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MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

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FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022  
9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.



# MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

BIMONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

JUSTICE MARY YU, CO-CHAIR

JUDGE VERONICA GALVÁN, CO-CHAIR

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## AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER** 9:00 – 9:05 a.m. (15 minutes)

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of January 28 Minutes

**CHAIR & STAFF REPORT** 9:05 – 9:35 a.m. (30 minutes)

- **Staff Report**
  - 2023 NCREC National Conference – Frank Thomas
  - Jury Diversity Study – Frank Thomas
  - LFO Calculator Update – Frank Thomas
  - Annual Supreme Court Symposium Update – Frank Thomas
  - *Date:* Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. via Zoom Videoconference

**Law Student Liaison Presentation** 9:35 – 10:20 (45 Minutes)

- **University of Washington School of Law Project Proposal – Trauma Informed Anti-Racist Approach to Legal Advocacy**
  - Angel Torres Mann, Kenneth Nelson, Priyanka Menon, Wendy Martinez Hurtado
  - *Date:* Thursday April 28th, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, via Zoom Videoconference
- **Gonzaga University School of Law Project Proposal – Equity through Accessibility**
  - Maggie Esquivel Torres, Gloria Herrera, Alicia Chaudry, Whitney Wakefield
- **Seattle University School of Law – Expungement Clinic Project Update**
  - Denise Chen, Sean Dong, Sarah Max

**BREAK** 10:20 – 10:30 (10 minutes)

**COMMISSION LIAISONS & COMMITTEE REPORTS** 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. (90 minutes)

- **Racial Justice Consortium** – Patty Lally
  - Discussion of the RJC Draft Action Plan

- **Education Committee** – Judge Lori K. Smith
  - MJC Education Retreat and Education Plan Recap – Judge Lori K. Smith
  - Review New Education Subcommittee Mission Statement and Goals
  - SCJA Spring Conference Colloquium, *Pathways to a More Equitable Justice System*, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. – Judge Johanna Bender and Frank Thomas
  - Race Equity in Child Welfare Colloquium Update – Frank Thomas
  
- **Outreach Committee** – Judge Bonnie Glenn and Lisa Castilleja
  - CZ Award – Judge Bonnie Glenn
  - Judges of Color Diversity Directory Distribution Update – Judge Faye and Esperanza Borboa
  - Artwork Update – Judge Anthony Gipe and Moriah Freed
  - G&J and WSMJ Next Steps – Judge Bonnie Glenn
  - Jury Diversity – Frank Thomas, Karen Murray and Riley Burton
  - Juvenile Research 2.0 (Next Steps) – Frank Thomas
  - Incarceration and Civil Proceedings – Judge Bonnie Glenn
  - Board Award Update – Judge Bonnie Glenn
  
- **Rules and Legislation Committee** – Judge Theresa Doyle
  - Post-Legislative Session Report – Judge Theresa Doyle
    - Passage of HB 1412 – Concerning Legal Financial Obligations
    - HB 1169 – Concerning Sentencing Enhancements
  
- **Juvenile Justice Committee** – Judge Theresa Doyle
  - Proposed Court Rule Concerning Juvenile Records – Judge Theresa Doyle
  - Race and Criminal Justice Task Force 2.0 Juvenile Justice Recommendations – Judge Theresa Doyle and Frank Thomas
  
  - **MJC Liaisons**
  - **Jury Instruction Video** – Judge Leah Taguba
  - **Access to Justice Board** – Esperanza Borboa
  - **Self-Represented Litigants Work Group** – Josh Treybig and Theresa Cronin
  - **Washington State Bar Licensure Task Force** – Frank Thomas

**Next MJC meeting: Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom).**



# Minority and Justice Commission

## 2022 Meeting Dates

Virtual Meetings held via Zoom Videoconference  
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Date	Time	Location
Friday, January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 01/28/22	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference
Friday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 03/25/22	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference
Friday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 05/13/22	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference
Wednesday, June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2022 <i>Supreme Court Symposium</i> 06/01/22	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference
Friday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022 07/22/22	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference
Friday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 09/30/22	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference
Friday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 12/09/22	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference

Please contact Frank Thomas at [Frank.Thomas@courts.wa.gov](mailto:Frank.Thomas@courts.wa.gov) or 206-316-0607 if you have any questions.

