



- Members and guests introduced themselves.

#### **Approval of March 19 Meeting Minutes**

- Approved as presented

### **GUEST PRESENTATION**

#### **UW Law Student Research: WA State Regulation of Police Technology – Professor William Covington, Cameron Cantrell and Zoe Wood**

##### **Presentation**

- The presentation slides are included on page 9 of the meeting packet.
- Professor Covington introduced himself and his students, who are conducting research at the University of Washington on the trends, gaps, and strengths in police technology laws. They will discuss how Washington State compares with the rest of the country on law enforcement technology use, and what the judiciary can do to ensure equity and accountability. The group will be discussing the regulation of 7 known police technologies.
- Washington's technology governance is fairly good as compared to other states.
- Police departments are not limited by their own data. They can access data between other agencies and departments, such as with automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) data.
- There are no limitations on PredPol, a predictive policing technology, in Washington. Santa Cruz, for example banned PredPol.
- Washington has a good protective facial recognition technology (FRT) law compared to other states with FRT laws. Washington leaves it to individual agencies to determine who can access FRT data and under what circumstances.

##### **Discussion**

- The final paper will be distributed to Commission members once it is finalized in June, 2021.
- The 2021 session legislation was incorporated into the research.
- Commission members commended the presentation and research.

### **CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Racial Justice Consortium – Patty Lally**

- In June 2020, the Washington Supreme Court issued a letter addressing racism in the justice system. The Consortium was established as a response to the letter.
- The Consortium is a 50+ member group of all court levels, including members of impacted communities.
- The group is exploring the idea of belonging – how do we transform courthouses into places where all can seek justice? This includes internal work with the Consortium members.
- The group is working to establish a road map to continue work and implement change.

#### **CLE Event: Qualified Immunity 360 – Frank Thomas**

- Judge David Whedbee was recognized for his leadership and initiative in planning the event.
- A 200 person attendance was maintained on the webinar, with an additional 90 during the TVW stream.
- In addition to wide viewership in Washington, there was national attention as well.
- Frank Thomas provided an overview of the panels and topics for the event.
- The event ended with a conversation between Chief Justice González and Judge Carlton Reeves.

- Participants commended the Washington Supreme Court for tackling the issue of Qualified Immunity in the recent webinar.

### **LFO Work Updates – Cynthia Delostrinos**

- LFO Reform Bill HB 1412 did not pass this legislative session.
- Work in community surrounding LFOs is at an all-time high. Exploring the idea of calling a convening group to advance LFO reform.
- Funding to maintain the LFO calculator was secured this legislative session.
- Budget proviso this session was included for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) to conduct a comprehensive report on LFOs in Washington. MJC was named as an entity that WSIPP can consult with. MJC has contacted WSIPP and expressed interest in assisting.
- MJC has been working collaboratively with a group called Living with Conviction. We are working with them to finalize the LFO consortium report to include the voices of impacted individuals when providing recommendations.
  - Izzy Carranza and Sam Suroeka were recognized for their assistance on the report.

### **Bail Data Research Update**

- This research is being conducted in advance of the June 2 Supreme Court Symposium.
- Initial goal was to get 10 counties worth of data, with a new goal of 5 counties. The project will be continued beyond the June 2 Symposium.
  - Counties are not obligated to provide this data.
  - Not all counties have easy access to their own data.
- One main takeaway is that better reporting practices of data need to be developed across the state.

### **Plea Bargaining Process Research**

- Frank Thomas, Dr. Andrew Peterson, and Chad Enright are working collaboratively on the project. It has been tabled until FY 2022.

### **National Conference on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts**

- The group is meeting this Sunday. The conference is upcoming, with good representation from Washington expected.

## **LAW STUDENT LIAISONS**

### **Congratulations to Liaison Graduates!**

- Dalia Pedro Trujillo (GU), Rigo Garcia (GU), Israel Carranza (GU), Peggy Rodriguez (SU), Mary Ruffin (UW), and Furhad Sultani (UW)

### **Gonzaga University Law Project Report - Dalia Pedro Trujillo, Rigo Garcia, Israel Carranza, and Maggie Esquivel Torres**

#### *Multi-lingual MJC Informational and Digital Outreach Campaign*

- The Gonzaga law student liaisons created an MJC Instagram page. They are hoping to surpass 100 followers by the end of the day, and are currently at 97. 100 followers were reached during the meeting.
- The Instagram posts have received good engagement so far. One post had 1000 unique engagements. The posts were promoted using infographics. They noted that Facebook posts receive better engagement than Instagram.

