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FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023
9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.



MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION
BIMONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 17TH, 2023
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
JUSTICE MARY YU, CO-CHAIR
JUDGE VERONICA GALVÁN, CO-CHAIR

AGENDA

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

- Welcome
- Introductions and Acknowledgements
- **New Member Welcome**
 - Katherine Hurley, Office of Public Defense
 - Rosario Daza, Immigration Attorney
 - Nicole Jenkins-Rosenkrantz, Spokane Public Schools
- Approval of January 20 minutes

CHAIR & STAFF REPORT 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. (45 minutes)

- **Staff Report**
 - NCREF National Conference Update – Carolyn Cole and Frank Thomas
 - Racial Justice Consortium – Frank Thomas and Cynthia Delostrinos
 - Jury Diversity Study Update – Frank Thomas
- **Outreach Committee Report – Lisa Castilleja**
 - Youth & Law Forum Funding, *Pierce and Kitsap Counties, City of Bellingham* – Lisa Castilleja
 - CZ Smith Award Update 2023 – Lisa Castilleja
 - Award from WSMJC and Certificate
 - Tool Kit to create
 - Annual Report – Frank Thomas
 - Judges of Color Directory Update – Judge Faye Chess and Karen Murray
 - WSMJC Posters Artwork Solicitation – Judge Anthony Gipe

LAW STUDENT LIAISON ANNUAL PROJECT PROPOSALS 10:00 – 10:40 (40 minutes)

- **University of Washington School of Law – *Know Your Rights Training***, Angelina Torres Mann, Donald Peters, Ciera Phung-Marion, Roberto White
- **Gonzaga University School of Law – Whitney Wakefield, Gloria Herrera, Alicia Chaudry, David Normoyle**

BREAK 10:40 – 10:50 (10 minutes)

- **Rules and Legislation Committee** – Frank Thomas, Judge Theresa Doyle and Christopher Sanders
 - [SB 5128](#) Concerning Jury Diversity
 - [HB 1324](#) Concerning Juvenile Points Scoring
 - [SB 5046](#) Concerning Postconviction Access to Counsel
 - [HB 1169](#) Concerning Legal Financial Obligations (LFOs)

- **Education Committee** – Judge Lori K. Smith
 - **SCJA Spring Conference Programming**
 - *Evaluating the Evaluations*
 - Co-Sponsor with GJC: *Cultural Competency when Working with Gender Diverse Stakeholders and Ethical Compliance*
 - **Fall Conference Program**
 - *The Color of Justice: Confronting Witness Bias in Civil Proceedings*, Judge LeRoy McCullough, Christopher Sanders, Judge Sara Dannen
 - Co-Sponsor with ILAC: *Overlooked: Understanding the Over-representation of People with Disabilities and Deaf people in the Criminal Legal System*

- **MJC Liaisons**
 - **Liaison to Gender and Justice Commission** – Judge Bonnie Glenn
 - **Tribal State Court Consortium** – Judge Lori K. Smith
 - **Sentencing Task Force and Sentencing Guidelines Commission** – Judge Veronica Galván
 - **Washington State Bar Licensure Task Force** – Frank Thomas
 - **BJA Alternatives to Incarceration Task Force** – Judge Ketu Shah
 - **Access to Justice Board** – Michael Chin
 - **WPIC Jury Instruction Video** – Judge Leah Taguba

Next MJC meeting: Friday, May 12th, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom).

Minority and Justice Commission

2023 Meeting Dates

All Meetings Available Virtually via Zoom Videoconference

Date	Time	Location
Friday 01/20/23	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference In-person: <i>TBD</i>
Friday 03/17/23	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference In-person: <i>TBD</i>
Friday 05/12/23	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference In-person: <i>TBD</i>
NCREF National Conference Sun. 5/21-Wed. 5/24 Supreme Court Symposium Monday 5/22/23	Symposium: Monday, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<i>TBD</i>
Friday 07/21/23	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference In-person: <i>TBD</i>
Friday 09/15/23	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference In-person: <i>TBD</i>
Friday 11/17/23	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference In-person: <i>TBD</i>

Please contact Frank Thomas at Frank.Thomas@courts.wa.gov or 206-316-0607 if you have any questions.



MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2023
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
JUSTICE MARY YU, CO-CHAIR
JUDGE VERONICA GALVÁN, CO-CHAIR



MEETING NOTES

Commission Members

Justice Mary Yu
Professor Robert Boruchowitz
Lisa Castilleja
Professor Mark A. Chinen
Judge Linda Coburn
Grace Cross
Professor Jason Gillmer
Judge Bonnie Glenn
Kitara Johnson
Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis
Karen Murray
Judge Leah Taguba
Jeremy Walker
Judge Karl Williams

AOC Staff

Kelley Amburgey-Richardson
Cynthia Delostrinos
Avery Miller
Frank Thomas

Liaisons

Leslie Burnett
Stephanie Chavez
Monica Mendoza-Castrejon
Angel Torres Mann
Donald Peters

Guests

Judge Sara Dannen
Sammie Alizadeh
Kelsey Jandoc
SaNni Lemonidis
Judge Jennifer Forbes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions

- The MJC Co-chairs and Commission Members introduced themselves.
- Attendance was called via roll-call.