 <p>WASHINGTON COURTS</p>	<p><b>MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION</b></p> <p>ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE FRIDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. JUSTICE MARY YU, CO-CHAIR JUDGE VERONICA ALICEA-GALVÁN, CO-CHAIR</p>	
<p><b>MEETING NOTES</b></p>		

### Commission Members

Justice Mary Yu, Co-Chair  
 Judge Veronica Alicea-Galván, Co-Chair  
 Lisa Castilleja  
 Judge Faye Chess  
 Professor Mark A. Chinen  
 Judge Linda Coburn  
 Theresa Cronin  
 Grace Cross  
 Judge Theresa Doyle (ret.)  
 Chad Enright  
 Professor Jason Gillmer  
 Judge Anthony Gipe  
 Judge Bonnie Glenn  
 Kitara Johnson  
 LaTricia Kinlow  
 Anne Lee  
 Judge LeRoy McCullough  
 Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis  
 Karen Murray  
 Briana Ortega  
 Christopher Sanders  
 Judge Ketu Shah  
 Travis Stearns  
 Judge Leah Taguba  
 Jeremy Walker  
 Judge Karl Williams

### AOC Staff

Kelley Amburgey-Richardson  
 Cynthia Delostrinos  
 Moriah Freed  
 Frank Thomas

### Liaisons

Wanda Barrett, *Embedded Law Librarian*  
 Esperanza Borboa, *Access to Justice Board*  
 Denise Chen, *SU Law*  
 Sean Dong, *SU Law*  
 Sarah Max, *SU Law*  
 Margarita Esquivel Torres, *Gonzaga Law*  
 Gloria Ixtaly Herrera, *Gonzaga Law*  
 Whitney Wakefield, *Gonzaga Law*  
 Alicia Chaudry, *Gonzaga Law*  
 Wendy Martinez Hurtado, *UW Law*  
 Angel Torres Mann, *UW Law*

### Guests

La Rond Baker  
 Twyla Carter  
 Judge Sara Dannen  
 Brian Flaherty  
 Jaime Hawk  
 Gordon Hill  
 Katie Hurley  
 Anita Khandelwal  
 Mynor Lopez  
 Nicole Zayas Manzano  
 Claire Mauksch  
 Judge Maureen McKee  
 Julissa Rachor  
 Amrit Sharma  
 Cherif Sidiiali

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

### Welcome and Introductions

- Justice Yu welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Frank Thomas called roll. Members, guests and staff introduced themselves.
- Justice Yu recognized Judge McCullough as the longest serving judge in Washington.

### Approval of November 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were approved as presented.

## GUEST PRESENTATION

**Continued Bail Reform through Court Rules** – Anita Khandelwal, Seattle Department of Public Defense; Twyla Carter, The Bail Project

### Presentation

- Justice Yu shared that judges in Washington have expressed concern about the incarceration rate – why are so many individuals being detained pre-trial? There is a large amount of pressure on judges to keep people incarcerated. The Minority and Justice Commission has implored judges to step back and further examine Cr 3.2 and ask for additional resources to help make better decisions.
- The Bail Project is working with the Department of Public Defense to propose amendments on Cr 3.2, Cr 4.7, and Cr 8.3. Washington has been at the forefront of proposing court rule changes to protect the rights of people in the system.
- Anita Khandelwal presented on the current high-level proposed criminal rule changes, and where they see room for improvement. The proposed language has not yet been formally drafted.
  - Cr 3.2 – Presumption of release. The presenters shared that the rule is not being exercised as intended for certain crimes, such as low level property offenses. There is a jump to monetary bail. Thinking of separating failure to appear from willful failure to appear or flight risk. Considering a language proposal that would consider systemic reasons for failure to appear.
    - Enacting a clear standard for when monetary standards of release can be imposed.
    - Further the intent of original rule drafters – presumption of release.
  - Cr 4.7 – Regarding discovery. Ensures defense counsel gets timely access to discovery. Rule inadvertently gives prosecutors additional leverage regarding redactions. Prosecutors need to sign off on redactions, and this process is being used as leverage in plea bargains, i.e. If you ask for redacted discovery, we will pull the deal. This promotes coercive plea bargaining where people are asked to sign plea bargains without reviewing the case against them.
  - Cr 8.3 (b) – Has not been amended for some time. Want to broaden the court's discretion to take action on unfair conduct. Want to push more power back to the court to hold parties accountable.
- In closing, the presenters shared that their goal is to make the system more fair, and reduce inequities of predominantly indigent and disproportionately BIPOC individuals.

## Discussion

- The Minority and Justice Commission is conducting a study on plea bargaining in Washington. Although the study might be able to help inform the plea bargain process for the rule change, the Department of Public Defense is hoping to prepare language in anticipation of the March Commission meeting and the timing might not align.
- Concerns were expressed that the proposed rule changes presume the right to a plea bargain. Is making this decision an appropriate role of the court, and are the revisions reflective specifically of King County practices?
  - The Department of Public Defense believes that the rule change would “neutralize” the current rule.
  - Commission members asked for clarification if this is a statewide issue or a specifically King County issue. Others shared that the practices have been observed in Skagit and Whatcom counties.
- It was emphasized that about half of individuals in state jails are held pre-trial with no conviction, and the longer someone sits in jail, the higher likelihood of them pleading guilty.
- Individuals need to be able to make an informed decision on plea bargaining. How do we move procedural fairness in a way that makes sense? How do we uphold practices that are correct?
  - It was added that judges have not seen people raising issues of procedural fairness in courts. Rulemaking is one way to address these issues.
  - Defense attorneys might be hesitant to raise the issue in front of judge if it affects their client’s deal or all of their other clients’ outcomes.
- Justice Yu emphasized that the discussion on this issue is ongoing, and is excited for the Commission to continue engaging in exploration of this topic.

## CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

### 2023 NCREF National Conference – Judge Veronica Galván

- Judge Galvan would like Washington to consider hosting the National Consortium of Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts (NCREF) Conference for 2023. This would include developing programming and working with bar associations to plan a reception. The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) handles logistics.
- Other courts are looking to Washington as an example and the state has a lot to share.
- Judge Galvan is on the national planning committee and is willing to lead a state planning committee. There is substantial overlap in Symposium topics that could transfer to valuable NCREF programming.
- A vote by the Commission previously approved hosting the conference, but it was postponed due to COVID. A planning Committee will need to be formed and financing secured to move forward.
- Cynthia Delostrinos encouraged MJC to think about intersections with the work of the other Commission’s during planning.

**ACTION:** Trish Kinlow and Judge Sarah Dannen volunteered to assist in planning the NCREF 2023 Conference. If interested in participating, contact Frank Thomas.

### Legal Financial Obligations (LFO) Final Report Publication – Cynthia Delostrinos

- *The Price of Justice: Legal Financial Obligations in Washington State*, and the companion report *The Cost of Justice: Reform Priorities of People with Court Fines and Fees*, were released on January 25th, 2022.
- The press release and links to the report can be found on the Washington Courts website here:  
<https://www.courts.wa.gov/newsinfo/?fa=newsinfo.pressdetail&newsid=48540>
- Cynthia Delostrinos provided background on the Commission's involvement in LFO reform. The Minority & Justice Commission has been involved in LFO work for years to bring the topic to the judiciary's attention. Washington was one of 5 states to receive the Department of Justice's grant to study the issue. At the time, the legislature was unable to pass LFO reform in the state. The grant and report allowed stakeholders to convene and reach consensus on reform. This led to legislative and court rule changes.
- A partnership with Living With Conviction has been established to bring lived-experience recommendations to further the reform efforts.
- MJC needs to support further reform, such as support HB 1412. Supporting access to GR 39 reforms, informing people that LFO relief is often available.
- Commission members were encouraged to share the reports widely.

#### **Jury Diversity Updates – Frank Thomas**

- The 2021 Jury Diversity Survey Study has been revised after an error was noticed and is now available online.
- The legislature has funded an additional jury study for 2022 to capture jury diversity data for future consideration. This project is off the ground in Pierce County. Other counties are being on boarded, and 5000 responses have been received over the past month.

#### **Pretrial Research Projects – Frank Thomas**

- Dr. Lisette Garcia and Frank are proceeding with the Plea Bargaining research project that will seek to isolate the effects of the plea bargaining process on racial disproportionality.
- AOC has received legislative funding for a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Researcher to focus primarily on EHM outcomes. JDAs is a priority issue for MJC JJ Cmte., and there may be potential to expand the scope of the researcher's work to include other diversion programs.
- Frank Thomas anticipates that the bail research study will be completed sometime in the next couple months, potentially by the next MJC meeting.

**ACTION:** Contact Frank Thomas about any of the research projects or if you would like to assist. Judge Dannen expressed interest in working on the pre-trial project.

#### **LAW STUDENT LIAISON PRESENTATION**

**Expungement Clinic Proposal – Seattle University School of Law Liaisons Denise Chen, David Armstead, Sarah Max, Sean Dong**

The Seattle U liaisons were the first to submit their project proposal, which seeks to facilitate a two-day program relating to criminal expungement. One day will be dedicated to education and training, and another day to the expungement work. I understand that they have coordinated



with organizations to have supervising attorneys and pre-cleared clients so intake will not be required.

- The full proposal is on page 7 of the packet.
- The Law Student Liaisons propose to launch a criminal records sealing clinic during March and April 2022. They will partner with Microsoft and the Seattle Urban League to pre-screen clients for eligibility.
- The clinic will provide students with pro-bono work and educate on racial disproportionalities. Additionally, the students will partner with law school affinity groups and develop an infographic to educate students on Washington state incarceration.
- The training prior to the clinic will be structured in 3 parts:
  - MJC race equity training led by commission member
  - Substantive law training
  - Procedure training
- The SU students have already discussed the project with other partner agencies and just need MJC approval to move forward with the event. If MJC funding is approved, it will go towards the promotional infographic and materials for the clinic. Seattle University will provide the meeting space.

**VOTE:** The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Expungement Clinic Proposal and provide sponsorship funds.

## COMMISSION LIAISON & COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Education Committee – Judge Lori K. Smith and Frank Thomas

- Judicial College Recap – Judge Veronica Galván and Judge Ketu Shah
  - Judges Shah and Galvan presented at Judicial College to 65 students. The presentation, *Emerging Through Bias*, was taught on the first day. This encouraged students to apply these lessons across the other presentations throughout Judicial College.
  - Evaluations have not yet been released.
- MJC Education Retreat – Judge LeRoy McCullough
  - The retreat was held virtually due to COVID on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.
  - The Education Committee has taken a step back to examine their work in relation to the mission statement.
  - The Committee will be asking the full Commission for feedback on the revised mission and how the goals are being met.
  - The retreat will be conducted via zoom.
- SCJA Spring Conference Colloquium Update – Frank Thomas
  - SCJA conference has been moved fully virtual. Updating contracts and program to adapt to the new format.
  - The accepted, large scale program involves both a keynote speaker and breakout work sections.
  - SCJA has not just approved the proposal, but is co-sponsoring and co-funding of the session.
- Racial Equity and Child Welfare Colloquium – Judge Maureen McKee and Frank Thomas
  - Have been working with child welfare stakeholders to plan a colloquium with the goal to shift the narrative in child welfare from saving children by separating them

from the family unit towards an emphasis on maintaining the family unit. Child welfare issues in Washington overlap considerably with race equity.

- The program outline is on page 16 of the packet. Members of the colloquium group have expressed support of using the program outline to create a multi-part colloquium series. They are seeking MJC support to execute this program in summer 2022. The audience has expanded to a diverse group of stakeholders interested in learning about the issue.

**VOTE:** The Minority & Justice Commission approved support of the Race Equity and Child Welfare Colloquium programming for summer 2022.

### **Outreach Committee – Lisa Castilleja and Judge Bonnie Glenn**

- Judges of Color Directory Update – Judge Faye Chess, Esperanza Borboa, and Moriah Freed
  - The 2022 Judges of Color Directory has been submitted for final approval before publishing. The updated directory will send a message of inclusivity and serve as a resource to the state. It is important to show how the diversity of the bench is growing.
  - The 2022 directory features artwork by Judge Gipe, and poetry submitted by Washington judges.
  - A distribution plan has not yet been discussed. Moriah Freed will look at prior distribution lists to provide a suggestion to the Outreach Committee.
  - The Commission recognized Judge Chess for her outstanding dedication in getting the project completed, including formatting the directory and conducting personal reach-outs.
- Annual Artwork 2022 – Judge Anthony Gipe and Moriah Freed
  - Judge Gipe is currently working on a draft announcement to circulate by mid-February announcing the call for artwork.
  - Judge Gipe is requesting an honoraria of \$1000 to compensate the selected artist for the 2022 poster.
  - Judge Gipe is updating the distribution list to include more organizations representing BIPOC artists.
  - The 2021 artwork will be used on the announcement flyer.
- Gender Justice Study MJC Follow-up – Judge Bonnie Glenn
  - A group has been formed to narrow down next steps on the recommendations from the Gender Justice Study where the Minority and Justice Commission is named or has overlapping work:
    - Jury diversity working with Judge Rosen
    - Women and girls in incarceration
    - LFOs
    - Prosecutorial discretion
    - Family law and civil consequences
  - The group is planning to schedule a second meeting with various stakeholders.
- WSMJC Board Award – Judge Bonnie Glenn
  - A number of boards and Commissions present outgoing members with a recognition of service. Judge Glenn is hoping to establish something similar to recognize outgoing MJC members.
- CZ Smith Award – Judge Bonnie Glenn
  - Lisa Castilleja will be reaching out to the universities next week. Last year the law schools sponsored a monetary award – hoping this continues.

- Gonzaga will be the next host of the event. It is to be determined if the event will be held virtually in the spring or pushed to fall for a possible in-person event.

### **Rules and Legislation Committee – Judge Theresa Doyle**

- The Minority and Justice Commission has supported various bills this session:
  - SB 5609 – Concerning Eliminating Fingerprinting for Juveniles at Disposition
  - SB 1637 – Concerning Mental Health Condition Mitigation at Sentencing
  - SB 1169 Enhancement stacking bill
    - Allows judges to unstack charges to run them concurrently and not consecutively
  - HB 1412 – omnibus LFO reform
    - Moving forward, Judge Keenan testified on behalf of MJC.

