be used as a resource for organizations that seek to locate mentors and speakers for various events.”
- Not all judges who responded to the survey identified as persons of color.
- Directory will be available on the MJC website and given to all of the judges and commissioners included in the directory. We would also like to share it widely through our listservs and send copies to the WSBA, minority bar associations, and community organizations like the NAACP.

Discussion

- Majority of Commission members who commented supported a more inclusive approach.
- The language of the directory needs to be very clear that the judges and commissioners are self-identifying and in no way is it a claim to any legal status or associated rights.
- Some may feel that “persons of color” has a negative connotation, especially in certain parts of the state. “Diverse Judges Directory” might be more welcoming.
- “Directory of Diversity” might be more inclusive of a variety of other minority groups (LGBTQ, religion, etc.)
- However, for some, “diversity” may also connote a loss of definition, especially for people who are proud to be a person of color.
- Some judges may not have realized they were providing their information for this type of directory. Need to follow-up with them.
- Clark College is trying to avoid the terms “minority” and “people of color.” Phrase being used now is “communities systemically underrepresented.”
- **Recommendation:** Workforce Diversity Committee should consider feedback from today’s meeting and propose a plan to move forward. May consider a Commission retreat this fall to explore these issues in more detail.

STAFF REPORT

Check-in Regarding New Immigration Executive Orders – Annie Benson & Jasmin Samy

Ms. Annie Benson shared that:

- New executive orders have eliminated the priorities of the Obama administration and reinstated the “Secured Communities Program,” where participating jails submit arrestees’ fingerprints not only to criminal databases, but to immigration databases as well, and the

“287(g) Program,” which allows the deputizing of local law enforcement as ICE agents. Although the Center for American Progress reports that sanctuary cities have both a higher employment and lower crime rates, the federal administration is threatening to defund sanctuary cities if they do not cooperate. There is also large burden on the foster care system as parents are being deported. The executive orders have also exacerbated access to justice issues. Many individuals who need the court’s protection are afraid to come to court out of fear that they will be detained by ICE and deported. ICE and border patrol agents are waiting for individuals as they come in and out of the courtroom. ICE can also enter tribal lands.

- Upside: Washington a leading force in the effort to resist these executive orders. Governor Inslee last week signed an executive order that cuts off the engagement of state agencies with these programs. Local sheriffs ultimately have the power to choose to collaborate with ICE as well. Crime victims also have different avenues through the Crime Victims Act to stay in the country.
- The Justice Advocacy Network (JAN) has been formed to respond and includes over 40 agencies and advocacy groups. They meet every other week.
- JAN is currently working on white paper for Washington sanctuary cities to understand the federal funding scare. Would like to share it with counties outside of King Country and train city attorneys.
- Judge Glenn asked if the orders apply to juveniles. The orders do apply to juveniles and now they are a priority for deportation. There is no requirement that family is notified when children are detained. Children can notify their parents when they get their phone call. Private detention centers boon expected. Many individuals will be detained outside of the state and 85% of them do not have representation. Undocumented immigrants have a right to an attorney, but do not have the right to have one appointed. Undocumented immigrants with mental health issues do have a right to appointed counsel.
- Justice Yu suggested that we help judges become familiar with the forms used to create family safety plans. Northwest Immigrant Rights Project has more information about resources: <https://www.nwirp.org/resources/community-information/>.
- **Recommendation:** MJC create a group to work with JAN to update the immigration bench guide. Law liaisons could help with the research. Judge Smith will connect with Annie about JAN speaking with Superior Court judges. Annie will send Commission information about JAN meetings. Justice Johnson and Carolyn will attend JAN meetings.

Ms. Jasmin Samy shared that:

- CAIR has received approximately 400 complaints a year from the Muslim community and people perceived to be associated with the Muslim community.
- They are currently working with the community to address impact of travel ban and working on a Department of Homeland Security memorandum.
- The executive orders are separating families. They impact the entire Muslim community, not just immigrants from the seven banned countries because they empower people to be more hateful and fearful of Muslims. Many Muslims do not feel free to conduct their daily business. They are afraid to leave the country because they do not know if they will be allowed back in.
- CAIR would like help to create long-term solutions instead of reacting to each new travel ban.

Mr. Abdulahi Jama shared that:

- He has spent much of his life helping the East African community navigate the justice system. He sees a strong need for more education about the justice system because many immigrants believe the American justice system operates in the same way as the justice

system back home. Would like support to create law education for immigrants, especially for deportable cases.

Ms. Rosalba Pitkin shared that:

- Many individuals in the Latinx community feel trapped and distrust the police. They are fearful to conduct business out of fear that they will be deported.
- She is working on creating know your right workshops in Clark County.
- Is in talks with the sheriff and chief of police to work on a special licensing program.

Staff Report – Carolyn Cole & Cynthia Delostrinos

LFO Stakeholder Consortium

- The Consortium and subcommittees have begun to meet and develop a plan for collecting LFO data statewide.
- Ms. Cynthia Delostrinos announced that the next Consortium meeting is on March 15, 10 am – 1pm, at the AOC SeaTac Office. Please let her know if you would like to attend.

Racial Impact Statement Bill – SB 5588

- Bill sponsored by Senator Hasegawa.
- Directs the Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) to submit to the Legislature a general disproportionality report prior to each legislative session.
- Directs the CFC to establish a procedure for the provision of racial and ethnic impact statements to accompany fiscal notes on the effect legislation modifying adult felony sentencing will have on racial and ethnic minority groups.
- Directs the Minority and Justice Commission to evaluate the act and submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2021.
- Substitute bill passed in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means. Placed on second reading by Rules Committee on 3/1/2017.
- MJC will continue to speak with Senator Hasegawa about its capacity and appropriate role in this effort.

BJA Policy Proposal – Jury Diversity and LFOs

- The Board for Judicial Administration (BJA) solicited proposals for strategic goals for the next two years. A *strategic goal of the BJA* is a statement of intended outcome adopted by the BJA relevant to the ability of the BJA to enhance the judiciary's ability to serve as an equal, independent and responsible branch of government, or function as the leader and voice of the Washington State Courts. Goals are intended to provide direction to the work of the board, linking the activities and communications of the board to its long-range aspirations.
- MJC chose to raise awareness about the issue of LFOs and jury diversity statewide and increase support for MJC priority projects. Strategic goal proposals submitted 2/9/17.

Youth and Justice Forums

MLK Youth Advocacy Day

- Sunday, January 15, at the Seattle University Student Center
- MJC co-sponsored a workshop with the Muslim Association of the Puget Sound (MAPS)/American Muslim Empowerment Network (AMEN – a new initiative of MAPS) and Kids4Peace for approximately one hundred students of various faiths and backgrounds to

learn how to use personal narratives to combat Islamophobia in the media. Students were able to share their stories at a press conference with several media outlets present.

- Ms. Karen Murray reported that the event had a lot of positive energy. She was very impressed by the thoughtfulness of the students. She served as a writing coach, but she believed she learned more from the students than they were able to learn from her. She highly encourages Commission members to be more involved in youth events.

Diversity Justice Day for Youth: March 28, 9 am – 2 pm, Wenatchee Valley College

UW Law Academy: March 10, 10 am – 3 pm, University of Washington School of Law (4293 Memorial Way, Seattle, WA)

- Ms. Lisa Castilleja is organizing the event. She encourages Commission members to serve as volunteers or consider making a donation. Contact her at ecc93@uw.edu if interested.
- High school students from diverse backgrounds are invited to participate in a day of workshops to connect with law students, attorneys, and judges and learn about how to make a difference in their communities by choosing a career in the law. Sponsored by the UW School of Law and the Law School Admissions Council as part of Discoverlaw.org events.
- *If you would like to make a donation, please make check payable to: University of Washington School of Law (**memo line: UW Law Academy**). Any donations may be sent to: Lisa Castilleja, UW School of Law, Box 353020 Seattle, WA 98195*

Seattle Youth and Law Forum: April 29, 8 am – 3 pm, First A.M.E. Church

- Sergeant Diaz announced that Angela Rye is the keynote speaker. Attorney Rye is the Principal and CEO of IMPACT Strategies, a political advocacy firm in Washington, DC. She currently is running the boards of the Congressional Black Caucus Institute, Congressional Black Caucus Political Action Committee, **Seattle University School of Law Alumni**, and Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network.
- RSVP at <https://www.youthandlaw.com/contact.html/>
- Contact: info@youthandlaw.com Phone: (206) 324-3664

Tri-Cities – November 3, Columbia Basin College

- Sarah Perry confirmed to lead planning group. Cynthia Delostrinos, Carolyn Cole, Judge Yule, Judge McCullough, and Lisa Castilleja are MJC members participating in the planning group.

Carolyn will send information about all upcoming youth events in a separate email.

Joint Meeting Follow-up

- There was a strong interest by Commission members to hold another joint meeting with the other Commissions and the ATJ Board in 2017. Staff proposes the creation of an ad hoc committee comprised of 1-2 members from each Supreme Court Commission and the ATJ Board.
- The ad hoc committee would develop a strategic action plan to remove barriers to civil legal aid access. The strategic action plan would specifically address the removal of race/ethnic/national origin, gender, language barriers, etc., and serve as the template for our

partnership actions in 2018 and beyond. The strategic action plan would be presented to members of all bodies at a joint meeting in October or November 2017 for feedback.

- The ad hoc committee would meet every month leading up to the joint meeting of the Commissions and ATJ Board in October or November 2017.
- ATJ Board staff shared the proposal with the ATJ Board last Friday. They were very receptive to the idea and agreed to participate. ATJ Board member volunteers are: Mr. Francis Adewale, Ms. Lindy Laurence, and Mr. Andrew Sachs.
- Please let Carolyn know if you are interested in serving on the ad hoc committee.

Committee Mission Statements and Goals updates

- Committees were asked to revisit goals and mission statement to map out a direction for their work for the next year. The Commission is often asked to support projects or initiatives and clear mission statement and goals will help us use our limited resources more effectively. Would like committees to revisit goals and mission statement every year to assess whether they were successful in meeting their goals and aligning their work with their mission. See packet page 58.

Spokane Community Event with Ron Davis: April 24, 5 – 8 pm, Eastern Washington University Riverpoint Campus

- The killing of Jordan Davis and Ron Davis' experience as his father highlight the need to address hate in our communities, personal accountability, and accountability of the justice system.
- Plan is to screen Ron Davis' movie, 3 ½ Minutes: 10 Bullets (98 minutes), followed by a panel (approximately 80 minutes) that will discuss productive community responses to hate. Refreshments and drinks will be served.
- Working with Angela Jones (EWU Chief of Staff to the President), Judge LeRoy McCullough (King County Superior Court), and Phillip Tyler (NAACP Spokane Chapter President) to plan the event.
- Angela Jones will facilitate. Ron Davis will serve on the panel. Have reached out to a variety of local leaders to provide diverse perspectives on the panel. Police Chief Meidl and District Court Judge Aimee Mauer have expressed interest in participating as well. Would like to have a youth of color on the panel.
- Commission members are highly encouraged to attend. Travel for the first five Commission members to RSVP to Carolyn will be reimbursed.

Eliminating the Pipeline School Discipline Series

- In 2018, Equity in Education Coalition is running a professional development series of sessions designed to help educators and other stakeholders create solutions to stop the school-to-prison pipeline. MJC is supporting a session about how courts can make a positive impact on a child's life by moving away from punitive models.
- Ms. Annie Benson recommended that we include an immigration lens in the session.

2017 Budget

- We are still under budget because many funds for certain line items haven't been disbursed yet. We have spent approximately \$24,524, out of the \$70,000 total funds for fiscal year 2016-2017. We will need to increase the amount allotted for Commission Meetings in next year's budget. See packet page 60. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

LAW STUDENT LIAISONS

Law Student Liaisons

Seattle University School of Law

- Funding for the Seattle University Law School liaisons' speaker series proposal was approved by the Commission on 12/2/16. The first panel discussion of the series about the school-to-prison pipeline was held on 2/22/2017. Approximately 50 people attended the event. Guest speakers included Vanessa Hernandez, ACLU Youth Policy Director, Tarra Simmons, current SU Law student, formerly incarcerated, founder of Community Advocates for Restorative Practices in Education (CARE) and co-founder of Civil Survival, and Dominic Jones, Tarra Simmons's son who was suspended multiple times from school for behaviors related to his disability.
- Ms. Karen Murray and Prof. Boruchowitz commented that the event was well done and informative.
- Part 2 of the series on prosecutorial discretion will be held on March 8, 5:30-7:30pm, at SU School of Law. Commission members are encouraged to attend. Carolyn will send a separate email with the event flier.

Gonzaga School of Law

- Gonzaga liaisons presented the changes they made to their proposal based on the Commission's feedback from the last meeting.
- Ms. Diana Bob suggested the liaisons utilize the minority bar associations to help find speakers and publicize their event.
- Ms. Karen Murray suggested that a liaison serve on the panel because it would be an impact on young people.
- Judge Dickinson suggested liaisons try to get the state rate by letting speakers book their own travel and reimbursing speakers for travel afterwards. She suggested that the minority bar associations could fund the next event. She also suggested that they include local private practice attorneys as speakers.
- **Vote:** Commission voted unanimously to approve Gonzaga's funding request for \$1070.

University of Washington School of Law

- Commission vote on UW proposal tabled because there were no liaisons at the meeting to present.
- **Recommendation:** Carolyn will connect with the UW liaisons to see how they would like to move forward. The Commission doesn't meet again until April 7, which might be too late if they want to hold their event in April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Committee – Annie Lee

- Possible areas the committee would like to explore: bail-setting for juveniles, behavioral health issues and strategies for justice involved youth, juvenile offenders and child welfare systems, treatment, referrals, group home qualification, programs to transition back into the community, Medicaid accessibility, and LFOs for juveniles.
- Mr. Bob Boruchowitz noted that the committee is still in the process of refining its mission statement and goals. He also announced that the CPD will be releasing the updated juvenile representation guidelines for more input.