Approval of December 22nd Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were approved as presented.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

2022 Jury Demography Study Interim Report – Peter Collins, Brooke Gialopsos, Judge Steve Rosen

- In SB 5092 required AOC to provide courts with a demographic survey for jurors. In 2016-2017 there was a paper survey issued in 33 counties and in 2021 an electronic survey was issued to 3 counties.
- Some overall findings: Key demographic groups of historically marginalized communities and individuals experience a variety of hurdles to jury participation including financial barriers and childcare.
- Current project: began with the initial passage of the bill, first phase of surveys and data collection, issuing an interim report and on June 30, 2023, there will be a final report.
- The current survey also included an optional barrier question: have you experienced any of the following barriers, the options were drawn from some of the initial survey responses. The interim report only includes the online responses, the paper surveys are being analyzed separately.
- Section 1: Key Findings from Clark, King, Pierce, Spokane
 - Significant numbers of responses (~9,000 in Clark County, 68,000 in King County, 38,000 in Pierce)
 - Black and Native Washingtonians are underrepresented by 46%. Jurors generally have annual household income above average for the county, higher levels of education, as income categories increase the proportion of white respondents increase.
 - 64% of jury respondents cited work and dependent care were most common hardships and women were substantially more likely to report dependent care barriers.
 - Some trends are similar to other survey efforts in WA state, multi-race demography continues to grow.
 - The survey was unable to specifically capture remote conferencing based juror participation effects, but will be ongoing to study the effects of COVID changes.
- Section 2: Detailed findings in Pierce County:
 - Pierce County data studied juror participation at every stage of the process. Stage 1 is the online check in, then report to courthouse, then voir dire, then (stage 4) assigned to case as a sworn juror.
 - Black respondents are underrepresented at every stage, but are more represented at stage 4 then stage 1.

- Women are overrepresented at stage 1, while men are overrepresented at stage 4. 72% of survey respondents reported at least 1 conflict. Similarities across demographic groups to have a work-based conflict and women all racial groups report higher levels of dependent care. 75% of those excused for care reasons were women.
- Next steps: What do they need from the Commission?
 - It's very important to make sure we keep collecting data on the issue.
 - Race, gender and class are all affecting jury compensation. Anything that will have an impact on those affects would help. In particular, focus on increasing juror pay.

CHAIR & STAFF REPORT

Staff Report— Frank Thomas

- The Racial Justice Consortium convened for one year to develop it's action plan, which addressed six areas of law or court administration ripe for opportunities to reform.
- Since the action plan, Cynthia Delostrinos and the rest of AOC. The big update is that a couple key organizations have signaled embrace for the road map in the action plan.
 - The DMCJA legislation work group took it under consideration as policy priorities moving forward. Cynthia and Frank presenting to BJA in February on status report on coordination and focusing on noting relevant initiatives in the state aligned with the action plan recommendation. Particularly legislative proposals, they are seeking to show areas of alignments with other recent reports.
 - Improved data collection is needed in the state, since there's a dearth of reliable information and allow us to reliably tailor reforms.
 - Some priorities: improving language access, keeping familiar together, eliminating court fines and fees and increasing transparency and examination of pretrial sentencing process and more services for re-entry.
 - The pretrial detention research included two data sets (county jail and WSP statewide data) and there were very clear inconsistencies between them, raising concerns about data integrity.

LAW STUDENT LIAISON ANNUAL PROJECT PROPOSALS

Seattle University School of Law— *Community Courts and the Need for Alternatives to Incarceration*, Leslie Burnett, Stephanie Chavez, Monica Mendoza-Castrejon

- Law student liaisons from Seattle University present on their training on community courts, alternative to traditional justice systems, emphasizing rehabilitation over incarceration for those with low level offenses. This is different from therapeutic courts and involve resource centers, collaborative center with different agencies, with assessments conducted for all participants to provide challenges and strengths.
- The purpose is to break cycles of poverty and crime by connecting people with housing substance use counseling, health care, employment, etc. and build trust and understanding between justice system and community.
- The plan is for a community event, panel discussion, benefits, lessons learned and potential expansion to rural or less populated areas in WA state. This will be a hybrid event and highlight the benefits of implementation and share first hand experiences of these courts.

- The purpose: Provide judges, legal professionals, students, community stakeholders with the necessary tools to implement community courts in their respective counties.
- Some potential panelists: representatives from OPD, KCPAO, Seattle Municipal Court, Renton City Council, Community Leader Nicole Thomas Kennedy, Community Passageways Organization, King County Council Members, etc.
- Timeline: February will be the beginning of planning, March will have preparation, April is the event date (4/29)
- Questions?
 - Judge Gipe suggests filling out the panel with as many different types of community courts as possible.
 - Judge Galvan asks if the audience is only judges? There are many local justice stakeholders and one difficulty is that not all communities have the same resources. How do you tailor this to counties? Perhaps look at smaller jurisdictions that may not have King County's resources.
 - Judge Coburn suggests to bring other people into the room, ie social services provider and impacted/ lived experiences to expand the scope. Some success stories?
 - Lisa Castilleja suggests an MC or moderator from the local community. Jason Gillmer suggests that in Spokane, Francis Adelwale is a great option.
 - Judge Doyle emphasizes the importance of not allowing the community courts to become an incarceration model, but have it rooted in the community.
- Lisa offers a friendly amendment to increase the requested funding from \$785 to \$1000 and for supplemental expenses that may arise. Judge Glenn seconds motion. None in opposition and the motion passes. \$1000 is approved for funding.

COMMISSION LIAISONS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Consortium on Racial Equity and Fairness in the Courts— Judge Veronica Galván

- WA is one of the founding states of NCREF, and Justice CZ Smith was the impetus for founding. WA is the host of the national consortium this year for the first time in 20 years.
- The planning committee is close to finalizing the education sessions and met with the NCREF Board yesterday.
- The committee welcomes Carolyn Cole to assist in finalizing the logistics, thematic and education content for this conference.
- The planning committee is trying to raise at least \$30,000 to fund reception and some social events. The event will take place May 21st- 24th and the Annual Symposium is part of the event.
- Carolyn is still developing the plan for the conference, getting a timeline and fleshing out themes, objectives, measures of effectiveness. Will be sending out an RFP for equitable programming to hear from more voices.

Rules and Legislation Committee— Frank Thomas, Judge Theresa Doyle, Chris Sanders

- Larry Jefferson at OPD regarding the bill for post-conviction access to counsel. The bill is out of committee and passed a procedural hurdle. There are about 1000 cases a year this will impact. Prosecuting attorneys are already working these types of cases when they get referred to them at the appellate level, but they're not referred to defense counsel. Incarcerated people are writing these personal restraint petitions on their own, who don't have law school training and may not have access to the correct documents.

- Gives the example of an individual pled guilty in 1997 and was sentenced incorrectly and spent 25 years wrongly imprisoned.
- There's an especial concern around juveniles, as there's no law library and so they may not even find out about PRP's until they get to adult prison and then the one-year deadline has elapsed.
- Larry expressed the importance of being able to pay lawyers, especially BIPOC led post-conviction law firms.
- The bill is heading to Ways and Means, looking at a fiscal cost of \$6.5 million a year.
- Frank Thomas reports on HB 1169, a bill concerning legal financial obligations (LFOs). A portion of the LFO bill was implemented last year, this expands it by eliminating the VPA and replacing it with general fund money.
- SB5128, regarding jury diversity research, Frank reports the package is going well and the entire judiciary is behind the bill, including DMCJA, SCJA, BJA. There are 5 different proposals that include making the survey permanent and increasing juror pay via means testing, as well as pilot projects tackling childcare and email summons.

Education Committee— Judge Lori K. Smith

- The education committee is working on the presentation for the fall conference. Chris Sanders proposal; A panel entitled the Color of Justice, Confronting Witness Bias in Civil Proceedings, including broader discussion on Henderson v Thompson. There's a lot of focus on racial bias in criminal law, want to shine a light on civil as well.
 - The purpose is to identify implicit bias in lay and expert witnesses, and how bias undercuts testimony. It's important to understand the consequence of administration of justice based on biased testimony, especially subject matter experts.
 - Ideally, the panel can help audience members acquire skills to respond to racial bias and explore alternative approaches re bias testimony. Cultivate responsible and courageous decision making.
 - This could be in a civil lawsuit, family law, eviction proceedings, etc. Please reach out to Chris with questions or thoughts.
- Justice Whitener has ensured each of the Supreme Court Commissions get a spot at Fall Conference.
- There will also be a CLE next Friday at 10 AM, a long form presentation on the jury Diversity Study.
- For the DMCJA Spring Conference, Judge Gipe is serving on the Diversity Committee on race and the justice system. If anyone's interested in participating, Judge Gipe welcomes them.

MJC Liaisons

- **Gender and Justice Commission Liaison**
 - Gender and Justice is asking for a liaison to their commission. Judge Glenn expresses interest and is selected.
- **Sentencing Task Force and Sentencing Guidelines Commission**
 - The final report from the sentencing task force which comprised stakeholders from every community, incarcerated individuals, defense, prosecutors, police, victims, etc. to have frank and involved discussions on sentencing in WA state. The task force worked on a consensus basis, to help the system change and grown.

- Consideration given to the purpose of sentencing—punishment? Rehabilitation? Deterrence?
- **Washington State Bar Licensure Task Force**
 - The Bar exam was suspended during Covid and now that it's gone, the WSBA is evaluating. Courts pivoted from the test to diploma privilege and the fallout/ lessons learned amidst the recognition in 2020 that we need to do more to ensure equitability in law. Bar licensure is an impediment to equity. 9/10 white applicants pass and 1/3 black applicants are disqualified by bar exams.
 - The Task Force has been extended another year and will develop a final report and recommendations. The goal is to use the team to focus on general equity concerns and highlight final work product.
- **BJA Alternatives to Incarceration Task Force**
 - Judge Shah, the MJC Liaison to the Alternatives to Incarceration Task Force reports that they are working on creating a survey to send to presiding judges and court administrators of what alternatives people have available to them. Will be collecting data and information to understand what programs currently exist.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM

NATIONAL CONSORTIUM ON RACIAL & ETHNIC FAIRNESS IN THE COURTS

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& ANNUAL MEETING

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

****all times listed are Pacific Standard Time ****

Sunday, May 21, 2023

- ❖ 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. DEI Collaborative Pre-Conference Meeting
(Collaborative Delegates and Consortium Board only)
- ❖ 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Conference Registration
- ❖ 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. National Consortium Pre-Conference Board Meeting
- ❖ 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Opening Program

Monday, May 22, 2023

- ❖ 7 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast
- ❖ 8:20 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. Opening Remarks
- ❖ 9 a.m. – Noon *Annual WA Supreme Court Symposium
– Salus Populi: The Social Determinants of Health,
presented by Northeastern University Center for Health
Policy and Law*
**** This Symposium is an annual event sponsored by the
Supreme Court of Washington. The Symposium is open
to the public and will be livestreamed by TVW. ****
- ❖ 12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch
- ❖ 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. State of the States Session
- ❖ 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break
- ❖ 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Conference Keynote Address with Film and Discussion
featuring Jeffery Robinson, Founder of the Who We Are
Project

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

- ❖ 7 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast
- ❖ 8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Morning Remarks
- ❖ 8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. Film Viewing: *Tribute to Secretary Norman Y. Mineta*
- ❖ 8:40 a.m. – 10 a.m. Plenary Session: *Japanese American Incarceration*
Authors Panel: *Forced Removal, Patriotism, &
Resistance*

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 (continuation)

- ❖ 10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Break and Book Signing
- ❖ 10:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. Plenary Session: *Japanese American Incarceration during WWII and its Relation to Modern Justice Movements*
- ❖ 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Achievement in Equity Awards Luncheon
- ❖ 1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Break
- ❖ 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. Educational Breakout Sessions
- ❖ 3 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break
- ❖ 3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Educational Breakout Sessions
- ❖ 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Networking Event at WOW Gallery in Downtown Seattle

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

- ❖ 7 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast
- ❖ 8:20 a.m. – 8:35 a.m. Morning Remarks
- ❖ 8:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. Plenary Session: *TSCC Tribal Judge Panel*
- ❖ 10:05 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Break
- ❖ 10:20 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Plenary Session: *Yesterday, Today, and Still Tomorrow: A Leadership Roundtable on the Work of Racial and Ethnic Justice in the Courts*
- ❖ 11:45 a.m. - Noon Conclusion of Conference and Closing Remarks
- ❖ 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. National Consortium Post-Conference Board Meeting

The conference program, including the educational breakout sessions, is under development and subject to updates and revisions.

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Judge Veronica Alicea-Galván
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Judge Karl Williams
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February 23, 2023

Washington State Minority & Justice Commission
1112 Quince St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Re: Save the Date for the 2023 National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts (NCREFC) Annual Conference hosted by the Washington State Minority & Justice Commission in Seattle, May 21-24, 2023

To Our Fellow Servants in Equal Justice Initiatives:

On behalf of the Washington State Minority & Justice Commission (MJC), we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting the [2023 Annual NCREFC Conference](#) in Seattle, May 21-24, 2023, at the Hilton Motif Seattle Hotel. *Please find enclosed a preliminary agenda for the conference.*

The theme of this year's conference is **"Justice: Promises to Keep."** Conference participants will include judges, attorneys, legal professionals, advocates, and guests from Washington state and across the country. We will explore the root causes of racial and ethnic bias and disparities in state courts and judicial systems through an analysis of past and current legal failures; highlight solutions to ensure courts keep the promise of justice for all; and promote the conference's guiding principles of learning from the past to build a better future and actively opposing and eliminating racism at the individual, institutional, and structural levels.

The NCREFC was founded in 1989 by the Washington State Minority & Justice Commission, through the leadership of the late Justice Charles Z. Smith, and three other similar commissions and task forces from New Jersey, New York, and Michigan. The NCREFC has grown to 37 member-states, all dedicated to the mission of eliminating racial and ethnic bias in local judicial systems. Every year, the Annual Conference brings together member-states and partners from across the country to examine the treatment of racial and ethnic minorities in their courts, share their collective knowledge, and provide technical expertise on the subject of racial and ethnic fairness.

The Minority & Justice Commission is honored to host the Annual Conference this year. Washington state last hosted the Annual Conference in 2008. Since that time, the MJC has led groundbreaking racial equity and racial justice initiatives in the courts, including numerous statewide research and reform projects on the issues of legal financial obligation (LFO) practices, pretrial release, and jury diversity, and hosted symposia for the

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Washington Supreme Court on such topics as reparations for African Americans, the increased incarceration of women and girls of color, and bias within artificial intelligence.

As the host this year, the MJC is asking for support from our equal justice allies and partners in making this conference a success. That support can be attendance at the event, assistance promoting the event, and other support. Please save the date and expect updates from the planning committee on how you can help make this year's conference a success.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Cole at carolyn.cole@courts.wa.gov.

Sincere Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'VERONICA GALVAN', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

VERONICA GALVÁN
Judge, King County Superior Court
Co-Chair, Washington State Minority & Justice Commission
National Consortium Board Member

Enclosed: National Consortium on Racial & Ethnic Fairness in the Courts 2023 Conference and Annual Meeting Preliminary Agenda



Criteria for Support or Co-sponsorship Requests



- The requester is willing to collaborate with WSMJC and list WSMJC as a supporter or co-sponsor of the project on all promotional materials.
- The requester communicates with WSMJC in a timely manner and has successfully implemented programs in the past.
- WSMJC capacity and available funds.

Restrictions

In general, WSMJC will not co-sponsor:

- Requests submitted 30 business days before the event or program is scheduled to be held.
- Individuals
- Lobbying or social events.
- Administrative costs of an organization.
- Travel expenses that are not related to a guest speaker's travel.
- Alcohol, services related to preparing alcoholic beverages, and drugs.
- Gifts
- Programs promoting religious content.
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, or similar nature.

If Your Request is Approved

- If request was for funding:
 - WSMJC does not make advance payments. Funds will only be disbursed as a reimbursement to the requester after the event or program has concluded.
 - Requester will be sent a letter of agreement that must be signed and returned to frank.thomas@courts.wa.gov.
 - Requester will send an invoice within 30 days after the event or program has concluded to:

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Post Office Box 41170
Olympia, WA 98504-1170
 - Event schedule or agenda and list of attendees must be attached to the invoice.
 - If funding is approved for guest speaker travel, all travel arrangements must be organized by WSMJC.
- WSMJC must be listed as a “supporter” or “co-sponsor” on all promotional materials.
- Requester must be open to collaborating with WSMJC to plan and implement the project.



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- 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.

Request Form

<p>Full name and contact information of organization and persons making the request:</p>	<p>André Peñalver, Pierce County Superior Court 253-228-8344 apenalv@piercecountywa.gov</p>
<p>Type of request (please check one)</p> <p>SUPPORT includes:</p> <p>Publicity – WSMJC listed as a “supporter” on all promotional materials and helps advertise.</p> <p>CO-SPONSORSHIP includes:</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"/> SUPPORT (Level 1)</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"/> CO-SPONSORSHIP (Level 2)</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>Name, date, time, and location of the event or project:</p>	<p>Pierce County Youth & Law Forum Saturday, May 6, 2023 9am-2:30pm Eastside Community Center (1721 E 56th St, Tacoma, WA 98404)</p>
<p>If funding is requested, total amount of funds requested and tentative budget:</p>	<p>Requesting \$1000 for food.</p> <p>With 150 kids expected, \$20 per kid for lunch and snacks amounts to \$3,000 in food expenses.</p> <p>Separately, we will be providing prizes and gift cards to raise excitement with the kids, but we are not seeking financial support for those expenses.</p>
<p>Purpose and objectives of the request:</p>	<p>To promote the event and to have sufficient funds to give each kid a full meal during the event. Many of the kids who attend, we expect, will come with food insecurity, making food an important part of the event.</p>



Washington State Minority and Justice Commission (WSMJC)
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Event agenda or project schedule, if available:	See attached
Target audience:	Middle and high school students from marginalized communities throughout Pierce County
Expected attendance or number of persons who will benefit:	150-200 kids
Other methods or sources being used to raise funds, if any:	We are also seeking \$2000 from AOC's Color of Justice budget. Any additional funding that is necessary will come from fundraising by the Pierce County Minority Bar Association.
Other co-sponsors, if any:	Pierce County Minority Bar Association Pierce County Superior Court Administrative Office of the Courts (Color of Justice) Robert J. Bryan American Inns of Court
Plan to collect outcome data and evaluate the impact of the project (i.e., survey):	We will provide questionnaires for feedback at the end of the event. An example questionnaire from the county's 2017 Color of Justice event is attached as a likely template for our 2023 event.



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2023 PCMBA Youth & Justice Forum

[Tentative Agenda]

9:00 - 9:30 Breakfast - ALL

9:30 Welcome / Introduction AIRPODS (RAFFLE)

9:45 a.m IceBreakers BINGO GAME/ICE BREAKER (prize drawing) NINTENDO SWITCH

10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Pathways to the Law - A Conversation with Legal Professionals - Moderator - Commissioner Terri Farmer

Panelists: Judge Henderson, Judge Evans, Constance White-Pierce County Clerk

11:45a.m. -12:00 p.m. (Performer secured by Cathie) RAFFLE - XBOX 5

12:00 p.m. -12:45 p.m. Lunch (Pizza/Sandwiches/Drinks/Snacks) - RAFFLE

12:45 p.m.- 1:45 p.m. A Conversation with Law Enforcement - Moderator -Darren Moss & Carlos Sosa, Attorney

What is it like to be a member of the Force. (Moss) & What is it like to represent individuals involved in police cases.(Sosa)

1:45 p.m. Presentation by Justice Mary Yu and questions and answers

2:15 Wrap Up FINAL REMARKS (Grand Prize Raffle) XBOX 5 & PLAY STATION 5 W/DISK

*** Food Distribution Bags (Hobby Lobby/Michaels/Dollar Tree) (Inns of Court/ PCMBA)

2:30 p.m. Clean-up (all hands on deck)



COLOR OF JUSTICE 2017

August 17, 2017, Pierce County Superior Court, Tacoma, Washington

ATTENDEE FEEDBACK **

1. AGE 14

2. CITY OR TOWN WHERE YOU LIVE: Tacoma, Wa

3. BACKGROUND (Please check all that apply)

African-American/Black

Native American

Native Alaskan

Hispanic

Arabic/Middle Eastern

LGBT

Bullied

Asian

Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Caucasian/White

Other/Self-Identified _____

Immigrant born

Disabled

Decline to report

4. DID YOU ENJOY TODAY'S EVENT? YES NO

5. WOULD ATTEND IF HELD AGAIN? YES NO

6. WHAT DID YOU LIKE OR WHAT WOULD YOU ADD TO THIS EVENT?

I wish many of you would've stayed so I could ask her some more private questions but overall this was a GREAT event!

****THIS INFORMATION IS ONLY TO BE USED TO ASSIST IN ENHANCING FUTURE CONFERENCE AND WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY MARKETING PURPOSES.**

Thank you for completing this form!

Drop it in any of the collection boxes.



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Types of Requests

SUPPORT (Level 1): WSMJC does NOT provide funding and does NOT help plan the event.

CO-SPONSORSHIP (Level 2): WSMJC provides funding and helps plan the event.

How to Submit a Request

Requests must be submitted in writing (3 pages maximum) and include the following information:

- Full name and contact information (address, telephone number, and email) of organization and persons making the request.
- Type of request.
- Name, date, time, and location of the event or project.
- If funds are requested, the total amount of funds requested and tentative budget.
- Purpose and objectives of the request.
- Event agenda or project schedule, if available.
- Target audience
- Expected attendance or number of persons who will benefit.
- Other methods or sources being used to raise funds, if any.
- Other co-sponsors or supporters, if any.
- Plan to collect outcome data and evaluate the impact of the project (i.e., survey).

Please complete attached form and send to Chanel Rhymes at Frank.Thomas@courts.wa.gov.

All requests will be referred to the WSMJC co-chairs. If approved, the request is presented to WSMJC membership for a vote. Requests can take up to 90 days to process. You will be notified via email if your request has been approved.

Evaluation Criteria for Requests

Requests for WSMJC support or co-sponsorship will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- The request furthers the mission of the Commission to foster and support a fair and bias-free system of justice in the Washington State courts and judicial systems by: 1) identifying bias of racial, ethnic, national origin and similar nature that affects the quality of justice in Washington State courts and judicial systems; 2) taking affirmative steps to address and eliminate such bias, and taking appropriate steps to prevent any reoccurrence of such bias; and 3) working collaboratively with the other Supreme Court Commissions and other justice system partners.
- The request would strengthen the Commission's relationship with judicial system partners.



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- The organization appears to have the capacity, knowledge, and experience to carry out the project.
- There is an adequate plan to collect outcome data and evaluate the impact of the project.
- The requester is willing to collaborate with WSMJC and list WSMJC as a supporter or co-sponsor of the project on all promotional materials.
- The requester communicates with WSMJC in a timely manner and has successfully implemented programs in the past.
- WSMJC capacity and available funds.

Restrictions

In general, WSMJC will not co-sponsor:

- Requests submitted 30 business days before the event or program is scheduled to be held.
- Individuals
- Lobbying or social events.
- Administrative costs of an organization.
- Travel expenses that are not related to a guest speaker's travel.
- Alcohol, services related to preparing alcoholic beverages, and drugs.
- Gifts
- Programs promoting religious content.
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, or similar nature.

If Your Request is Approved

- If request was for funding:
 - WSMJC does not make advance payments. Funds will only be disbursed as a reimbursement to the requester after the event or program has concluded.
 - Requester will be sent a letter of agreement that must be signed and returned to frank.thomas@courts.wa.gov.
 - Requester will send an invoice within 30 days after the event or program has concluded to:

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- Event schedule or agenda and list of attendees must be attached to the invoice.
- If funding is approved for guest speaker travel, all travel arrangements must be organized by WSMJC.
- WSMJC must be listed as a “supporter” or “co-sponsor” on all promotional materials.
- Requester must be open to collaborating with WSMJC to plan and implement the project.
- 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.

Request Form

<p>Full name and contact information of organization and persons making the request:</p>	<p>University of Washington MJC Student Liaisons Angel Torres Mann - atorresm@uw.edu Ciera - cierapm@uw.edu Donald Peters - donp34@uw.edu Roberto White - robwhi32@uw.edu</p>
<p>Type of request (please check one)</p> <p>SUPPORT includes:</p> <p>Publicity – WSMJC listed as a “supporter” on all promotional materials and helps advertise.</p> <p>CO-SPONSORSHIP includes:</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"/> SUPPORT (Level 1)</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"/> CO-SPONSORSHIP (Level 2)</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>Name, date, time, and location of the event or project:</p>	<p>May 6th, 9 am - 2 pm UW Law school</p>
	<p>\$1000</p>

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<p>If funding is requested, total amount of funds requested and tentative budget:</p>	<p>Food - \$840 Pizza - ~\$5/180 students</p> <p>\$150 Honorariums - \$50/person (This may be increased)</p> <p>\$10 Know your Rights Wallet Cards - \$10/100</p> <p>Food - Pizza, drinks, chips (from Costco)</p>
<p>Purpose and objectives of the request:</p>	<p>The purpose of this training would be to provide a Know your Rights Training to local high school students.</p> <p>The aim of this training would be towards BIPOC and other marginalized youth, especially in over-policed communities that are at a higher risk of being arrested or having contact with police. We want to ensure that youth have adequate tools to protect themselves within the legal system and to ensure they are not taken advantage of. We decided to aim our project on high school students because they have higher attention spans and their ability to remain engaged in discussion. Also, this age group would have the largest impact as many of them would be turning eighteen soon.</p>
<p>Event agenda or project schedule, if available:</p>	<p>9am - 2pm</p> <p>9 - 9:30 am - Introduction</p> <p>9:30 - 10 am -Workshop - Know Your Rights Card</p> <p>10 - 10:10 am - Break</p>

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	<p>10:10-11:15 - Workshop - How to Deal With the Police</p> <p>11:15 am-12 pm - Lunch</p> <p>12 - 1 pm - Workshop - Ages and Different Rights and Treatment Under the Law</p> <p>1-1:10 pm - Break</p> <p>1:10 - 1:45 pm - Survey, questions/Panel</p> <p>1:45 - 2 pm - Turn in Surveys & Raffle</p> <p>Workshop Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chach Duarte White ● Candice Dundy ● Alex Narvaez
<p>Target audience:</p>	<p>Local High School Students</p> <p>Possible schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seattle Public High Schools ● Highline School District High Schools <p>Approved schools to Contact:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roosevelt High School • Ballard High School
Expected attendance or number of persons who will benefit:	180 students
Other methods or sources being used to raise funds, if any:	<p>Possible funding sources:</p> <p>PILA Grant - \$500-1000</p> <p>Minority Law Student Association - \$200</p>
Other co-sponsors, if any:	<p>Possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Counsel Youth and Children • UW Law Minority Law Student Association
Plan to collect outcome data and evaluate the impact of the project (i.e., survey):	We will provide a survey at the end of the event for students to fill out.



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March 14, 2023

Dear Representative _____,

Re: Support for Senate Bill 5046

On behalf of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission I am writing to express our support for SB 5046. We support this bill because it helps to address the racial disparities in post-conviction relief, and promotes equity in our system. Access to legal counsel for personal restraint petitions or other post-conviction petitions remains out of reach for indigent offenders.

As you know, the purpose of the Commission is to promote racial justice and equity in the legal system. People of color are grossly overrepresented in the criminal legal system and receive harsher sentences than do white defendants for the same offense under like circumstances. Addressing these racial disparities and excessive sentences has long been a priority for the Commission.

Current law does not allow appointment of counsel until after the convicted person files a petition for review and the court grants it. The petition process is extremely complex and beyond the ability of most nonlawyers. Wealthy defendants hire attorneys to help them negotiate this complicated process. Indigent convicted persons should have needed legal assistance, as well.

Providing counsel for post-conviction relief helps appellate courts examine unjust sentences and serious trial errors. Petitions drafted by defendants without legal training are difficult for appellate courts to evaluate, even where the petition has legal merit. Appointing experienced counsel corrects that problem and promotes efficiency.

SB 5046 would provide geographical equity. Larger counties with a public defender can review cases and provide legal assistance, but smaller counties often are not able to do so. This bill would enable the State Office of the Public Defender to provide qualified attorneys throughout the state to handle these post-conviction challenges.

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SB 5046 has been pared down significantly. Its current form should not impose undue burden on state funds.

Washington should join Alaska, Connecticut, Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin and provide counsel to challenge unfair and excessive sentences, imposed disproportionately upon defendants of color and the poor, and to correct serious trial errors. Thank you for considering the Commission's perspective.

Sincerely yours,

Judge Theresa B. Doyle (Ret.)
Co-Chair, Rules and Legislation Committee
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February 7, 2023

Representative David Hackney
Washington State Legislature
Sent via Email

RE: HB 1324/SB 5475

Dear Representative Hackney:

Thank you for requesting that the Minority and Justice Commission (MJC) share its comments regarding House Bill 1324 and Senate Bill 5475. As you know, MJC has a long history of working on issues related to juvenile justice. We wholeheartedly agree with the underlying policies of these bills: that juvenile dispositions should not be included in adult offender score calculations.

MJC has historically advocated for the elimination of racial disparities in our juvenile courts, jails and prisons. We are advised by the Department of Corrections that relative to the racial and ethnic composition of the overall prison population in Washington State, Black and American Indian or Alaska Native people were significantly overrepresented among those with a juvenile felony conviction. The racial and ethnic composition of this population should be a concern to all us who work in the criminal legal system, especially judges.

We understand that the Superior Court Judges Association has concerns about the retroactivity of the bill due to the estimated number of cases that may require resentencing. While we may dispute the actual number of persons eligible to be resentenced under these bills, we do acknowledge that there will be some cost and burden on superior courts that should be taken into consideration. However, there are always administrative costs associated with correcting past injustices and fixing broken systems, and these procedural challenges are not insurmountable. Simply put, we cannot afford NOT to correct past unfair and racially disproportionate practices. We believe the policy of rehabilitation and reintegration underlying these

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bills is a good one and trust that the Legislature will provide the proper appropriation for implementation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Judge Theresa Doyle (Ret.)
Co-Chair, Legislative/Rules Committee,
Minority and Justice Commission

TSCC NEWSLETTER UPDATES

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WHAT'S NEW?

Welcome back!

As you may know, the TSCC is currently in a revitalization stage. As we begin this new year, one of our goals is to obtain updated responses from Washington State tribal courts regarding TSCC [initiatives and focus areas](#). This outreach will be ongoing and may occur via phone, e-mail, or survey link. Please know that we appreciate your time and support in gathering this information as we continue strengthening relationships between tribal and state court.

Best,

TSCC Co-Chairs and Staff

If you are interested in receiving information from the TSCC such as:

- Newsletters
- Trainings
- Updates
- Conferences
- Scholarship opportunities
- Additional resources

Please sign up for the [TSCC listserv here!](#)

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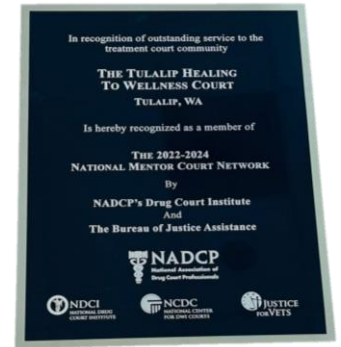
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February's Active Role Spotlight

Tulalip Tribal Court - Healing to Wellness

Community based justice system. This is a term that is still relatively new when we look at the history of corrections; it's a concept that is still being navigated in both rural and larger cities, so what exactly is it?