### **Juror Orientation Video – Judge Leah Taguba**

- The video and renderings are almost finished with the review process.
- Looking forward to having final product shared with the Commission

### **MJC Liaisons**

- **Access to Justice Board – Esperanza Borboa**
  - The Access to Justice Board created a community advisory panel. Following murder of George Floyd, ATJ assessed that the community and those most impacted by the justice system needed a bigger voice in the decision making process.
  - The community advisory panel expressed wanting to continue involvement at the most recent meeting.
  - ATJ is in process of recruiting 3 new board members and are re-evaluating the recruitment process to diversify applicant pool and get higher community engagement.
  - Evaluating and revising hallmarks for equal justice and state plan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM**



**SAVE THE DATE!**



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



**Annual Conference  
May 1-4, 2022  
Grand Forks, ND**



[www.national-consortium.org](http://www.national-consortium.org)



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Criteria for Support or Co-sponsorship Requests



- Within 30 days after the event, requester will send a short summary (1 page maximum) of the event or project and its impact with 2-3 pictures from the event to [frank.thomas@courts.wa.gov](mailto:frank.thomas@courts.wa.gov).

**Request Form**

<p><b>Full name and contact information of organization and persons making the request:</b></p>	<p>UW School of Law WSMJC Student Liaisons                  Kenneth Nelson – kpn4@uw.edu                  Angelina Torres Mann - atorresm@uw.edu                  Priyanka Menon - pkmenon@uw.edu                  Wendy Martinez Hurtado - wsmh@uw.edu</p>
<p><b>Type of request (please check one)</b></p> <p><b>SUPPORT includes:</b></p> <p>Publicity – WSMJC listed as a “supporter” on all promotional materials and helps advertise.</p> <p><b>CO-SPONSORSHIP includes:</b></p> <p>Publicity – WSMJC listed as a “co-sponsor” on all promotional materials and helps advertise.</p> <p>Funding based on available WSMJC funds.</p> <p>Planning support for the event.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>SUPPORT (Level 1)</b></p> <p>Indicate if you would also like:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Guest speaker – WSMJC member(s) provide speaking services on behalf of the Commission</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CO-SPONSORSHIP (Level 2)</b></p> <p>Indicate if you would also like:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Guest speaker – WSMJC member(s) provide speaking services on behalf of the Commission</p>
<p><b>Name, date, time, and location of the event or project:</b></p>	<p>Trauma Informed Anti-Racist Approach to Legal Advocacy                  April 28th, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Zoom Meeting</p>
<p><b>If funding is requested, total amount of funds requested and tentative budget:</b></p>	<p>\$900 Speaker Fees</p>



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<p><b>Purpose and objectives of the request:</b></p>	<p>The purpose of this event is to help members of the Washington legal community rethink their approach to legal advocacy entirely that will result in increased sustainability for them as the advocates, holistic care for the people they serve, and outcomes that disrupt unjust systems. This training will result in more confidence from the community that their legal representation is better prepared to providing representation that is more culturally competent and equipped to eliminate biases.</p> <p>This training will provide a basic introduction to concepts relating to trauma and race, leading up to a four-part model that guides legal advocates to tangibly engage in a trauma-informed, anti-racist approach to legal advocacy.</p>
<p><b>Event agenda or project schedule, if available:</b></p>	<p>Event led by Lorilei Williams of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law.</p> <p>Lorilei (they/them) is a queer, trans Korean-American abolitionist, artist, and attorney dedicated to teaching legal advocates on how to engage in trauma-informed and antiracist advocacy in their individual capacities and collectively as movement advocates. Lorilei's expertise is informed by over a decade of professional experiences ranging from volunteer to director at numerous nonprofit organizations, including the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, the Southern Poverty Law Center, Legal Services NYC, and various Catholic Charities organizations. Lorilei has been a strategic accomplice to migrants across the nation, including in rural farms in Upstate NY, migrant camps in Tijuana, and multiple detention settings, from unaccompanied minors shelters to rural for-profit mass incarceration facilities in the Deep South. Lorilei currently serves as co-faculty for the 2021-22 New York Law School Asylum Clinic and as an expert consultant, coach, and trainer for legal services providers across the nation. Lorilei is admitted to the state bars of New York and Texas, the US Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, and the Southern and Eastern Federal District Courts of New York. They are a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis School of Law and the University of Maryland.</p> <p>Agenda:</p>



## Washington State Minority and Justice Commission (WSMJC) Criteria for Support or Co-sponsorship Requests



	<p>3:05 PM Introduction</p> <p>3:10 Introduction to Trauma</p> <p>3:40 Introduction to Racism</p> <p>4:10 Tangible Strategies</p>
<b>Target audience:</b>	Washington Legal Community, Lawyers, Law Students and other types of advocates
<b>Expected attendance or number of persons who will benefit:</b>	100-200
<b>Other methods or sources being used to raise funds, if any:</b>	No
<b>Other co-sponsors, if any:</b>	UW School of Law
<b>Plan to collect outcome data and evaluate the impact of the project (i.e., survey):</b>	<p>Feedback survey sent to all participants</p> <p>Questions posed to participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How will you as a legal advocate address your own vicarious trauma?</li> <li>- How will change your practices to address your client's trauma?</li> </ul>



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Being liaisons with MJC allows us to be in a privileged position to watch positive change unfold within the legal and court system in Washington. We are honored and privileged to have created a project proposal that we think will further the mission of MJC and add to the incredible work already being done by the Commission. The proposal below details our project.

**Request Form**

<p><b>Full name and contact information of organization and persons making the request:</b></p>	<p>Alicia Chaudry, <a href="mailto:achaudry@lawschool.gonzaga.edu">achaudry@lawschool.gonzaga.edu</a></p> <p>Margarita Esquivel, <a href="mailto:mesquiveltorres@lawschool.gonzaga.edu">mesquiveltorres@lawschool.gonzaga.edu</a></p> <p>Gloria Herrera, <a href="mailto:gherrera@lawschool.gonzaga.edu">gherrera@lawschool.gonzaga.edu</a></p> <p>Whitney Wakefield, <a href="mailto:wwakefield@lawschool.gonzaga.edu">wwakefield@lawschool.gonzaga.edu</a></p>
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<p><b>Name, date, time, and location of the event or project:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Name - Equity through Accessibility</li> <li>● Date/time - Set to launch April 15 - May 6</li> <li>● Location - WSMJC website and various community centers/resource centers in WA state</li> </ul>





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<p><b>If funding is requested, total amount of funds requested and tentative budget:</b></p>	<p>Total Amount Requested: \$1,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Translation Services - \$250.00</li> <li>● Printing Costs - \$500.00</li> <li>● Website Design/Input - \$100.00</li> <li>● Print Distribution - \$150.00</li> </ul>
<p><b>Purpose and objectives of the request:</b></p>	<p>As liaisons and law students, we are aware of the reality that there is an intersectionality between wealth and minority communities which makes access to legal aid difficult and burdensome. There is no right to an attorney in civil cases, and having an attorney does not always dispel the daunting nature of the legal realm. It is important that easily accessible legal resources, whether that be access to a pro bono attorney or a “how to” guide, are available to everyone, not only those who can afford an attorney. In the realm of family law, where it is likely that there is already heightened stress and anxiety, it is important to dispel some burdens where we can.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <b>purpose</b> of our project is to create a ‘one stop shop’ compilation of pro bono or low cost legal resources and aid in the realm of family law, broken down by individual Washington counties.</li> <li>2. Our <b>goal</b> is to create ease of access to legal resources for the community relating to family law broadly (i.e. divorce; child custody; etc.). Trying to find affordable legal help can be daunting and confusing. Our project’s aim is to promote the existence of legal resources that are available and make them easy to find.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. We chose family law because based on our research, we found that resources were scarce and difficult to find in comparison to other areas of law.</li> <li>b. This project could extend beyond the work of this year’s liaisons as the resource list can</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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	<p>continue to be added to, and legal resources other areas of law could also be added.</p> <p>c. We also recognize that there is a wealth gap which disadvantages minority communities disproportionately and believe that legal services should be easily available and accessible to all people, not just those who can afford traditional legal representation.</p> <p><b>Why this project:</b> We want to minimize the barriers low-income individuals face in getting legal help and feel that this project allows us to do so. The costs associated with traditional legal representation unfortunately allow for many to fall through the cracks. We hope to begin changing this reality through this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The availability of legal resources, especially in rural counties, is very limited for family services and legal resources. While there are programs, such as the Moderate Means Program and the Northwest Justice Project, which assist low-income individuals in finding affordable legal resources, we found that existing programs did not fully cover family law services.</li> <li>• Further, we recognized that family law issues are common, yet easy accessibility to these resources was scarce. While addressing the realm of family law is a good start, there is potential for this project to continue beyond the scope of the work we as liaisons do.</li> </ul> <p><b>What does this project do to further the Commission's goals:</b> This project aligns with the goals of the Commission by recognizing that the quality of justice individuals receive is often based on the quantity of money they are able to spend. The cost of legal representation and access to information creates a barrier for low-income individuals. This is true especially in the realm of family law, where there are limited</p>
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	<p>resources available, but finding these resources requires a deep dive of the internet, a luxury not available to everyone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Our goal is to inform Washington State’s low-income community who are looking for family law services of such services and resources in an easy and organized way.</li> <li>● We also want to limit the barriers low-income individuals face in accessing the court system and obtaining legal help for family law related issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>How will this be accomplished and measured:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conduct preliminary research to determine which areas of law in Washington state have limited resources or referral programs.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. We concluded that the realm of family law, compared to some other areas of law, had limited resources and referral programs.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Refine research to conduct a county by county survey on available family law services catered towards low-income populations.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Our research revealed that, especially in rural counties, pro bono or low-income family law services were scarce.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Compile list of resources and services from each county.</li> <li>4. Add to the “Resources” webpage on the WSMJC website where the compiled services will be organized by county.</li> <li>5. Create a brochure with the compiled list of resources and strategically place them in locations so that people who do not have access to the internet can still find these resources.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Locations include community centers and other legal aid centers.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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	<p>b. Brochures will also be translated and offered in Spanish and Cantonese to increase the scope of individuals who will benefit.</p> <p><b>Measuring Project Success:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project success will be measured in a few ways, as the information is being offered on two different platforms.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Measuring success of the webpage:                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Track the number of visitors the webpage gets.</li> <li>ii. Track engagement with the webpage.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Measuring success of brochures:                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Tracking how many brochures were distributed and where they were distributed.</li> <li>ii. Potentially touching base with centers to determine community engagement with the brochures.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To create a resource webpage for family law services catered towards low-income communities and individuals in need of such services.</li> <li>● To create a/several brochures containing family law services catered towards low-income communities and individuals who lack internet access.</li> <li>● To create an ongoing project that can continue to be worked on in order to eliminate barriers to legal and court resources for low-income individuals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Event agenda or project schedule, if available:</b></p>	<p><b>Project Schedule:</b></p> <p>January 6 - January 20: Conduct research for top legal need categories.</p> <p>January 20: Check-in regarding findings and meet with Professor Wingfield-Smith.</p>



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	<p>January 28: Meet with Frank to discuss findings and Professor Wingfield-Smith’s feedback.</p> <p>February 3 - 9: Decide on which area of law has the most resources. Connect with WaLAMP.</p> <p>Feb. 17 - March 4: Conduct research for all counties on top legal need category. Compile research and create pamphlet and visuals.</p> <p>March 14- 22: Work on proposal, presentation and infographics.</p> <p>March 25: Present proposal to Committee.</p> <p>March 28 - April 14: Consolidate information, finalize format and layout.</p> <p>April 15 - May 6 : Launch resources on Courts site, social media, and print. Work on translations while resources are being disseminated.</p> <p>May 7 - May 31: Collect data and evaluate campaign.</p>
<p><b>Target audience:</b></p>	<p>Our target audience includes low-income and moderate-income individuals in need of family law services in all 39 counties in Washington State. Although our intent is to provide resources for all counties alike, our focus will be on rural counties and counties with higher poverty levels. The following counties have the highest percentages of persons in poverty in the state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Whitman 25.4 %</li> <li>● Ferry 17.8 %</li> <li>● Grays Harbor 17.3 %</li> <li>● Okanogan 17 %</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yakima 16.5 %</li> <li>● Kittitas 15.8 %</li> <li>● Adams 15.6 %</li> <li>● Pacific 15.4%</li> <li>● Pend Oreille 15 %</li> <li>● Whatcom 14.9 %</li> </ul> <p>We are targeting individuals who have internet access, as well as individuals who do not have internet access. Our goal is to have a compilation of family law resources on the courts.gov website as well as pamphlets and print sources available in various locations such as courthouses and social services offices.</p> <p>We aim to have all materials translated in various languages, beginning with Spanish and Cantonese.</p>
<p><b>Expected attendance or number of persons who will benefit:</b></p>	<p>TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Number of lower income (both pro-bono and moderate-income sliding scale programs) individuals needing family law resources in all 39 Washington State counties.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 785,938 persons living in poverty (10.5 % of population), Census 2020</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Civil Legal Needs Study (2004) indicates that legal assistance is unavailable for more than 390,000 individual legal problems experienced by low-income people in Washington State each year.</li> <li>● <a href="https://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/pos_bja/index.cfm?fa=pos_bja.display&amp;fileid=cftf/AppendG">https://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/pos_bja/index.cfm?fa=pos_bja.display&amp;fileid=cftf/AppendG</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Other methods or sources being used to raise funds, if any:</b></p>	<p>Possible collaborations with other organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Michael Terasaki - Washington Legal Aid Mapping Project</li> <li>● Saleena Salango - Washington Pro Bono</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Other co-sponsors, if any:</b></p>	<p>Nonprofit and government organizations that will allow us to distribute print publications in their facilities (e.g., courts, public assistance centers, social services organizations)</p>
<p><b>Plan to collect outcome data and evaluate the impact of the project (i.e., survey):</b></p>	<p>Website Traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clickthrough Rate (CTR)</li> <li>● Click-Tracking Tools (Google Search Console)</li> </ul> <p>Instagram/FB Engagement Tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Likes, shares, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Quantity and location of physical print distributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Touch base with centers and organizations to determine success</li> </ul>

# Clark County's Family Law Facilitator Program

While a facilitator *cannot* provide legal advice or assist in filling out paperwork, a facilitator *can* provide (1) information on how to start certain family law actions; (2) outline where mandatory forms are available and where to get them; (3) provide information on court rules, schedules, and procedures; (4) review completed forms for procedural correctness; (5) provide information on community resources, and (6) provide brochures and instruction sheets. These services are neutral, but do not provide referrals and are not confidential. To obtain assistance from a Family Law Facilitator, there is a *user fee* of \$20.00 for a 20-minute appointment, which must be paid to the clerks office.

For more information visit

<https://clark.wa.gov/clerk/family-court-facilitator> or call 564.397.2292



## Contact Information

### Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program

1104 Main St., Plaza One  
Vancouver, WA 98660  
P: 360.695.5313

### Northwest Justice Project Vancouver Office

500 W. 8th  
Vancouver, WA 98660  
P: 360.693.6130

### Southwest Washington Lawyer Referral\*

LRS@ccbawashington.org  
P: 360.695-0599

\*Refers individuals to attorneys with reduced cost consultations (not pro-bono or free legal services)

## Family Law Legal Services in Clark County, Washington



Affordable or Pro-Bono Family Law Legal Aid Services in your Area



## Additional Helpful Agencies

### **DSHS Division of Child Support**

800 NE 136th Ave., Ste. 210  
Vancouver, WA 98684

P: 360.696.6100 or 800.345.9984

### **Clark County Prosecutor's Office- Child Support Division**

800 Franklin St., Ste. 100  
Vancouver, WA 98660

P: 564.397.2265

### **YWCA of Clark County**

3609 Main St.,  
Vancouver, WA

P: 360.696.0167

### **Clark County Law Library**

1200 Franklin St., 1st Floor  
Vancouver, WA 98660

P: 564.397.2268

## Obtaining Family Law Forms

### Online Resources

- [www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org) - this site provides step by step instructions & all the forms needed for downloading.
- [www.courts.wa.gov](http://www.courts.wa.gov) - this site provides forms for download.

### Physical Locations

- Purchase a packet from the Clark County Clerk's Office. Costs vary from \$15.00 to \$50.00
- Clark County Law Library, 1st floor courthouse. Hours are 9-3 Monday - Friday (3rd Monday of each month, closed at noon)
- Ft. Vancouver Regional Library, 901 C St., Vancouver, WA



## FOR MORE INFORMATION.

If you would like to learn more about the affordable or pro-bono legal services available in additional counties, please visit the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission's Website



[www.washington.courts.gov](http://www.washington.courts.gov)



360.704.5534



[AOCMIN/JUS@courts.wa.gov](mailto:AOCMIN/JUS@courts.wa.gov)

*The Washington State Minority and Justice Commission works to to identify and eradicate the effects of racial, ethnic, and cultural bias in our state court system.*

# Washington State Minority and Justice Commission

## Education Subcommittee

### Mission Statement and Stated Goals

#### **Education Committee Mission Statement (bold emphasizes changes to language):**

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

#### **Stated Goals:**

- To provide and foster leadership for all components of the justice systems 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 are **an essential** and continuous aspect of employment or service within the justice systems.
- 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 systems.
- To provide and recommend resources and education programs consistent with the mission of the Committee **in collaboration with others**.
- To be creative in developing high quality, **comprehensive** education programs tied to **designed with** learning outcomes **and** objectives.

# Washington State Supreme Court Minority and Justice Commission



## Call for Artwork Submissions – Deadline March 31, 2022



On behalf of the [Washington State Minority and Justice Commission](#) Outreach Committee, we are pleased to open a call for artwork by Washington artists for consideration and possible selection for the 2022 annual artwork. If selected, the artwork would be digitally reproduced with limited reproduction rights for use statewide in posters and other promotional materials for the Minority and Justice Commission. In addition to statewide promotion of the work and a feature on the Commission's website, the selected artist will receive an **honorarium of \$1000**.

The Commission annually selects an artwork by a Pacific Northwest artist for reproduction as a Commission poster that reflects a dimension of the racial and ethnic diversity of the communities served by Washington State courts. Posters of selected pieces are displayed in numerous courthouses and public offices throughout Washington and featured in the Commission's annual report and other publications.

The 2021 selection, titled *"You just have to look. Don't dilute, don't water us down"* was painted collaboratively by Art of Resistance and Resilience, Franklin High School's art activism club. Past selections have included numerous Washington artists and can be seen at the [Commission's website](#).

**Artwork can be submitted for consideration online by completing the following form until March 31, 2022: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJCArtwork\\_2022](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJCArtwork_2022).**

We anticipate reviewing the artwork submitted and announcing the final selection in May 2022. Artwork only needs to be submitted digitally and is not required to be an original piece for the Commission. Multiple submissions are allowed.

For additional information or questions, please contact Moriah Freed, Supreme Court Commissions Court Program Assistant, at [Moriah.Freed@courts.wa.gov](mailto:Moriah.Freed@courts.wa.gov).