- Annie Lee has a meeting scheduled with Kellie Richardson at the Office of Juvenile Justice to discuss the Smart on Juvenile Justice Planning Grant.

Education Committee – Justice Stephens

Appellate Conference

- “Beyond Balls and Strikes: Judging in a Diverse Society”
- April 5, 8:30 am – 12 pm, Walla Walla, Washington
- Mr. Bob Chang and Professor Anna Roberts are presenters. Session will include a mock Batson hearing.

SCJA Spring Conference

- Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane, Washington
- Sunday, April 23: Ron Davis – 3 ½ minutes 10 Bullets (Judge McCullough)
- Monday, April 24: Professor Butler – Race, Law, and Politics: Implications for the Court in the 21st Century (Judge Darvas)
- Tuesday, April 25: Professor Anna Roberts - Juror implicit bias (Judge Doyle)

DMCJA Conference session withdrawn

- Justice Stephens reported that an immigration law session led by Annie Benson has replaced it. The MJC Education Committee is exploring ways that it can support this session.
- Session was withdrawn because the DMCJA felt that there was too much overlap with Fall Conference sessions. This raises the need for the MJC to have better coordination and long-term mapping of judicial education topics.

Fall Judicial Conference sessions approved

- Heathman Lodge, Vancouver
- Better Judging Through Science (Sept. 18th 1:30-5 pm plenary session) – Prof. Tony Greenwald
- ER 609 (September 19th 10:30 am – 12 pm choice session) – Prof. Anna Roberts

ATJ Conference Proposals submitted

- June 3 in Yakima
- Will be notified by February 28th whether they were selected
- Juror Bias and Diversity in Civil and Criminal Cases – Judge Rosen, Prof. Anna Roberts, Judge Doyle, TBD
- Poverty Simulation: Bridging the Gap from Misconception to Understanding (co-sponsored with GJCOM and Interpreter Commission)

Workforce Diversity Committee – Judge Bonnie Glenn

- Judge Glenn is drafting a letter for both Co-Chairs to sign to send to the WSBA to request the renaming of the WSBA Diversity Award to Justice Charles Z. Smith Award.
- Judge Glenn and Judge Galvan have reached out to the deans of the three law schools to create an annual rotating student award in honor of Justice Smith. One student from each law school would be honored every year for exemplifying the spirit of Justice Smith. The award ceremony would be held at a different law school each year. The law schools agreed to have an award every year and had an option to include a scholarship if they chose to.
- The deans have drafted a sample resolution to create the award. The award would be at no cost to the Commission.

- **Vote:** Commission voted unanimously to approve the creation of the award and resolution.
- MJC's Justice Smith Resolution is in the final stages of formatting and ready to be presented at June 1 memorial once approved by the Chief Justice.

Outreach Committee – Judge Yule

- The Outreach Committee drafted a meeting location proposal (see packet page 67) to further its goal of helping the Commission build relationships with community members engaged in work related to the courts and diversity. The Outreach Committee hopes to do this by encouraging more geographical diversity of meeting locations and inviting community members and minority bar associations as guests and speakers.
- Committee would like to include law school liaisons biographies and pictures on the website. Committee will update membership page on the website once new members are appointed.
- Justice Yu announced that some members have transitioned to emeritus status to make room for more new members. Commission appointments are still being evaluated. Justice Yu appreciates everyone's patience.
- Justice Yu suggested exploring Heritage College as a location for the June 30th meeting. Ms. Rosalba Pitkin also offered to possibly host the meeting at Clark College.
- Ms. Diana Bob offered to email Carolyn catering suggestions for Tulalip meeting on September 22.
- **Vote:** Commission unanimously approved meeting dates and times for remainder of the year.

2017 MJC Poster and Justice C.Z. Smith tribute page

- The 2017 MJC Poster is a portrait of Justice C.Z. Smith painted by Mr. Alfredo Arreguin. The same portrait is hanging in the Temple of Justice. Poster signed by the artist were raffled off to members at the meeting. Carolyn will get posters out to all members and distribute to partners. If you would like to order a poster, please send Carolyn an email.
- Carolyn unveiled tribute webpages to Justice Smith on the MJC website. Justice Smith's tribute pages will remain on the MJC website. The tribute pages include a picture of the poster, an explanation of the artwork and the artist by Justice Gonzalez, and a biographical article written by Kaelen Brodie, Justice Yu's extern.
<http://www.courts.wa.gov/?fa=home.sub&org=mjc&layout=2>

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETINGS:

- April 7, 8:45 am – 12:45 pm, Seattle University School of Law.