- Maggie Esquivel Torres shared her screen to show the infographics and videos made for the social media accounts. The videos and infographics were made in both Spanish and English.
- While the project had a good budget, most of the promotions were rejected and thus engagement was organic. Guidelines on Facebook and Instagram have gotten very strict regarding content deemed political. More work needs to be done to reach Spanish speaking communities.
- For posts with higher engagement, there was backlash on Spanish speaking videos in the form of hateful comments. These comments are indicative of the work that needs to be done.
- As a tool, social media reach expands audience for the Commission and provides transparency for judiciary.

## **Seattle University Law Project Report - Denise Chen, Peggy Rodriguez, Jenny Wu, and David Armstead**

### *A Law Student's Toolbox for Social Justice Advocacy*

- The panel was on April 22, 2021. Over 100 people attended
- In retrospect, more time should have been allocated for the Q&A part of the event.
- The infographic that was developed was shared with the Commission.

## **COMMISSION LIAISON & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Education Committee**

- **Completed SCJA 2021 Spring Conference**
  - *Immigrant Families Tool Kit*
    - The session was well received and timely in its subject matter.
- **Completed DMCMA Training Series** – Silence = Acceptance - LaTricia Kinlow
  - Over 800 people attended the sessions.
  - Feedback is being compiled and will be disseminated once it is finalized.
- **Upcoming DMCJA Spring Conference**
  - *Marriage of Courts and Collection Agencies*
- **Upcoming DMCMA Spring Conference**
  - *LFO Reconsideration Days: the Big Waive*

### **Fall Conference Colloquium Planning Group (2022) – Judge Johanna Bender**

- The planning group is an offshoot of a judicial discussion group to pursue holistic educational programming looking critically at the role of systemic racism in our state's legal system. The group is planning with an eye towards a major project at the Fall Conference 2022. Judge Johanna Bender and Judge Maureen McKee are heading the working group.
- A proposal will be submitted to bring in a national speaker for a keynote address on the ways in which racism has been embedded into the American justice system since its inception. The concept of neutrality will be explored.
- Breakout groups will be utilized to further explore these issues. Ideas will be brought back to MJC for continued action.
- The group is considering an additional proposal for DMCJA.
- Gonzales Rose is being invited to speak on evidence rules and racially disparate impacts for a plenary session.

### **Rules & Legislation Committee**

- The Committee met weekly at the beginning of session to respond to legislation. The Committee submitted letters of support on various legislation.
- Leah Taguba and Professor Jason Gillmer will be joining the Committee.

- Now that session is over, attention will be turned to other projects, such as court rule changes.

#### **Juvenile Justice Committee – Annie Lee**

- Numerous juvenile justice bills were supported this legislative session:
  - HB 5118 passed that supports successful reentry.
  - Reentry package allocated funds to JR to support young people and successful reentry.
  - HB 1140 – youth right to counsel at arrest. Passed.
  - HB 1320 – protection order bill. GJC took the lead on this bill, and MJC decided to step back. Looking forward to partnering with GJC on workgroups.
  - Record sealing bill did not pass, but JJ Committee is anticipating continued work in area.
  - At TeamChild, have already seen reform stemming from the Blake decision.

#### **Tribal State Court Consortium – Judge Lori K. Smith**

- A written update is included in the meeting packet.

#### **MJC Liaisons**

- **Bar Licensure Task Force – Frank Thomas**
  - Group has met twice, third meeting this coming Monday.
  - Sub-committees have been formed to further explore the topic and alternatives in licensure.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **Acknowledgment of Work Accomplished**

- Judge Alicea-Galván acknowledged the work that has been accomplished during a pandemic. This shows amazing commitment and resilience of MJC. People are looking to Washington to lead on access to justice.

#### **Announcements**

- Tonight, 5/14, is the Loren Miller bar association event. Frank Thomas will circulate the event to the Commission.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM**