Appellate Conference o SCJA Conference o Fall Judicial Conference

o ATJ Conference proposals update

➤ Juvenile Justice Committee - Annie Lee 10:45 - 10:55 a.m. (10 minutes)

#### **MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION**

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, SULLIVAN HALL, ROOM 109 **FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017** 8:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. JUSTICE MARY YU, CO-CHAIR JUSTICE CHARLES W. JOHNSON, CO-CHAIR

> Teleconference: 1-877-820-7831 Passcode: 358515#

	AGENDA				
CALL	<b>FO ORDER</b> 8:45 – 8:50 a.m. (5 minutes)				
	Welcome Remarks – <b>Dean Annette Clark, Seattle University School of Law</b> Approval of February 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes	1			
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>	Law Student Liaisons 9:55 – 10:15 a.m. (20 minutes)  o Project proposals and updates (UW, Gonzaga, SU)  Outreach Committee – Judge Yule 10:15 – 10:25 a.m. (10 minutes)  o Website updates				
<b>&gt;</b>	Workforce Diversity Committee – Judge Glenn 10:25 – 10:35 a.m. (10 minutes) Education Committee – Justice Stephens 10:35 – 10:45 a.m. (10 minutes)				

- ➤ **Guest speakers** 10:55 11:25 a.m. (30 minutes)
  - o Lalita Uppala, Director, India Association of Western Washington (IAWW)
    - Hate Crime Info Session <a href="http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/with-rising-fear-and-anxiety-minorities-and-immigrants-learn-how-to-stay-safe/">http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/with-rising-fear-and-anxiety-minorities-and-immigrants-learn-how-to-stay-safe/</a>
  - o Kerem Levitas, past President of Middle Eastern Legal Association of Washington (MELAW)
  - o Aneelah Afzali, Executive Director, American Muslim Empowerment Network

Next Commission Event: "Jury Diversity in Washington: A Hollow Promise or Hopeful Future?" Symposium, May 24, 2017, 9 am – 12 pm (reception to follow) at the Temple of Justice



## 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 Passcode: 358515#



#### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **Commission Members Present**

Justice Charles Johnson, Co-Chair Justice Mary Yu, Co-Chair Justice Debra Stephens Prof. Lori Bannai

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. <a href="http://cairseattle.org/meet-our-staff">http://cairseattle.org/meet-our-staff</a>

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 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: <a href="https://www.nwirp.org/resources/community-information/">https://www.nwirp.org/resources/community-information/</a>.
- 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 Castilleia, 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 <a href="https://www.youthandlaw.com/contact.html/">https://www.youthandlaw.com/contact.html/</a>
- Contact: <u>info@youthandlaw.com</u> 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 a
  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 Simmon'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.
- <u>Recommendation</u>: 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 longterm mapping of judicial education topics.

#### Fall Judicial Conference sessions approved

- Heathman Lodge, Vancouver
- Better Judging Through Science (Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.
- <u>Vote:</u> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.
   <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov/?fa=home.sub&org=mjc&layout=2">http://www.courts.wa.gov/?fa=home.sub&org=mjc&layout=2</a>

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

#### **NEXT COMMISSION MEETINGS:**

• April 7, 8:45 am – 12:45 pm, at location to be confirmed.



