

Oregon State Bar



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The Oregon State Bar would like to thank all Section volunteers for their service. Sections are vital to the ability of the bar to provide both member and public services and to keep the organization responsive to the needs of its members, the courts, and the bar. To all 2016 Section members, thank you for your time and expertise.

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Administrative Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

First and foremost, the Executive Committee decided to supplement our desk book, *Oregon Administrative Law*, to include the significant model rule changes, legislation, and recent case law that has developed since the book was published in 2010. An updated version of the desk book ensures that a comprehensive account of state administrative law is available to practitioners, in addition to the perspective provided by the Department of Justice in its manual on administrative law. We published the book, with the help of the Publications Department under the leadership of Linda Kruschke, this year. Extra thanks go to the authors and editors of this book.

Second, the section hosted a two hour CLE. The first focused on the updated legislation affecting administrative law and state agencies. Judy Parker and Matt Barber presented that. The second hour focused on elder abuse reporting. Monica Pacheco, an elder abuse lawyer, and DHS supervisor Billie McNeely spoke to the attendees about the ethical duties and restrictions related to elder abuse. We intend to repeat the CLE again annually. We worked with the Bar and thank the CLE department. We were profitable, in main part thanks to the generous donation of free space by Executive Member Norman Williams, Dean at Willamette University College of Law.

Third, the section monitored the swarm of legislation affecting administrative law practitioners during the 2016 legislative session. As in previous sessions, there were a large number of bills affecting the public's access to hearings, changing the regulatory authority of agencies, modifying the disclosure of public records, and amending the Administrative Procedures Act. During the session, the section kept members apprised of important legislation in our newsletters. The section also made recommendations to the legislature that reflected our long-standing commitment to ensuring that the public has access to fair hearings and a fair administrative justice system.

Fourth, the Executive Committee continued its work on the long-term goal of updating and expanding the Oregon State Bar's Fastcase law library, based on the legislative assist that made final orders in contested cases available to the bar for publication in 2014 and 2015. Fastcase is currently requesting that the selected agencies provide their

2016 orders for publication, and also that they provide any missing 2015 orders. The Bar itself took over stewardship of the Fastcase project, which we appreciate greatly. But we continue to work with Anna Zanolli to review the published final orders to ensure the agencies have accurately provided what is needed under SB 52.

Finally, the section continued to publish its quarterly newsletters. Our newsletters have provided timely explanations of evolving practice issues, case law developments, and procedural changes affecting practitioners. Newsletters also provided a forum for practitioners to express their opinions and to share insights into important administrative law issues. We are grateful for the hard work of Janice Krem who continues to guide our state with diligence and thoroughness.

Budget:

Under the watchful eye of our veteran treasurer, Allan Arlow, the section has been an excellent steward of our finances in 2016. We increased our budget revenue by 8.8%, while spending 22.3% less than forecast. Our membership increased as well. We also increased our law student membership and now have 19 students. We have 23 more members than projected in our budget.

The vast majority of section expenditures went to our 2016 CLE, publishing our newsletters, and for teleconferences needed to conduct our business. We were able to use our relationship with Willamette University College of Law for a free room rate for our 2016 CLE, for which we offer our thanks to Executive Committee member Norman Williams. We note that this section was profitable.

Our budget for 2017 will replicate the revenue and expenses for 2016. We did not raise dues for the 2017 year.

Legislative issues:

The Administrative Law Section monitored more than five hundred bills that affected administrative law practitioners during the 2016 session. Matt Barber and Judy Parker again wrote summaries of all of the passed bills affecting our section members for the Bar Books 2016 Legislative Highlights. They look forward to extending this service again in 2017.

We will continue to monitor the longer legislative 2017 session. As in previous sessions, the section will oppose bill provisions that authorize agencies to unilaterally assess their costs if a hearing was

requested. The agency – and only the agency – can recover its costs and attorney fees in these bill provisions. These cost assessments could effectively rob average Oregonians of their ability to request contested case hearings. This issue is a core issue for the section because access to a contested case hearing means access to due process, which is the backbone of administrative justice in Oregon.

For its law improvement activities, the section has pursued three important goals since its inception: 1) preventing the erosion of Oregonians' access to administrative justice; 2) ensuring that hearings are conducted by well-qualified, impartial administrative law judges; and 3) improving the fairness of procedures for administrative hearings and judicial review proceedings.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Executive Committee will continue our commitment to publishing agency-specific practice guides that contain practice tips and insight for navigating a particular agency's sea of procedures and policies. In the 1990s, the bar published a series of *Practice Guides*. These practical, close-up snapshots of agency practice and procedures can make administrative law practitioners more competent and the system more efficient, which reduces costs to agencies and clients. We need to assess which agencies should be included in this project and find experts to author these publications over the ensuing years.

Recommendations for 2017:

The Administrative Law Section will continue to monitor pending legislation and keep our members aware of changes to the respective agencies they work with. We plan to host another CLE, this time focusing on legislative highlights and child abuse reporting. Finally, we will continue to explore updates to agency-specific *Practice Guides*, which proved to be highly successful practice tools in the past.

Respectfully submitted: Judith A. Parker (CH), Carson Bowler (CH-Elect), Janice Krem (Past CH), Allan J. Arlow (TR), Cortney D. Duke-Driessen (SEC), Matthew Barber, Denise G. Fjordbeck, Dennis Koho, John M. Mann, James E. Mountain, Andrea N. Ogston, Marie L. Phillips, Norman R. Williams, James C. Chaney (BC), Amy H. Zubko (BL).

Admiralty Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Section meeting planned for 15 Dec 2016. There will be a short business meeting followed by a CLE presentation titled "The Athos I—How a boilerplate 'Safe Berth Warranty' charter clause cost a marine terminal operator over \$100 Million." Lawyer David Boyajian will present. The meeting and CLE are free for Admiralty Section Members, and \$15.00 for non-Section members, applied toward 2017 Admiralty Law Section Membership.

Budget:

The section dues are \$15. An expenditure of \$125 is anticipated for the annual meeting and CLE, scheduled for 15 Dec 2016. Room rental is \$50. Refreshments will be served.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The annual meeting and CLE are the principal activities of the section.

Recommendations for 2017:

Recruit new Section members.

Respectfully submitted: Todd A. Zilbert (CH), Darien S. Loiselle (Past CH), John J. Breiling (TR), John R. Dudrey (SEC), David R. Boyajian, Noah Jarrett, Elizabeth Tedesco Milesnick, Michael D. Levelle (BC), Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Agricultural Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2016, the Ag Law Section (the "Section") continued its pursuit of providing educational opportunities to its membership.

In early 2016 the Section worked with the OSB to update the Section's website and migrate to the OSB section platform. The revisions to the Section website updated content and revamped the content available to Section Members and members of the OSB.

The Section held its annual Round Up CLE on May 20, 2016 in The Dalles, Oregon. Topics included speakers on the following topics; The BLM and Management of Federal Lands; The Management of Federal Lands Part II—Litigation Topics & Issues; Water Law Affecting Agriculture in Oregon; and 2016 Legislative Updates and Oregon Agriculture.

The Section also held two Brown-Bag CLE events in 2016. The first, was held in Salem Oregon on April 20, 2016 featured Greg Loberg, who spoke on GMO Crop Coexistence Issues in Oregon Agriculture. The second, held on November 9, was a presentation by Brandy Sargent and Jeffrey Misley in Portland Oregon, on enforcement of rights under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

The Section also co-sponsored an all day CLE on Farm & Ranch Succession Planning at the offices of the OSB on November 17, 2016.

Budget:

The Section entered 2016 with funds totaling \$5,395. The Section's budget anticipated \$2,460 in revenue through membership dues and CLE registrations and \$2,970 in expenses. Budget numbers reported at the Executive Committee meeting in November suggest the Section will end the 2016 year slightly ahead of budget with year end funds estimated at \$6,314.

Legislative issues:

The Section did not expressly address any legislative issues in 2015, but members of the Executive Committee monitored items of interest to the Section. As noted above, the Section's Annual Round Up CLE included a session on legislative updates affecting Oregon agriculture presented by Jenny Draper of the Oregon Farm Bureau and Tim Bernasek of Dunn Carney.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section followed through on its goal of expanding outreach to members and providing increased educational opportunities. The Section plans to continue offering both its annual Round Up CLE in May, 2017. In addition, the Section plans on continuing to offer periodic Brown Bag CLE events in 2017 on issues involving Oregon agriculture.

Recommendations for 2017:

The Section should continue to pursue its goal of increased educational services to the Section. Because the corpus of the Section's membership resides in and around the City of Portland, the Section should endeavor to provide outreach events in the Portland area in 2017 and to utilize the website and listserv for educational purposes for the section members.

*Respectfully submitted: Jeffrey C. Misley (CH),
Mary Anne Nash (CH-Elect), Karin E. Dallas (Past*

CH), Michael J. Gelardi (TR), Brandy Augusta Sargent (SEC), Sally Anderson Hansell, Joseph H. Hobson Jr., Caroline Lobdell, Andrew G. Martin, Helen Nelson, Wyatt E. Rolfe, Heath Curtiss (ADV), Elisabeth A. Zinser (BC), Danielle Edwards (BL).

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Activities and accomplishments:

This year, the Section: maintained the bar-hosted listserv for its members and used it to announce opportunities of interest to members, co-sponsored a CLE "Mediation: Practice & Polish", awarded Judy Henry with the Sid Lezak Award for Excellence in ADR, made donations to the Oregon Mediation Association for OMA's annual fall conference and is currently considering requests for donations to the Classroom Law Project and the Campaign for Equal Justice, appointed representatives to serve on the Board of Governor's Fee Mediation Task Force, explored starting a diversity project, including setting up mentoring and/or shadowing opportunities and made updates to the ADR Section website.

Budget:

As of October 31, 2016, the Section received \$4,120 in revenue, spent \$2,539, and had an ending fund balance of \$4,742.

Recommendations for 2017:

To establish a program including mentoring, shadowing and networking opportunities. While the primary goal of this program would be to promote diversity among neutrals, it would be open to all Section members seeking to enhance their practice as well as for those seeking to transition their practice to focus more on work as a neutral.

To establish the practice of sponsoring, each year, two one-hour brown-bag CLEs on the following topics: mediator ethics and mediation confidentiality. These specialized topics are of particular concern to mediators in Oregon, many of whom subscribe to the Oregon Mediation Association's Standards of Practice. The Oregon Supreme Court, in promulgating its court-connected mediator qualification rules (*see* CJO No. 05-028), also recognizes the importance of these topics by requiring court-connected mediators to have an hour of continuing education on each of these two topics every two years. While the Oregon Mediation Association, at its annual fall conference, usually offers courses on ethics and confidentiality,

the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section should also support the education of Oregon lawyers on these issues, especially given the increasing importance of mediation in Oregon to the resolution of disputes in all areas of the law.

Respectfully submitted: Amy L. Angel (CH), Xin Xu (CH-Elect), Mark A. Friel (Past CH), Christopher T. Carson (TR), Tegan Schlatter (SEC), Thomas W. Brown, Eric O. English, Donna Parton Garaventa, Hon. Daniel L. Harris, Myah Osher Kehoe, Roger A. Lenneberg, Gail A. McEwen, Michael J. Morris, Bruce L. Schafer, Sharon A. Williams, Julia Courtney Rice (BC), Mark Johnson Roberts (BL).

Appellate Practice Section

Activities and accomplishments:

On February 25, 2016, the Section held a CLE entitled *“What Just Happened? A Review of Significant 2015 Oregon Appellate Decisions.”* The speakers were Justice Justice Dick Baldwin, Judge Joel DeVore, Deputy Solicitor General Paul Smith, and Professor Jeffrey Dobbins. Section Chair Cody Hoesly moderated.

On October 26, 2016, the Section held its Fall CLE & Social. The CLE included presentations on ORAP changes, pre-briefing issues, mandamus, differences between state and federal practice, the Section’s pro bono program, and Judge Meagan Flynn’s perspective from the bench.

The Appellate Social followed.

The Section again sponsored an Oregon state appellate judge to attend the Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Summit. At Chief Justice Balmer’s recommendation, the sponsored judge was Justice Nakamoto.

The Section continues to oversee the Appellate Pro Bono Program.

The Section revamped its website, and also created a listserv, both with the help of the Bar.

The Section has discontinued the Appellate Almanac.

Budget:

The Section began 2016 with a balance of \$8,312 and anticipates ending the year with a balance of approximately \$8,000. There will be no dues increase in 2017.

The most significant cost of the year was the Appellate Social in October, which was attended by approximately 65 appellate judges and lawyers. This is the Section’s biggest and most popular event of the year, and the Section is committed to keeping it free for members. Accordingly, the Section uses Section funds to cover the cost of the Appellate Social, which are significantly (but not entirely) offset by income from a CLE held immediately before the Appellate Social.

In 2016, the Section made approved donations to the Classroom Law Project, the Campaign for Equal Justice, the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, and Opportunities for Law in Oregon. The Section also contributed \$500 toward the creation of a portrait of former Chief Justice Ed Peterson to hang in the Supreme Court building.

Legislative issues:

The Section considered numerous legislative and ORAP amendment proposals, although it took no official position on any of them.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section conducted an email survey of its members in December 2015, which yielded good information about the interests and views of the members.

The Section looked at length into the Bar’s proposed changes to how CLEs are produced, although no action was taken.

The Section looked in detail into whether to allow complimentary section memberships to judges or others, although no action was taken.

The Section also considered late in the year whether to create a subcommittee on equity and inclusion; that proposal is recommended to be considered further in 2017.

The Section is working to have the Bar certify the Section’s Appellate Pro Bono Program as an official pro bono program for CLE credit and PLF coverage. The Section will also continue to work with the Bar to see if the Section’s Pro Bono Program can become affiliated with the Bar’s modest means program and lawyer referral service.

In 2017, the Section will co-sponsor the University of Oregon’s O’Connell Conference, and also take over production from the Oregon Law Institute of the popular CLE “A Day with the Appellate Courts.”

Recommendations for 2017:

The 2016 executive committee recommends that the Section continue to sponsor CLEs and the annual Appellate Social, and that it consider further the issues of complimentary memberships, the proposed new subcommittee, and affiliation of the Pro Bono Program with the Bar's modest means program, lawyer referral service, and Pro Bono Certification.

Any other comments:

At its annual meeting on October 26, 2016, the Section voted to approve the following officer slate for next year: Chair - Jona Maukonen, Chair-Elect - Sara Kobak, Past Chair - Cody Hoesly, Treasurer - Derek Green, Secretary - Christine Moore.

Respectfully submitted: Cody Hoesly (CH), Jona Jolyne Maukonen, Robyn Ridler Aoyagi (Past CH), Sara Kobak (TR), Derek Douglas Green (SEC), Stephen P. Armitage, Neil Francis Byl, Beth Cupani, Mark A. Friel, Jonathan W. Henderson, Anna Marie Joyce, J Aaron Landau, Pete Meyers, Christine N. Moore, Julie A. Smith, Eli D. Stutsman, Timothy R. Volpert, Per A. Ramfjord (BC), Julie Hankin (BL).

Aviation Law Section**Activities and accomplishments:**

The Executive Committee meets at noon on the last Thursday of each month at the Oswego Lake Country Club and varying locations in the Portland metropolitan area. All Section members are invited as it is an open forum for discussions pertaining to local and national aviation law related issues.

The Section is closely affiliated with the Aviation Section of the King County Bar Association. This year the 43rd Annual Pacific Northwest Aviation Law and Insurance Seminar was held in Leavenworth, Washington. The event was well-attended by OSB lawyers from Oregon and the Northwest. In addition, a number of Section members continue to be interactive with the Lawyer Pilot Bar Association, a national association of lawyers specializing in Aviation Law and related fields.

Budget:

As of August 2016, the Section had received approximately \$1,175 in membership fees. After spending \$376.00 on our OSB Support Services Assessment, we currently have a balance of \$1,030, and will spend nearly \$800 to underwrite the

cost of our annual meeting in December leaving approximately \$240 in its account for 2017.

Legislative issues:

The Section continuously monitors the Oregon Legislature for aviation-related legislation and also monitors the Oregon Aeronautics Division in Salem, Oregon. These issues are discussed at our monthly meetings as to whether the Section should respond formally.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section will continue its collaboration and possible co-sponsorship of the annual Pacific Northwest Aviation Law Seminar with the Aviation Section of the King County Bar Association in 2017.

Recommendations for 2017:

The Section will continue to support the annual Pacific Northwest Aviation Law CLE Seminar in 2017 and will continue to monitor the Oregon Legislative Sessions for aviation-related matters. It will also consider additional activities for section member involvement.

Respectfully submitted: Patrick T. Foran (CH), James B. Fisher (CH-Elect), Philip A. Rush (Past-CH), Christine Tracey (TR), Sue McKeon (SEC), Roderick A. Boutin, Donald B. Bowerman, Matthew K. Clarke, Thomas J. Flaherty, Robert B. Hopkins, Spencer Karel, Timothy E. Miller, Stuart W. Smith, A. Richard Vial, Jonathan M. Hoffman (ADV), John C. Hutchison (ADV), Barbara Ann Jacobson (ADV), Steven L. Myers (ADV), David J. Sweeney (ADV), Robert J. Gratchner (BC), Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Business Law Section**Activities and accomplishments:**

In 2016, the Section carried out its mission through activities of its Executive Committee and its subcommittees, consisting of the CLE Subcommittee (chaired by Justin B. Denton), Communications Subcommittee (chaired by Valerie H. Sasaki), New Business Lawyers Subcommittee (chaired by Tyler John Volm), Outreach Subcommittee (chaired by David R. Ludwig), Legislative Subcommittee (co-chaired by Christopher Hall and John R. Thomas), Nominating Subcommittee (chaired by Benjamin G. Lenhart) and Castles Award Subcommittee (chaired by Kyle D. Wuepper).

Highlights of the Section's 2016 activities include: the annual full-day CLE on various business topics (held Nov. 18, 2016), and three quarterly CLE seminars, including one in Bend, Oregon; re-institution of the Section's newsletter, and electronic publication of the first edition thereof; representation of the Section at the swearing-in-ceremony for new lawyers in Salem; submission of four proposals to the 2017 Oregon State Bar Law Improvement Program; issuance of the James B. Castles Leadership Award to Jeffrey C. Wolfstone; issuance of a \$1,000 scholarship to an outstanding business law student at each of Oregon's three law schools; and planning of one social event in Portland to be co-hosted by the Section and the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Budget:

The Section has approximately 1,000 members and anticipates that membership levels generally will remain the same in 2017. Section revenues, generated primarily through member dues, were budgeted to be \$28,500 for 2016, and Section expenses were budgeted to be \$39,200 for 2016. Section revenues and expenses for 2016 are expected to total approximately \$30,600 and \$37,000, respectively. The cash balance as of December 31, 2016 is expected to be approximately \$54,500.

Legislative issues:

The Executive Committee approved and submitted four proposals for possible inclusion in the 2017 Oregon State Bar Law Improvement Program. After reviewing the proposals, the Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar voted to conditionally submit one proposal for drafting, provide Public Affairs Department assistance for two proposals, and declined to include the fourth proposal. The Office of Legislative Counsel has prepared an official bill draft for the proposal submitted for drafting, which relates to the incorporation of electronic technology concepts into the Oregon Business Corporation Act.

Recommendations for 2017:

In 2017, the Section intends to continue to fulfill its mission by providing useful information through its CLE programs and newsletter, recognizing efforts and achievements of certain individuals through its awards and scholarships, advocating for the improvement of business law through continued legislative proposals, and supporting Oregon's business community through social events with business leaders and professionals in related industries. The Executive

Committee will also continue to explore ways to further its strategic goal of outreach to Section members in areas other than Portland.

Respectfully submitted: Kenneth R. Haglund (CH), Justin B. Denton (CH-Elect), David S. Matheson (Past CH), David R. Ludwig (TR), Valerie Sasaki (SEC), Lorie Harris Hancock, Genevieve AnYeung Kiley, Benjamin G. Lenhart, Douglas Lindgren, Ambyr M. O'Donnell, David G. Post, Jeffrey S. Tarr, Thomas Michael Tongue, Tyler John Volm, Kyle D. Wuepper, Kerry L. Sharp (BC), Danielle Edwards (BL).

Civil Rights Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Civil Rights Section Newsletter: We hired a new newsletter editor, Megan Lemire. The section advertised and convened a committee to select the new editor. The section produced June and September newsletters with an expected third to come out by the end of the year. OSB Creative Services now does the design and layout of the newsletter and the newsletter is distributed by email. Recent articles include: Is Clean Drinking Water a 'Civil Right?' by Janet Neuman; "Recent Decisions," by Richard F. Liebman and Anthony Kuchulis; Your Vote Is Your Voice—And Every Voice Matters," by Governor Kate Brown; "Supreme Court Update," by Kirsten Rush; and "Recent Decisions," by Richard F. Liebman and Anthony Kuchulis.

Social Media: we now have a Facebook page that contains information about CLE's and our contact. And the bar converted our section website into a different platform: <https://civilrights.osbar.org/>.

