# BOARD FOR JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

# LEGISLATIVE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## PURPOSE

The Board for Judicial Administration was created to provide effective leadership to the state courts and to develop policy to enhance the administration of the court system in Washington State. By court rule, the BJA shall have a standing legislative committee.

The role of the Leg/Exec Committee is to discuss and decide upon legislative issues that affect the judiciary, including developing legislation to be submitted to the legislature as BJA request legislation. Legislation may be referred to the Leg/Exec Committee for review by the trial court associations or others.

The committee reviews legislation and can take the following positions on bills affecting the administration of justice:
**Support** – The BJA supports the legislation fully or supports parts of the legislation.
**Oppose** – The BJA opposes the legislation fully.
**Concerns** – The BJA would support or take no position on this legislation if certain changes were made.
**Watch** – The BJA is not currently taking a position on this legislation but will monitor it and may take a position later.
**No Position** – The BJA takes no position on this legislation. This is an affirmative decision to take no position versus no position being taken because the legislation has not been reviewed.
**Request** – This legislation is requested by the BJA.

## MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to the BJA's by-laws, the BJA Legislative/Executive Committee membership consists of the BJA's executive committee as voting members. Nonvoting members include the State Court Administrator, Washington State Bar Association representative (generally the president), and the presidents-elect of the Superior Court Judges' Association and District and Municipal Court Judges' Association. The associations' legislative chairs are included by invitation because of their relevant knowledge and expertise and are nonvoting members.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

The BJA Leg/Exec Committee meets via telephone conference. The initial meeting preceding the legislative session usually occurs in October. The purpose of this first meeting is to adopt a proposed recommended slate of legislation for the BJA to consider at the November BJA meeting.

Once the legislative session begins, the BJA Leg/Exec calls will be held weekly beginning at 5 p.m. each Monday. When the call falls on a holiday Monday, it is moved to Tuesday even though the legislature is in session on the holiday.

Due to the fast pace of the legislative session and the meeting schedules for the trial court associations' legislative committees, meeting materials are made available mid-day on the day of the call.

## AUTHORITY

## BJA BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE VII
**Executive Committee**

There shall be an Executive Committee composed of Board for Judicial Administration members, and consisting of the co-chairs, a Judge from the Court of Appeals selected by and from the Court of Appeals members of the Board, the President Judge of the Superior Court Judges' Association, the President Judge of the District Municipal Court Judges' Association, and non-voting members to include one Washington State Bar Association representative selected by the Chief Justice, President-elect judge of the Superior Court Judges' Association, President-elect judge of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association and the Administrator for the Courts.

It is the purpose of this committee to consider and take action on emergency matters arising between Board meetings, subject to ratification of the Board.

The Executive Committee shall serve as the Legislative Committee as established under BJAR 3(b)(1). During legislative sessions, the Executive Committee is authorized to conduct telephone conferences for the purpose of reviewing legislative positions.

## BJAR 3(b)(1)

The Board shall appoint at least three standing committees: Long-range Planning, Core Missions/Best Practices and Legislative. Other committees may be convened as determined by the Board.

# 2011 BJA Legislative/Executive Committee

**BJALegExec@listserv.courts.wa.gov**

Session begins January 10, 2011 (105 days)

**BJA Executive Committee (voting)**:

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| Chief Justice<br>Barbara Madsen | j_b.madsen@courts.wa.gov | BJA Chair<br>Julie.keown@courts.wa.gov |
| Judge Michael Lambo | mlambo@ci.kirkland.wa.us | BJA Member-chair |
| Judge Dennis Sweeney | dennis.sweeney@courts.wa.gov | COA Chief Presiding Judge |
| Judge Stephen Warning | warnings@co.cowlitz.wa.us | SCJA President |
| Judge Stephen E. Brown | sbrown@co.grays-harbor.wa.us | DMCJA President |

**BJA Leg/Exec members (non-voting):**

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| Jeff Hall | Jeff.hall@courts.wa.gov | AOC<br>Beth.flynn@courts.wa.gov |
| Steven Toole | Steve-wsba@sgtoolelaw.com | WSBA President |
| Judge Laura Inveen | laura.inveen@kingcounty.gov | SCJA President-elect |
| Judge Gregory Tripp | gtripp@spokanecounty.org | DMCJA President-elect |

**Legislative Chairs (non-voting)**:

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| Justice Susan Owens | J_s.owens@courts.wa.gov | Supreme Court<br>Brenda.moore@courts.wa.gov |
| Judge Deborah Fleck<br>(Judge Vickie Churchill &<br>Judge Richard McDermott,<br>vice chairs) | Deborah.Fleck@kingcounty.gov | Superior<br>Carole.Allen@kingcounty.gov |
| Judge Sam Meyer | meyers@co.thurston.wa.us | District |

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# 2011
# BJA Legislative/Executive
# Conference Call Schedule

| **2011 DATES**<br>**Set for 45 min**<br>**(14 ports, auto extend and ports)**<br>360-407-3780 PIN 171381# | | |
|---|---|---|
| Monday | January 10 | 5:00 p.m. |
| **Tuesday** | **January 18** | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | January 24 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | January 31 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | February 7 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | February 14 | 5:00 p.m. |
| **Tuesday** | **February 22** | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | February 28 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | March 7 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | March 14 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | March 21 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | March 28 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | April 4 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday | April 11 | 5:00 p.m. |