For Tulalip tribal court it is **culturally-responsive restorative practice.** Tulalip's Healing to Wellness court includes an abundance of alternative practices their clients can utilize based on non-violent offenses relating to drug abuse or mental health conditions. At Tulalip you can find a weekly docket that includes healing to wellness, mental health court, and family wellness court (FWC). Services embedded in the programs include medical, mental health, chemical dependency treatment, job skills, parenting classes, housing, educational options, and other resources depending on individual needs.



Courtroom artwork by artist Mike Gobin (Tulalip Tribal Member)

Tulalip Healing to Wellness Court is recognized as a member of the 2022-2024 National Mentor Court Network by the NADCP Drug Court Institute and The Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Tulalip's Family Wellness Court (FWC)

"AN ALTERNATIVE TO CURRENT DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS FOR PARENTS STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PAST PERSONAL OR HISTORICAL TRAUMA"

Transformation begins immediately. Prior to the hearing, Tulalip staff comes into the court and rearranges the room from a standard setting into one that feels inviting and encourages open communication. First on the agenda is a staffing meeting consisting of a support team; this team includes a social worker, SUDP counselor, child advocate attorney, bedah?chelh attorney, FWC coordinator, recovery support specialist and any other support needs required by the participant. The team debriefs and updates each other on the compliance of the participants. If there is noticable regression, they discuss potential solutions for getting the individual back on track; If there is progression, there are incentives offered and next steps are discussed. The participant is also awarded with a certificate of step completion. There are 5 steps to the program which usually takes place over the length of a year.

1. Orientation and Stabilization
2. Connection Support & Awareness
3. Empowerment-Overcoming obstacles on your Healing Journey
4. Restoration & Family Healing
5. Pulling together as a Family

There is an average of about 3-4 participants per session, per week. The FWC meets more often in order to maintain progress, support, and accountability of the individual--this program is voluntary and the participant can choose to opt out. The uniqueness of this program is the cultural activity feature, where a minimum of one cultural event occurs each month. At the end of the docketed hearings a traditional song/prayer was offered from a local community member to close a very special session.

In FWC, the child's health, safety and overall welfare is the motivator, and this is demonstrated through the growth and transformation of the parent. These parents get the opportunity to learn, develop emotionally, and demonstrate their newfound knowledge. When asked what the most rewarding aspect of her job was, Melissa Johnson (Wellness Program Manager) responded, "*Seeing the family have hope.*" These participants are breaking the cycle of substance abuse, and within that process they are also strengthening their home, their community, and future generations to come.

A very special thank you to Melissa Johnson, Erika Moore, and Judge Peter Boome for allowing the TSCC to observe.

You may find additional information on their website: <https://www.tulaliptribalcourt-nsn.gov/>

UPDATES & EVENTS

CONFERENCES TO WATCH FOR:

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National Indigenous Women's Resource Center- Women Are Sacred Conference

Date: Mon, Jun 26 - Wed, Jun 28 2023, All day.

About:

The Women Are Sacred (WAS) Conference is one of the oldest and largest gatherings of advocates, survivors, Tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, Tribal community members, Tribal leadership, law enforcement, and Tribal court personnel dedicated to ending violence against Native American women and children. WAS offers state-of-the-art training and networking opportunities designed to increase the capacity of Tribal nations, Tribal domestic violence, and community-based programs to address violence in Tribal communities. [Click to learn more.](#)

NICWA's 41st Annual Protecting Our Children Conference

Date: April 2-5, 2023; Reno, Nevada

About:

This event, held in Reno, Nevada will bring together diverse and influential stakeholders, making this event the preeminent conference on addressing the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native children. Attendees comprise a cross-section of experts including child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice service providers; legal professionals; advocates for children; and tribal and federal leaders, convening to continue our work towards building the capacity of tribal nations and ensuring that all Indian children have safe, permanent homes. [Click to learn more.](#)

KEEP AN EYE ON IT

E2SHB 1320 Resources. Viewing Domestic Violence Protection Orders

Video available [here](#)

Protection Order Document Sharing (**PODS**) allows protection order document images filed in Superior Court to be viewable through Judicial Access Browser Server (**JABS**).



Tribal Court Judges may access **JABS** via authorization from the **AOC**.
New Tribal Judges may initiate that request [here](#).



If a tribal issued protection order is filed in superior court and docketed with one of the codes found on the "Protection Order Docket Code List", then it will be available to view.

As of January 1, 2023 Protection Order Document Sharing (PODS) is live. This project was moved forward pursuant to E2SHB 1320, specifically [RCW 7.105.105\(1\)\(a\)](#).

Any tribal judge will have the capability of viewing these documents upon entry.

More information regarding E2SHB 1320 can be found [here](#).
You may also contact [Mishani](#) for FAQ's and the Protection Order Docket Code List.

PODCAST SPOTLIGHT



[Click to listen](#)

Keeping Us Whole: Preventing Missing and Murdered Indigenous People - Podcast Series

"Podcast episodes include interviews with a variety of speakers, from tribal leadership to federal partners, advocates, members of grassroots organizations and native athletes, that have all joined together to raise awareness of the MMIP epidemic and identify ways we can focus on prevention and continue the work of keeping us whole."

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services- Office of the Administration for Children and Families.