# WASHINGTON STATE MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

# COMMISSION MEMBERS 2017

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Justice Mary Yu, Co-Chairperson	Washington State Supreme Court
Justice Charles Johnson, Co-Chairperson	Washington State Supreme Court
Justice Debra Stephens	Washington State Supreme Court
Judge Veronica Alicea-Galván	King County Superior Court
Judge Lisa Atkinson	Northwest Tribal Court Judges' Association
Professor Lorraine Bannai	Seattle University School of Law
Mr. Jeffrey Beaver	Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP
Ms. Ann Benson	Washington Defender Association
Ms. Diana Bob	Stoel Rives LLP
Ms. Lisa Castilleja	University of Washington School of Law
Mr. Steven Clem (alternate: Ms. Katherine Svoboda,	Douglas County Prosecuting Attorney;
Grays Harbor County Prosecuting Attorney)	Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
Judge Linda Coburn	Edmonds Municipal Court
Sergeant Adrian Diaz	Seattle Police Department
Mr. Mike Diaz	United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington
Judge Lisa Dickinson	Tribal Court Pro Tem Judge and Appellate Justice
Judge Theresa Doyle	King County Superior Court
Professor Jason Gillmer	Gonzaga University School of Law
Mr. Anthony Gipe	Shatz Law Group, PLLC
Judge Bonnie Glenn	Office of Administrative Hearings
Mr. Abdullahi Jama	Independent Consultant
Ms. Kitara Johnson	Excelsior Youth Center
Ms. Angela Jones	Eastern Washington University
Ms. Anne Lee	TeamChild
Judge Linda Lee	Washington State Court of Appeals
Judge LeRoy McCullough	King County Superior Court
Ms. Kimberly Morrison	Chelan County Superior Court Clerk
Ms. Karen Murray	King County Associated Counsel for the Accused Division
Ms. Rosalba Pitkin	Clark College
Ms. Jasmin Samy	Council on American-Islamic Relations Washington State
Mr. Benjamin Santos	King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Judge Lori-Kay Smith	King County Superior Court
Mr. Travis Stearns	Washington Appellate Project
Ms. Lisa van der Lugt	Commission on Hispanic Affairs
Judge Kimberly Walden	Tukwila Municipal Court
Judge G. Helen Whitener	Pierce County Superior Court
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# WASHINGTON STATE MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

# EMERITUS MEMBERS 2017

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Professor Robert Boruchowitz	Seattle University School of Law
Mr. Russell Hauge	Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission
Mr. Uriel Iniguez	Past Director, Commission on Hispanic Affairs
Ms. P. Diane Schneider	Washington State Court-Certified Interpreter
Judge Dennis Yule	Retired, Superior Court Judge Benton and Franklin Counties

Washington State Minority and Justice Commission Committee Mission Statements and Goals 2017

#### **Education Committee**

Chairs: Justice Debra Stephens and Judge Lori-Kay Smith

The Education Committee seeks to improve the administration of justice by eliminating racism and its effects by offering and supporting a variety of innovative, high quality, education programs designed to improve the cultural and professional competency of court employees and other representatives of the Washington State justice system.

#### Goals

- To provide and foster leadership for all components of the state justice system with the goal of eliminating racial, cultural, and ethnic bias and disparate treatment and fostering systemic change.
- To ensure that cultural diversity and cultural competency trainings becomes a normal and continuous aspect of employment or service within the state justice system.
- To increase cultural awareness, foster greater appreciation of racial and cultural diversity, and engender mutual respect in persons who deliver court services and represent our justice system.
- To provide and /or collaborate with others in recommending resources and education programs consistent with the mission of the Committee.
- To be flexible and creative in developing high quality education programs tied to learning outcomes/objectives.

#### **Juvenile Justice Committee**

Chair: Anne Lee

The mission of the Juvenile Justice Committee is to work with justice partners to focus attention, inquiry, and action on addressing bias and undoing institutional racism in the juvenile justice system and juvenile courts that allow for disparities for youth of color to persist.

Goals of the JJ Committee include developing recommendations and action steps to:

- Expand the ways that youth can be diverted away from juvenile justice involvement.
- Review the types and utilization of detention alternatives in Washington and leverage and increase their use beyond those achieved through the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI).
- Shift the paradigm of juvenile justice from corrections/"rehabilitate" to one that is trauma informed, restorative, and positively transformative.
- Reduce lifelong impacts of juvenile justice involvement, like debt, juvenile records, registration and other stigma

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 Develop race equity impact tools and statements for proposed rules, guidelines, laws, and policies.

#### **Outreach Committee**

Chair: Judge Dennis Yule

The mission of the Outreach Committee is to facilitate communication between the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission and the public and, specifically, the legal and court communities of Washington State, regarding interaction with and participation in the justice system by minorities or persons of color.

#### Goals

- Establish, maintain and enhance sustained relationships between courts, legal community
  organizations and other public and private agencies engaged in work relating to the courts
  and diversity.
- Oversee development and production of the Commission's annual report.
- Obtain artwork expressing an issue important to the Commission's goals and mission for the Commission's annual poster.
- Assist the Commission in broadening its exposure to the public and constituencies it serves by recommending and facilitating Commission meetings and other public events at locations and in communities throughout the state.
- Create and maintain materials such as brochures and multi-media products such as videos and the Commission's website.
- Evaluate and recommend individuals for appointment to the Commission's membership.

#### **Workforce Diversity Committee**

Chair: Judge Bonnie Glenn

The mission of the Workforce Diversity Committee is to promote equal employment and to study and improve the conditions needed to increase the opportunities for racial, ethnic and other traditionally underrepresented minorities to be employed by and supported in the justice system, including judicial and non-judicial leadership positions.

#### Goals:

• Study the status, importance and benefits of a representative workforce in the courts, their state administrative agency, and the bar.

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- Conduct internal and external outreach about status, importance and benefits of a representative workforce in the justice system.
- Coordinate with the Commission's Education Committee and other entities to ensure that these issues are a continuous and regular part of the continuing education of the courts, bar and other stakeholders.
- Develop resource materials that can be used to improve the conditions needed to develop and sustain a diverse workforce in the courts and their state administrative agency.

# The Supreme Court State of Mashington

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March 22, 2017

The Honorable John F. Kelly U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary of Homeland Security Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Kelly,

As Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court and co-chair of the Board for Judicial Administration, I write to express concern regarding immigration agents being in and around our local courthouses. Lawyers and judges working in our courts have advised me that agents from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency of the Department of Homeland Security are being present with increased frequency. These developments are deeply troubling because they impede the fundamental mission of our courts, which is to ensure due process and access to justice for everyone, regardless of their immigration status.

In many locations around our state, a courthouse is the only place where individuals are ensured of a trusted public forum where they will be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness. This includes victims in need of protection from domestic violence, criminal defendants being held accountable for their actions, witnesses summoned to testify, and families who may be in crisis.

We have worked diligently to earn and maintain the trust of communities throughout Washington State to ensure that courthouses are that public forum. The fear of apprehension by immigration officials deters individuals from accessing our courthouses and erodes this trust, even for those with lawful immigration status.

When people are afraid to access our courts, it undermines our fundamental mission. I am concerned at the reports that the fear now present in our immigrant communities is impeding their access to justice. These developments risk making our communities less safe.

Our ability to function relies on individuals who voluntarily appear to participate and cooperate in the process of justice. When people are afraid to appear for court hearings, out of fear of apprehension by immigration officials, their ability to access justice is compromised. Their absence curtails the capacity of our judges, clerks and court personnel to function effectively.

In light of the above, I ask that you consider taking the necessary and appropriate steps to address these concerns. For example, I encourage you to designate courthouses as "sensitive locations" as described in your Policy 10029.2. Such a designation will assist us in maintaining the trust that is required for the court to be a safe and neutral public forum. It will assure our residents that they can and should appear for court hearings without fear of apprehension for civil immigration violations.

We understand that the mission of your agency is to enforce federal laws. However, we request that the manner in which these obligations and duties are carried out aligns with, and does not impede, the mission, obligations, and duties of our courts.

My request is offered with all due respect to your commitment to serve the United States, your office, and its functions. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you or your staff to explore possible resolutions.

Very truly yours,

MARY E. FAIRHURST

Mary E. Fairhurst

Chief Justice

cc: Thomas D. Homan, Acting Director, Immigration & Customs Enforcement Nathalie R. Asher, ICE Field Office Director, Seattle Washington Bryan S. Wilcox, Acting Field Office Director



#### **NEWS RELEASE**

March 22, 2017

FROM: Wendy K. Ferrell Wendy.Ferrell@courts.wa.gov

#### Washington Supreme Court Chief Justice sends letter to Department of Homeland Security regarding immigration enforcement activities in Washington Courts

In response to a recent uptick in immigration enforcement activities around Washington courthouses, Washington State Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst today sent a letter to Secretary John Kelly of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security expressing concerns and possible solutions. Full text of the letter can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.

Citing reports from lawyers and judges about this increased presence, Fairhurst said, "These developments are deeply troubling because they impede the fundamental mission of our courts, which is to ensure due process and access to justice for everyone, regardless of immigration status."

Highlighting that the fear of apprehension, even for those with lawful immigration status, may deter individuals from accessing courthouses, Fairhurst said, "Our ability to function relies on individuals who voluntarily appear to participate and cooperate in the process of justice."

"When people are afraid to appear for court hearings, out of fear of apprehension, their ability to access justice is compromised," she said, adding, "their absence curtails the capacity of our judges, clerks and court personnel to function effectively...and risk making our communities less safe." Lawyers report that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities are occurring at courthouses in Clark, Clallam, Cowlitz, King, Skagit and Mason counties.

In addition to welcoming a meeting to discuss the issue further, Fairhurst encourages the Department to designate courthouses as "sensitive locations" – a term used by the Department of <u>Homeland Security in Policy 10029.2</u> to guide and limit such activities in locations such as schools and universities, places of worship, community centers and hospitals.

While a "sensitive location" designation does not preclude enforcement actions on these sites, the policy states that these venues will generally be avoided to enhance the public understanding and trust to ensure people seeking to participate in activities or utilize services are free to do so without fear or hesitation.

Designating courts as sensitive locations will, "assist us in maintaining the trust that is required for the court to be a safe and neutral public forum. It will assure our residents that they can and should appear for court hearings without fear of apprehension for civil immigration violations," wrote Fairhurst.

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**Contact:** Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst, Washington Supreme Court, 360.357.2053 or mary.fairhurst@courts.wa.gov.





#### **Workshop Topics:**

- youth homelessness,
- appropriate responses to traffic and safety stops,
- the benefits and perils of social media.
- careers in law enforcement,
- entertainment and the law,
- responses to trauma associated with bullying, harassment, racism, and community violence, and
- accessing behavioral health wellness resources.

Get answers to these and other critical questions at the Forum.

Door Prizes, Continental Breakfast, and Lunch are included.

# 27th Annual Youth & Law Forum "Justice for All: Wake Up!"

As in past years, the 2017 Youth & Law Forum (a FREE community service) will provide practical information about the justice system and offer youth and their parents/guardians a safe environment for discussing and learning about legal rights and responsibilities. The Saturday event will include a thought-provoking keynote 齐 address by **Angela Rye**, an American attorney and 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. The Forum will also feature guests from our local and federal court system, local Police and Sheriff offices and the WA State Bar. Against the backdrop of recent political and election issues, it is critical that we have representation from young men and women from all racial, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Hon. Charles V. Johnson is Honorary Chair and Co-founder and Ms. Pettway McCray, Attorney at Law is Forum Chair.

When: April 29, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: First A.M.E. Church 1522 14th Ave. Seattle, WA. 98122

Host Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carey G. Anderson Sr. Pastor

RSVP at https://www.youthandlaw.com/contact.html/

**Contact:** info@youthandlaw.com Phone: (206) 324-3664















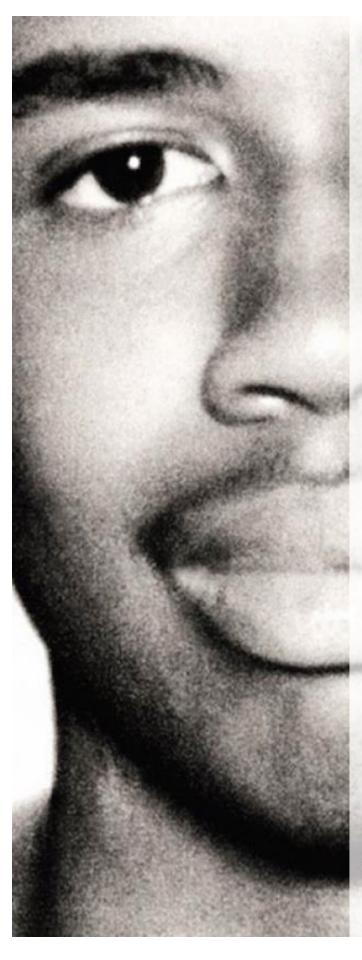












# **3½ MINUTES**TEN BULLETS

# MOVIE SCREENING and COMMUNITY FORUM

Sunday, April 24 | 5 p.m. EWU Spokane Campus SAC Room 20

# FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Join us in a dialogue with Ron Davis, father of Jordan Davis and founder of the Jordan Davis Foundation.

"3 1/2 Minutes, Ten Bullets" journeys through
the life and death of Jordan Davis, who was an
unarmed 17-year-old African American from
Jacksonville, Florida. He was killed during a
confrontation at a convenience store over the
"thug" music coming from the car occupied by
Jordan and his friends. The movie examines the
family and community dynamic during the trial,
and the aftermath of Jordan's death.

#### SPONSORED BY:

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Heavy appetizers and refreshments will be served.

RSVP to carolyn.cole@courts.wa.gov







# Eliminating The Pipeline.





Dear Friends,

We're reaching out to inform you of a professional growth opportunity co-hosted by the *Equity in Education Coalition* and the *Washington State Minority and Justice Commission*. This event, entitled *Eliminating the Pipeline: Transforming Juvenile Justice and School Discipline*, will be a five-part workshop series spanning April 2017 through April 2018 and will be held at Tukwila Community Center.

Thursday, April 27, 2017 will be the first of five workshops bringing together educators and those who work in the justice system. These workshops will focus on disrupting the "school to prison pipeline," with the overall goal of improving the educational experience for students of color and lessening the number of children of color in juvenile justice systems in King County and Washington State. The series will culminate with a conference dedicated to action steps for change at the intersection of education and the juvenile justice system.

Would you be willing to help us reach out to your colleagues, students, networks and/or community to broaden the reach of this important training opportunity?

Here are the details for the first session of our *Eliminating the Pipeline* series:

**Before We Begin - Understanding Why Racial Equity in Education is Important** Thursday, April 27, 2017, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila, WA

Following workshops will take participants through the school-to-prison pipeline covering the topics of early learning and discipline, discipline in the school building, action and reaction to disciplinary measures and involvement with the courts. Each workshop in the series will build on each other so it is important that participants plan to attend each part in the series. The entire series is free. Journals and heavy snacks will be provided. Interested individuals can sign-up online by visiting: eec-wa.org/event/discipline-series/

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Discipline@eec-wa.org with any questions or for more information.

We hope that we can count on you to make this event a success for our shared community!

Sincerely,

Sharonne Navas

#### Eliminating the Pipeline

#### Transforming juvenile justice and school discipline

A free, five-part, professional growth series taking a new approach to discipline and juvenile justice by tearing down the walls between education and the courts to better serve our children.

**Co-Conveners:** Equity in Education Coalition and Washington State Minority and Justice Commission

Contact: Discipline@eec-wa.org Date: April 27, 2017 - April 2018 Location: Tukwila Community Center

#### **Purpose:**

- Every year thousands of students are suspended and/or expelled from our schools, an increase from years prior, and a disproportionate number are students of color. This is a problem that we are concerned with because of the higher chance that these students may end up in "the school to prison pipeline." We know that education prevents involvement with the juvenile justice system, therefore we would like to see changes made to the culture of over-reliance on suspension and expulsion of students of color, in order to ensure success and opportunity in education for all students.
- Many good changes have been sought and obtained through legislation in the past few years, including changes to the school discipline regulations, requiring data on school discipline and demographics, and reform of laws around truancy. However, even with the changes in policy, it still takes a village of support for change to be realized by our students and their parents.
- The purpose of this series is to stimulate a catalyst for realized change. By bringing together cross-collaborative partners that both work on racial equity in the justice system and in the education system respectively, we can build alliances that can be the necessary and powerful push to change systemic and institutional practices that have historically marginalized.

<u>Goal</u>: To bring focus to improving the educational experience for students of color, and lessening the number of children of color in juvenile justice systems, by focusing on the ways that our schools carry out student discipline and change the way our justice system carries out sentencing.

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. Attendees will develop a common way to describe, define, and then transform the way they look at the current school discipline climate and involvement with the juvenile justice system through a racial equity lens.
- 2. Discover new allies and form cross-system partnerships to produce multi-systemic outcomes for students and their families on school discipline and its effects.
- 3. To propose solutions that the Equity in Education Coalition and Minority and Justice Commission can assist in spearheading design, develop, and produce an action plan for follow-up.

#### **Target Audience:**

- Public Schools All levels (building staff, administrative leadership, educators, SRO's).
- Courts Juvenile Courts & Superior Courts that handle juvenile cases (judges & commissioners, probation, staff).
- Students Those training and studying to work in the above areas.

#### **Agenda**

Before we begin: Understanding why racial equity in education is important

Location: Tukwila Community Center Date: Thursday, April 27, 5:30-8:30

Entering the pipeline: Early learning and discipline

Location: Tukwila Community Center Date: Friday, June 9 5:30-8:30

Through the pipeline (Part I): Discipline in the school building

Location: Tukwila Community Center Date: Thursday, September 14, 5:30-8:30

Through The Pipeline (Part II): Action and reaction

Location: Tukwila Community Center Date: Thursday, November 9, 5:30-8:30

Into the Courthouse: Courts igniting change

**Location: Tukwila Community Center** 



40 %

of students expelled from U.S. schools each year are black.

70%

of students involved in "in school" arrests or referred to law enforcement are Black or Latino.

95%

of out-of-school suspensions are for nonviolent misbehavior Nationwide.

Why have our children become referrals, serial numbers, bodies forced into a system?

We've lost complete sight of innocent until proven guilty, especially when it comes to our children.

Every adult that a child interacts with during the school day has the potential to make the decision to criminalize child-like behavior and further the school-to-prison pipeline. That is why the **Equity in Education Coalition** and **Washington State Minority and Justice Commission** are working together to bring you a five-part professional growth series, connecting schools and educators with those who work in the courts and justice system to eliminate the school-to-prison pipeline.

When children are referred to courts for school behavior it can result in criminalization; creating a criminal record, criminal debt, or in some instances detention. The Washington State Minority and Justice Commission recognizes that a disproportionate number of court-involved youth are children of color, children from low socioeconomic backgrounds, and children with disabilities. The Commission seeks to address and highlight the important role that courts can play in redirecting and reconnecting court-involved youth to education and social supports in their communities.

Join us as we work together to take a new approach to discipline, tearing down the walls between education and the courts. Together we will reflect, talk, grow and take action.

Contact **Discipline@eec-wa.org** to register and get involved in ending disproportionate discipline practices so that we can better serve the children of Washington state.





# Eliminating The Pipeline.





# TRANSFORMING JUVENILE JUSTICE AND SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

#### **WORKSHOP I – BEFORE WE BEGIN**

Understanding why racial equity in education is important Thursday, April 27, 2017, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tukwila Community Center

#### **FREE**

A five-part professional growth series connecting schools and educators with those who work in the courts and justice system to reflect, learn and take action – working to put an end to disproportionate discipline practices and provide better service to our children.

# **Contact & Register**

Online Registration: eec-wa.org/event/Discipline-Series/

Email: Discipline@eec-wa.org

Phone: (206) 486-6031

Hosted by the Equity in Education Coalition and Washington State Minority and Justice Commission

#### 2016-2017 MJC Budget Updated 4-7-17

 Starting available funds
 \$70,000.00
 \$70,000.00

 Estimated Funds used to date
 \$36,925.00
 \$36,925.00

You're under budget by

ItemDescriptionAllottedSpentRemaining NotesCommission MeetingsMember & staff travel costs, lodging, and per-diem for all regular MJC meetings and Y&J Forum\$15,500.00\$22,275\$-\$6,775.00funds allotted increased by \$500 from last budgetGeneral Operating ExpensesPrinting, teleconferences, office supplies, etc.\$3,600.00\$600\$3,000.00Annual ReportDesign and printing\$500.00\$0\$500.00Commission Staff & Member Continuing EducationNational Consortium & other conferences\$7,000.000\$7,000.00	increase
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EDUCATION	
Judicial College \$2,000.00 \$2,000 \$0.00	
Institute for New Court Employees \$0.00 \$0 \$0.00	
Fall Conference - Perceptions of Justice Part II \$1,200.00 \$1,200 \$0.00	
Fall Conference - Jury Diversity and Implicit Bias \$600.00 \$600 \$0.00	
Pre-trial Justice \$0.00 \$0 \$0.00	
Spring Conference - DMCJA \$500.00 \$0 \$0.00 Removed as a line item from last budget	
Spring Conference - SCJA \$9,200.00 \$0 \$9,200.00	
Spring Conference - Appellate Courts \$500.00 \$500 \$0.00	
Flexible spending for other education sponsorships \$0.00 \$0 \$0.00	
LAW STUDENT LIAISONS	
Gonzaga project \$1,500.00 \$0 \$1,500.00 Spending approved 2/27/17	
SU project \$1,500.00 \$1,500 \$0.00	
UW project \$1,500.00 \$0 \$1,500.00 Spending approved for \$400 12/2/16	
Leadership Training & Travel \$1,000.00 \$1,000 \$0.00	
YOUTH PIPELINE PROGRAMS	
Yakima Youth & Justice Forum (October 2016) \$1,000.00 \$1,000 \$0.00	
Spokane Youth & Justice Forum (December 2016)         \$1,000.00         \$1,000         \$0.00	
Sponsorship funds given; event moved to November	2017; budget
Tri-Cities Youth & Justice Forum \$1,000.00 \$1,000 \$0.00 additional \$1000 FY 2017-2018	
Wenatchee Youth & Justice Forum (March 2017)         \$1,000.00         \$1,000         \$0.00	
Seattle Youth & Justice Forum (April/May 2017) \$1,000.00 \$1,000 \$0.00	
SYMPOSIUM \$6,000.00 \$0 \$6,000.00	
INITIATIVES	
Tribal State Court Consortium \$2,500.00 \$450 \$2,050.00	
Pre-trial Task Force \$2,000.00 \$0 \$2,000.00	
Eliminating the Pipeline Seminar Series \$1,000.00 \$1,000 \$0.00	
Spokane Community Forum with Ron Davis \$1,500.00 \$0 \$1,500.00	
Town Hall \$0.00 \$0 \$0.00	
SPONSORSHIPS \$0 \$0 \$0.00	
RESEARCH	
Jury Survey Project \$4,400 \$0 \$4,400.00	
COMMITTEE WORK	
Committees \$1,200 \$0 \$1,200.00	
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