Spring Public Forum – the section put on its free public forum focused on exploring the MacArthur Foundation's recent Racial and Ethnic Disparities Report. The Report found that people of color are vastly overrepresented in each stage of Multnomah County's adult criminal justice system. Representatives from multiple agencies and organizations discussed the report. These included: JoAnn Hardesty, NAACP Portland / Consult Hardesty; Ana del Rocío Valderrama, Latino Network; Rod Underhill, Multnomah County DA's Office; The Honorable Adrienne Nelson, Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge and Judy Shiprack, Multnomah County Commissioner, Lane Borg, President of Multnomah Defenders. It was attended by about 60 community members and held at PCC Cascade. It

was jointly sponsored by The Portland Observer and PCC Paralegal Program.

Fall CLE – The Civil Rights Section put on its annual CLE seminar covering civil rights issues in an election year on Friday, October 21, 2016 at the Federal Courthouse. 63 registered. This year’s program topics and speakers were: “Voter Identification Laws” – Former State Rep. Jefferson Smith and Jill Gibson; “Religious Liberty Laws” – Jennifer Middleton and Tyler Smith; “Federal Ownership of Land” – Prof. Jim Huffman and Prof. Michael Blumm; “Gun Rights” – Former U.S. Attorney Dwight Holton and David Angeli; and “The Year in Civil Rights” – David Angeli.

Donations – the committee voted to donate \$250 to Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. A donation to the Campaign for Equal Justice is budgeted.

Budget:

The committee started with over \$3,700 and expects that we will break even this year.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The committee was approached by Rick Sills, a member of the Civil Rights Section. He presented information on the treatment of lawyers in China working on human rights issues. He asked the Executive Committee of the Civil Rights Section to take a formal position on China’s crackdown on human rights lawyers. The committee formally voted on the proposal at our August 12 meeting. While members determined that the matter merits further attention, the executive committee has limited resources and scope of work and therefore unable to take on the issue. The committee did vote to refer the matter to the BOG.

The committee opened the discussion about developing a policy on contributions to other sections, non-profits, other. To be continued in 2017.

The Committee considered raising our Section Membership Dues and unanimously voted against it. Our section currently has one of the highest costs for membership.

The Committee considered and voted to open up our membership to law students, free of charge and to provide free membership to new OSB members for one year. The OSB is now planning to waive membership fees for new bar admittees for the first year.

Committee considered a resolution to oppose mandatory co-sponsor with the bar for full day or

multi-day events. The committee voted to support the resolution.

Recommendations for 2017:

Revisit the summer civil rights series for new lawyers.

Respectfully submitted: Julia S. Olsen (CH), Marc Abrams (CH-Elect), Ellen C. Osoinach (Past CH), Marianne G. Dugan (TR), Matthew Caruso Ellis (SEC), Scott J. Aldworth, Cynthia Botsios Danforth, Blerina Kotori, Jesse Alan Merrithew, Damien T. Munsinger, Kasia E. Rutledge, Maria Witt, Katharine von Ter Stegge (BC), Paul Nickell (BL).

Constitutional Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section held its annual CLE on November 30. Eighty-three people registered for the CLE and 77 attended. The CLE featured a keynote speaker, Professor Devon Carbado, on Civil Rights and Equal Protection, an update on recent Oregon Supreme Court and Court of Appeals cases by Hon. Jack Landau, Hon. David Schuman, and Alycia Sykora, a presentation by scholarship recipient Heather Marek, and a panel discussion on Section 1983 excessive force claims with Hon. Erin Lagesen, James Rice, and Constantin Severe.

The section held its first ever constitutional law writing competition, which was open to all Oregon law students. The section awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Heather Marek, a third-year law student at University of Oregon, who wrote a paper titled, *Homelessness, Criminalization, and Oregon’s Constitutional Promise for Equality*.

Budget:

The section’s projected year-end balance is over \$20,000. We do not have CLE revenue or expense totals, which are still being accounted for. The section reduced its fund balance, which was a goal for this year.

Legislative issues:

The section did not engage in any legislative advocacy in 2016.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The section will continue to look for ways to draw down its fund balance in future years.

Respectfully submitted: Erin J. Snyder Severe (CH), P K Runkles-Pearson (CH-Elect), Gregory A. Chaimov (Past CH), Matthew J. Kalmanson (TR), Alycia N. Sykora (SEC), Jermaine F. Brown, Roger J. DeHoog, Kevin Diaz, Michael A. Greenlick, Honorable Erin C. Lagesen, Jack L. Landau, Harrison Latto, Jennifer Middleton, Chin See Ming, Darin M. Sands, Honorable David Schuman, Edward H. Trompke, Richard G. Spier (BC), Paul Nickell (BL).

Construction Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

CLE Events: The Section jointly hosted, with the Washington State Bar Construction Law Section, a full day CLE at the Vancouver, Washington Heathman Lodge entitled Two States of Construction Law: Working in Both Washington and Oregon. The event was attended by 57 bar members and other professionals.

Newsletters: The Section published a quarterly newsletter on various construction law topics. The newsletters were sent to members via email and posted on the Section's website. Justin Monahan with Ball Janik assumed the role of Section Newsletter Editor for 2016.

Charitable giving: The Section will review at the beginning of the year for 2016.

Budget:

The Section projects an ending balance of approximately \$11,467.00 at the end of 2016.

Legislative issues:

Jeremy Vermilyea and Jakob Lutkavage-Dvorscak co-chaired the Section's Legislative Subcommittee. They worked cooperatively with the Section to inform of upcoming legislation, including, but not limited to, a special meeting to vote on submitting an Official Legislative Position in early February of 2016. Jacob and Jeremy will coordinate and report to the executive board members about new and ongoing issues at the regular meetings.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The executive board is discussing the potential for another full day CLE in 2017. The initial discussion suggests a potential theme of advanced construction topics.

Recommendations for 2017:

Continue to maintain the Section's website.

Focus a bit more energy on legislative issues.

Continue to post the Section's newsletter on the Section's website and encourage more submissions from Section members at large.

Continue to host CLEs outside the Portland metro area (if feasible) to foster connections with a diverse geographic representation of section members.

Respectfully submitted: Tara M. Johnson (CH), Doug L. Gallagher (CH-Elect), John Daniel Gragg (Past CH), Tyler James Storti (TR), Daniel L. Duyck (SEC), William G. Fig, Sandra D. Fraser, C. Andrew Gibson, Ryan Hunt, Stacey A. Martinson, Justin Monahan, Thomas A. Ped, Michael W. Peterkin, Jeremy T. Vermilyea, Curtis A. Welch, Jacob A. Zahniser, Jason W. Alexander (ADV), D. Gary Christensen (ADV), Darien S. Loiselle (ADV), Jakob Lutkavage-Dvorscak (ADV), Charles R. Schrader (ADV), Peter J. Viteznic (ADV), James C. Chaney (BC), Yasha Renner (BL).

Consumer Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

This year the section took several steps to ensure low-income Oregonians facing consumer law issues have access to pro bono representation. First, we met with the OSB's lawyer referral service to raise awareness that many individuals in Oregon facing consumer law issues cannot afford to pay even a modest fee for legal representation. Second, we met with legal aid to discuss ideas to better promote its pro bono consumer law list-serv among our membership. Finally, we worked in conjunction with the lawyer referral service and legal aid to streamline pro bono consumer law referrals between the two organizations.

On May 1, the section's executive committee volunteered to serve food to the hungry at Portland's Potluck in the Park. The Potluck has been fighting hunger in Portland since 1991 and the section regularly volunteers to serve hot meals at its Bryant Park location.

On June 24, the section hosted a strategic training CLE with nationally-recognized foreclosure defense expert April Charney. The CLE was offered in conjunction with Legal Aid Foreclosure Help.

On July 8, the section hosted a happy hour social event at Rontoms on E. Burnside. The event was well-attended and included an appearance by Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum.

On August 24, the section had its annual meeting with Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and her staff. Over lunch at the Department of Justice's new downtown building, we discussed emerging consumer law issues facing poor Oregonians, and updates on recent consumer law legislation.

On November 4 at the OSB's annual House of Delegates meeting, the section co-sponsored a resolution to enable OSB sections to choose whether to co-sponsor CLE programs with the OSB Seminars Department.

One of our section's priorities for 2016 was to increase website submissions and activity on our list-serv. We're proud to report that almost every executive committee member submitted at least one article to the website, and list-serv activity was at an all-time high this year.

Budget:

For 2016, the section projects 199 members, \$2,685 revenues, \$2,879 expenses, and an ending fund balance of \$12,737.

Legislative issues:

The section's primary legislative accomplishment of 2016 was the successful opposition to a proposal governing Oregon garnishment laws. The section fought hard to combat the proposal, which would have caused significant harm and confusion to Oregon's poorest consumers.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

On November 16, the section announced plans to sponsor a full day Student Loans CLE on February 14, 2017. National student loan expert Joshua Cohen will present, as well as recently-retired Bankruptcy Judge Frank Alley, DOJ attorney Kathleen Bickers, and OSB debtor-creditor section chair Rich Parker.

Recommendations for 2017:

Section goals and objectives for 2017 include increasing website submissions and list-serv participation, increasing section membership, and continuing to ensure low-income Oregonians facing consumer law issues have access to pro bono representation.

Respectfully submitted: Michael Fuller (CH), Kelly L. Harpster (CH-Elect), David W. Venables (Past CH), Jeremiah Vail Ross (TR), Eva H. Novick (SEC), Hope A. Del Carlo, Kelly Donovan Jones, Matthew S. Kirkpatrick, Bret A. Knewtson, David L. Koen, Jordan M. Roberts, Joel D. Shapiro, Richard A. Slottee, Guy B. Greco (BC), Matthew Shields (BL).

Corporate Counsel Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The section held several networking events. In June 2016, the section hosted its annual summer luncheon at the Riverside Golf & Country Club. In August 2016, we hosted a networking event at Industrial Row Distillery. In November, the section held its annual executive committee member dinner.

The section held several CLEs. In April 2016, the section hosted a panel to discuss "Tips you wish you knew when you started as General Counsel." In October 2016, the section held a CLE titled "Do you think you're a good negotiator?".

Budget:

Membership has been holding steady at over 400 members. Our ending balance is currently projected to be about \$16,000.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The committee would like to bring in nationally recognized speakers for its CLEs and is considering options.

One effort being considered is how to assess section members' interest in understanding the metrics related to diversity among section members and employed as in house counsel.

The section is considering options for charitable donations and sponsorships.

The committee is considering how much section costs will increase due to the Bar's requirement for using its CLE department. The section believes that one benefit it provides is low cost CLEs and it would like to continue providing low or no cost CLEs to its members.

Respectfully submitted: Ann L. Fisher (CH), Kristie L. Gibson (CH-Elect), Irina S. Batrakova (Past CH), Meghan E. Williams (TR), Amy Blumenberg (SEC), Travis J. Benn, Kimberly S. Boswell, Anthony J. Dal Ponte, Elliott P. Dale, Alex Michael Duarte, Ian V. Ford,

Josephine Ko, Harlan E. Levy, Simeon D. Rapoport, Brian S. Thompson, Robert J. Gratchner (BC), Linda L. Kruschke (BL).

Criminal Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

On Friday, April 1, 2016, the section held its Annual Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice CLE entitled "Emerging Trends in Criminal Law: Designer Drugs and Social Media." It was our 30th annual presentation and was held at the Columbia Room in the bar center in Tigard. The program included a presentation by Paul Cary, the director of the Toxicology and Drug Monitoring Lab at the University of Missouri, who discussed designer drugs and the latest developments in controlled substance testing. Donna Maddux, a federal prosecutor, and Avalyn Taylor, a defense practitioner, presented a thorough and informative guide to admitting (or excluding) social media evidence. Kellie Johnson, assistant disciplinary counsel at the Bar, gave us a very practical and entertaining look at the ethical issues that arise in obtaining and using social media evidence. And we had our annual appellate and legislative updates, which are frequently cited by attendees as invaluable to what has happened in the appellate courts and what is coming next from the Legislature. The CLE was very well received, and the evaluations reflected attendees' satisfaction. The CLE was attended by approximately 90 people, a slight decrease from last year's event.

The Executive Committee also planned on presenting its fourth annual Regional Fall CLE on October 7, 2016, in Medford. The committee has viewed the regional CLE as an opportunity to reach out in the state to areas where CLE programs are seldom held in person. We put together a very promising slate of presenters, including discussions of the evolving law of animal abuse and neglect, electronic hearsay, other bad acts evidence, and a "mini" appellate update. Unfortunately, registration for the event was extremely sparse, even compared to our prior regional CLEs. The committee believed that holding a full-day CLE for, essentially, members of the committee and a handful of local practitioners was not in keeping with our responsibility to spend the section's budget wisely, and so we made the difficult decision to cancel the event.

The Section's annual meeting was held on October 7th at the bar center in lieu of occurring after the CLE presentation in Medford.

Budget:

The Section continues to remain fiscally sound, operating at a surplus of around \$45,000. We continue to look to spend down some of that budgetary surplus by attempting to contract with renowned, national speakers for the annual CLE. The cost of membership again remained the same as it has for several years, and we have maintained the same charge for registration for the annual CLE. The Section again made contributions to the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association, the Classroom Law Project, and the Campaign for Equal Justice.

Legislative issues:

As it does each year, the Executive Committee discussed legislative issues that could be addressed in proposed legislation. We neither drafted legislation nor took a position on pending bills. As the committee is composed equally of prosecutors and defense attorneys, we seldom take a position for or against potential legislation.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Two matters will be important topics of discussion and debate over the next year. The first is the slow decline of attendees at the annual CLE. The committee has committed itself to exploring whether we should change the venue to a downtown Portland location, changes to our marketing strategy, and whether we should be attempting to contract with "bigger" national names for presenters.

The second matter will be whether to continue the fall regional CLEs and, if not, how we can effectively reach out to and serve section members who do not practice in the Willamette Valley.

Recommendations for 2017:

Our goals include: improving attendance at the annual CLE, developing outreach efforts to new attorneys and to attorneys practicing outside the Willamette Valley, and creating a more robust section website.

Respectfully submitted: Shawn Evans Wiley (CH), Bradley C. Berry (CH-Elect), Daniel Ousley (Past CH), Aaron L. Brenneman (TR), Jamie S. Kilberg (SEC), Milan E. Castillo, Peter L. Deuel, Steven H. Gorham, Donna Brecker Maddux, Amy M. Queen, Gregory B.

Scholl, Timothy A. Sylwester, Kristen Lynn Tranetzki, Guy B. Greco (BC), Michelle Lane (BL).

Debtor-Creditor Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2016, the section sponsored two CLE programs: 1) the Annual Northwest Bankruptcy Institute, which was held on April 8th and 9th, 2016 in Seattle; and 2) the section's Annual Meeting and CLE which was held on September 16th and 17th at Hood River. The section also continued its three times per year newsletter to its members. In 2017, the section will again hold a Saturday Session in Salem in February.

At the Annual Meeting, the section's Award of Merit was awarded to two section members: Bankruptcy Judge Randall Dunn and Chapter 13 Trustee Wayne Godare. The award criteria include extraordinary service to the section members, outstanding contributions to legal education, promotion of professionalism, and community involvement, including pro bono assistance to Oregonians with debtor-creditor legal problems.

The section's Local Bankruptcy Rules and Forms Committee continued its practice of working through the year on proposed rule and form amendments. The judges have adopted several new rules and forms effective December 1, 2016.

Budget:

Based on the presently available financial data (through November 1, 2016) the section's actual 2016 revenues and expenses appear to be generally within an expected range of the budgeted revenues and expenses. Some expenses were a bit higher than expected, but not significantly so. Revenues were a bit less than anticipated due to a slight decrease in membership. The ending fund balance on November 1, 2016 is approximately one year of expenses. It is anticipated that membership will experience a small decrease, but not large enough to adversely impact the budget. No dues increase is anticipated.

Legislative issues:

There were no significant legislative issues during 2016. It is anticipated that there will be a receivership statute considered in 2017.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The section and the Executive Committee in particular are continuing to work on the task force to

expand the pro bono bankruptcy program statewide, as well as outreach by the Public Education Committee which presents financial education to high school students.

Respectfully submitted: Richard J. Parker (CH), Clarke Balcom (CH-Elect), David W. Hercher (Past CH), Justin D. Leonard (TR), Britta E. Warren (SEC), Kent Anderson, Mark B. Comstock, Laura L. Donaldson, David A. Foraker, Jordan S. Hantman, Stephen A. Raheer, Margot Dara Seitz, Timothy A. Solomon, Joseph M. VanLeuven, C. Casey White, Thomas M. Renn (Ex-Officio), John R. Bachofner (BC), Karen D. Lee (BL).

Disability Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2016, our section: Continued to populate our new website with resources and articles that are helpful to attorneys and the public; We co-sponsored BOWLIO and the Implicit Bias CLE hosted by Barbara Diamond; We continued to advertise and seek applicants for our professional development scholarship; Two of our members presented on disability law at the Labor and Employment Law Section's CLE; In March 2016, we held our annual half-day CLE on the topic of disability law in higher education; We recruited new members of the Bar to the Executive Committee of the Disability Section; We planned and held a networking event for attorneys who practice in the area of disability law; and We continued discussion on how to spend our budgetary surplus.

Budget:

Our budget is healthy and we're still operating with a surplus.

Recommendations for 2017:

For next year, we intend to: Continue to populate website with helpful and interesting information about disability law; Increase participation in the Section; Co-sponsor and be involved in worthwhile presentations by other sections; Educate the Bar and the public about disability issues; and We want to create a survey for the members of our section and other related sections to better inform ourselves of the barriers to accessibility that they and their clients are experiencing in obtaining legal services and representation.

Respectfully submitted: Kathryn L. Kammer (CH), Emily Teplin Fox (TR), Monica A. Goracke (SEC), Risa M. Davis, Beth Englander, Gordon C. Magella, Bill Spiry, Vanessa A. Nordyke (BC), Christopher Ling (BL).

Elder Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Elder Law Section Executive Committee meets 6 times a year, and is comprised of 5 officers and 9 members for a total of 14.

Most activities of the Elder Law Section take place through the work of specific Section subcommittees. The 4 subcommittees of the Elder Law Section Executive Committee include the CLE Committee, Newsletter Committee, Legislative Committee, and Elder Abuse Committee. Subcommittee membership is open to all interested section members.

CLE Subcommittee: The CLE subcommittee, chaired by Donald Dickman, is responsible for planning Section CLEs. The Section has traditionally sponsored, in conjunction with OSB, an annual CLE in Portland, with replay opportunities around the state. Don has resigned as Chair. Kay Hyde-Patton has agreed to be Chair for 2017. The Section has agreed to a 3-year rotation of the CLE held in October. In 2017, the CLE will focus on guardianships/conservatorships as OLI is no longer active. The next year will be basic topics in Elder Law, then the next will be an advanced topic year.

On October 7, 2016, the Section presented "Elder Law 2016: Advanced Concepts" at the Oregon Convention Center. Topics included Special Needs Trusts and Retirement Assets, Changing Situations and Developing Conflicts—Scenarios, the Contours of RPC 1.14, Complex Issues in Medicaid Planning, Staying at Home Options: Technology for Remaining at Home—Gerontechnology, Benefits for the Home: Additional Resources to Consider for the Client, End-of-Life Options and Medical Aid in Dying, and Guardianship and Conservatorship: Beyond the Statutes. This year the Subcommittee offered a free video viewing of a 1 hour CLE on mandatory elder abuse reporting during the lunch hour.

On May 6, 2016, the Section held its 13th annual UnCLE, an informal day-long session in Eugene where participants meet with their peers to "talk shop" both in workshop settings and over breakfast, lunch and social hour. The number of attendees is limited to 80. The UnCLE provides 4 separate

sessions - with each session offering 4 topics from which attendees can select to participate. The topics usually include estate planning, protective proceedings, Medicaid and Practice Management. Attendees bring printed materials to share and actively participate in session discussions by raising questions and providing answers based on personal and practice experience.

Newsletter Subcommittee: The quarterly Elder Law Section Newsletter, professionally edited by Carole Barkley, is a major benefit provided by the Section to its members. The Subcommittee is chaired by Erin Evers. Its members and the editor determine each issue's focus, and then recruit writers for specific topics to fit the focus. The newsletter is distributed electronically, saving money and environmental resources. Issues from past years are available on the Section's webpage on the OSB website.

Elder Abuse Issues Subcommittee: This subcommittee has been primarily focused on monitoring the Legislature's Elder Abuse Work Group. The committee was inactive in 2015 and is currently inactive.

Legislative Subcommittee: The subcommittee is chaired by Anastasia Meisner. For 2017, two new volunteers have joined the subcommittee to review and advise the Section of upcoming proposals. The subcommittee continues to watch for a new Advance Directive proposal.

Budget:

As of November 30, 2016, the Elder Law Section had 572 paid memberships and 31 complimentary memberships (given to judges, court staff and OSB members of 50 or more years). This is slightly less than the 575 paid members in 2016. Annual dues remain at \$25. The Section maintains a reserve to allow for special projects from time to time, and to assure a continued ability to offer newsletters and CLEs. The Section made contributions to the Campaign for Equal Justice and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. For 2017, the Section has agreed to earmark \$1,000 for members for scholarships to Elder Law CLEs.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

Various Section members have been involved and will continue to be involved with legislative proposals. In addition, planning is underway for both the May 2017 and October 2017 CLE events and the

newsletter themes and topics are being settled for 2017.

Respectfully submitted: Kay Hyde-Patton (CH), Monica D. Pacheco (CH-Elect), Erin M. Evers (Past CH), Jan Elana Friedman (TR), Darin J. Dooley (SEC), Kathryn M. Belcher, Jason C. Broesder, Don Blair Dickman, Denise Nicole Gorrell, Theresa Hollis, Anastasia Yu Meisner, J. Thomas Pixton, Michael A. Schmidt, Whitney D. Yazzolino, Julia Courtney Rice (BC), Matthew Shields (BL).

Energy, Telecommunications & Utility Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2016, the ETU Section sponsored 3 CLE's (6.5 hours of MCLE credits approved), one Networking session and the annual meeting. CLE topics included: Energy Imbalance Markets and the Expanded California ISO footprint, Oregon's Clean Electricity Plan, the Telecommunications Act, a second CLE on the California ISO, and Net Neutrality and Municipal Broadband.

Budget:

The Section began the year with a fund balance of \$5,364. After revenues of \$6,068 and expenses of \$7,720, the section is forecast to end 2016 with a fund balance of \$3,712.

Legislative issues:

The Section did not take a position on any legislation in 2016. The Section does not anticipate taking a position on legislation in 2017.

Recommendations for 2017:

I recommend that the section continue to offer free/low cost CLEs to members and provide networking opportunities for members. The section should target 3 CLEs, one networking opportunity, and its annual meeting.

Any other comments:

I recommend that the section continue its renewed focus on offering CLEs. I recommend that the Section consider developing and adopting an annual CLE plan for the next year instead of planning CLEs on a 3-6 month rolling timeframe. The section may have to start charging a small amount for CLEs because the section has significantly reduced its fund balance over the past few years and new rules

regarding CLE co-sponsorship will increase the costs for sections to host CLEs. It would be helpful if the Bar provided some guidance to the sections on how much fund balance a section should carry.

Respectfully submitted: Betsy Bridge (CH), Alan J. Galloway (CH-Elect), Henry R. Tilghman (Past CH), Jeffrey S. Lovinger (TR), Adam Lowney (SEC), Sarah E. Edmonds, Ann L. Fisher, William E. Hendricks, Jasmine C. Hites, Timothy L. McMahan, David C. Olson, Irion A. Sanger, Mark R. Thompson, Mark P. Trincherro, Mary M. Wiencke, Matthew D. Yates, Michael D. Levelle (BC), Cheryl L. McCord (BL).

Family Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The 2016 Family Law Section Annual Conference was a tremendous success with 411 attendees. The meeting venue was Sunriver, which was a well-received change of venue that allowed all attendees to enjoy an excellent panel of speakers in one large conference room. The meeting was approved for 12.25 CLE Credits, including 1 Ethics CL. The Section boasts offering this CLE for one of the lowest costs per credit hour compared to other Sections.

The Section awarded the Professionalism Award to Michael Yates of Yates Family Law, PC. Judge Kirsten Thompson also spoke to the section to recognize the outstanding contribution that the Honorable John B. Lewis made.

This year, we implemented the new Professionalism Award and presented it to Paul DeBast at the Family Law Conference.

The Family Law Newsletter was published every other month by our esteemed newsletter editor, the Honorable Judge Daniel Murphy.

Budget:

The Section continues to be in a strong financial position given a strong membership base and the large number of registrants at the Annual Conference. Our Section dues remain \$25.00 per member.

Legislative issues:

Legislative Counsel has drafted two bills for the 2017 legislative session at the request of the Family Law Section. LC 837 would provide for limited post-judgment discovery in cases involving spousal support cases. LC 2328 would allow the court to

entertain an action by a spousal or child support obligee to equitably apportion life insurance benefits that would otherwise pass to an individual other than the required beneficiary pursuant to the terms of a support judgment.

The Section developed proposed legislation designed to correct an anomaly within the PERS system related to re-designation of a survivor benefit (pursuant to the judgment) following divorce. The Section is working with other stakeholders to prepare this legislation for submission during the 2019 session.

The Section's Legislative Subcommittee has been actively engaged as part of a larger workgroup to consider issues relating to the term "custody" and whether a change in favor of different terminology (e.g., "legal decision making authority") might be appropriate.

The Section has worked with other stakeholders to begin the process of reviewing custody evaluator and parenting time coordinator qualification requirements in the State of Oregon.

The Section was actively engaged in a review process for proposed legislation regarding possible implementation of the Uniform Collaborative Law Act.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Section is evaluating whether to continue to host the Annual Meeting in Sunriver for 2018 and 2019. It has prepared a survey for the Section membership to assist in evaluating that option.

The Section will post CLE materials on its website one year after the Annual Meeting.

The Section is evaluating how to transition its current website platform to the one suggested by the Bar.

Recommendations for 2017:

The Board of Governors is making a number of decisions that could affect CLE seminars in the future, including whether the Section's Annual Meeting must be co-sponsored by the Bar. Among other issues, it is evaluating whether potential videotaping of the Annual Meeting could dilute attendance at that meeting. The Section highly values high Section membership attendance at the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee welcomes its newest members, Shannon Snow and Keri Smith.

Any other comments:

The Section extends our deepest gratitude to Lauren Saucy, who has been a member of the Executive Committee for the last nine years! The Committee regrets that we will not have the benefit of her continued insight, work ethic, and strong institutional history. She will be sorely missed.

Respectfully submitted: Kimberly A. Quach (CH), Jennifer E. Currin (CH-Elect), Debra Dority (Past CH), Zachary Fruchtengarten (TR), Jennifer J. Brown (SEC), Andrew D. Ivers, Gwen M. Moore, Murray S. Pettitt, Lauren Saucy, Annelisa D. Smith, Melinda Thomas, Stephanie F. Wilson, Christine R. Costantino (BC), Susan Evans Grabe (BL).

Government Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Continuing Legal Education Seminars: The Government Law Section planned and presented two accredited Continuing Legal Education seminars in 2016. Each CLE was developed by a volunteer subcommittee of the Section's Executive Committee. The Winter CLE was held in February at Salishan. The Fall CLE was held in October, and was co-planned with the Real Estate and Land Use Section. The Fall CLE was co-sponsored by the Oregon State Bar and held in October at the Hotel Monaco in downtown Portland.

The February CLE, A Medley of Government Law, was offered on February 26th at Salishan Spa and Golf Resort. The topics included validation actions, labor and employment, Public Records and Public Meetings, Professionalism, flood plain regulations and water rights. The CLE was attended by over 50 lawyers and was well-received. The CLE subcommittee solicited sponsorships from Beery Elsner & Hammond LLP, Cable Huston LLP, Garvey Schubert Barer and Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP. Generous donations from these firms allowed the Section to host a social hour at the conclusion of the CLE, providing an opportunity for public law practitioners to socialize in a relaxed, collegial setting. We offered scholarship opportunities for attending the CLE.

The October CLE was co-planned with the Real Estate and Land Use Section. At the CLE,

presentations were given on the Fair Housing Act, the basics of real estate transactions, historic preservation, ethics and technology, marijuana business regulation, *Horton v. OHSU*, state preemption and dealing with zombie houses. The CLE was at capacity for the room and well-received. The section co-sponsored lunch with RELU CLE. We hope to continue to do so as our budget allows. At the conclusion of the CLE, the section adjourned to its annual business meeting, followed by a social hour sponsored through donations from Beery Elsner Hammond LLP, Garvey Schubert Barer and Laurie E. Craghead, Attorney at Law. We offered up to five registration scholarships for persons admitted to the bar within the last three years, and a discount on registration for up to five persons qualified with the New Lawyers Division. We provided scholarships to three persons.

Regular Meetings and Annual Meeting: The Section's Executive Committee schedules regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. These regular meetings are scheduled at the bar headquarters in Lake Oswego. Executive Committee members typically attend telephonically by dialing into 1-888-891-0496; Passcode 854884. All Section members are welcome to attend and may attend by conference telephone.

The Section again convened its annual meeting in conjunction with the Fall CLE. Business included election of open executive committee positions, as well as officers of the executive committee.

Website: The Government Law Section maintains a website with information regarding membership, including listing officers and Executive Committee members. The website provides links to our CLE announcements, and lists job opportunities of interest to the membership and Bar at large. Maintenance of the website is on-going.

Email updates: The committee sends out periodic email updates and alerts to Section members on legal developments, employment opportunities, and topics of interest to public law practitioners.

Scholarships: The Section continues to offer scholarship opportunities to practitioners in need. The Section offers up to 25 scholarships to pay admission to the Section. Additionally, the section provides scholarships to CLEs, such as for new admittees interested in public practice.

Budget:

In the 2016 Budget year, the Section had 445 members, and 5 comp members, for a total of 450 members.

As of October 2016, annual revenue is at \$11,205 and expenses are \$10,076, for net revenue in the amount of \$1,130. The section made charitable contributions in the amount of \$500 to the Opportunities for Law in Oregon (OLIO) program, and \$1,000 to the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. The section budgeted \$1,500 for contribution to the Campaign for Equal Justice which we anticipate will be approved by the Executive Committee before year's end.

The Government Law Section is submitting a budget for 2017. The budget shows a beginning fund balance in the amount of \$12,371, and projected ending fund balance for 2017 in the amount of \$9,971. The Section 2017 budget shows projected 2017 revenues in the amount of \$13,600 and projected expenses in the amount of \$15,770. The 2017 budget allocates funds for a \$1,500 contribution to the Campaign for Equal Justice and a \$1,000 contribution to the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. For budget planning purposes, the Section anticipates having approximately 445 total members in 2017.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Executive Committee has begun planning for a winter CLE, scheduled for February 24, 2017. We again plan on holding the CLE at Salishan.

Recommendations for 2017:

Our 2017 recommended budget reflects a continuing commitment to fund scholarships for new and needy members of the Section, as well as continuing charitable contributions for worthy causes such as the Campaign for Equal Justice, OLIO, the Classroom Law Project and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association.

Respectfully submitted: Benjamin Walters (CH), Chad A. Jacobs (CH-Elect), Alan Andrew Rappleyea (Past CH), Brena Moyer Lopez (TR), James K. Brewer (SEC), Eric Blaine, Thomas A. Brooks, Laurie E. Craghead, Eric S. DeFreest, John R. Hutt, Tamara E. Jones, William K. Kabeiseman, Alison R. Kean, Douglas M. McGeary, Heather L. Reynolds, Kathryn A. Short, Sarah E. Hanson (ADV), Kathleen J. Rastetter (BC), Denise Cline (BL).

Health Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2016, the Health Law Section hosted multiple lunch time CLEs and networking events at no cost to participants and organized and held an annual all day CLE in October. Membership dues remained level and were waived for judges, judicial lawyer staff, new bar members, fifty year bar members, and law students.

Budget:

The section conducted its activities within the 2016 budget, and maintains a modest surplus of funds.

Legislative issues:

The section continues to monitor health related legislation and provides membership with updates through a website link and CLE offerings.

Recommendations for 2017:

In 2017 the section will continue focusing on providing educational and networking opportunities for members, adjusting its budget accordingly. The section will cap off 2017 by sponsoring its annual meeting and CLE in Hood River in October 2017.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Anne Anderson (CH), Meghan Bours (CH-Elect), Jenny Franks (Past CH), Rachel Anne Wood Arnold (TR), Deanna Paige Laidler (SEC), Jonathan H. Bauer, Sarah L. Bimber, Thomas Michael Karnes, Jeffrey D. Kirtner, Megan Anne Lane, Susan J. Mahoney, Molly K. Marcum, Eric J. Neiman, Shannon K. O'Fallon, Brian M. Parrott, Robert E. Sinnott, Amber M. Zupancic-Albin, Charles A. Wilhoite (BC), Dustin Dopps (BL).

Indian Law Section

Legislative issues:

Provide updates regarding relevant state and federal legislation; monitored legislation.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The section will plan and produce the bi-annual day-long ILS CLE for 2017. We will continue to offer support to Tribal-State Judicial Consortium, propose ILS EC member serve on Consortium. As we've done in the past we will distribute ILS materials at the swearing-in ceremonies. We want to continue to maintain ILS website.

Recommendations for 2017:

Possible collaboration with related Pacific Northwest associations (e.g. Idaho State Bar ILS, NIBA).

Possible letter supporting continuing existing tribal meetings with new presidential administration.

Respectfully submitted: Anthony Broadman (CH), Diane Henkels (CH-Elect), Stephanie L. Striffler (Past CH), Todd Albert (TR), Nathan A. Karman (SEC), Kristy Kay Barrett, Jennifer Biesack, Stephen P. Kelly, Lauren J. Lester, Douglas C MacCourt, Melissa Masat Robertson, Lee Kevin Shannon, Patrick Sullivan, Cathern E. Tufts, Kristen L. Winemiller, Jessie D. Young, Michael D. Levelle (BC), Michelle Lane (BL).

Intellectual Property Section

Activities and accomplishments:

We held our annual year in review CLE in February in co-sponsorship with the Bar.

We held monthly brown bag CLEs, and arranged for a diversity of speakers with a wide variety of backgrounds. Some of the CLE topics included patent claim drafting, state trademarks, copyright fair use, the Visual Arts Rights Act, and the Defend Trade Secrets Act.

We held three happy hours (one of these was specifically for new bar admittees) and other social events, and organized and/or sponsored outreach events with Oregon's law schools. For example, we sponsored two events at Lewis and Clark law school, and the IP Section and the Lane County IP Section hosted a CLE and social for University of Oregon law students on November 11 in Eugene. Executive Committee member Elizabeth Milesnick spoke on the Defend Trade Secrets Act.

We hosted a special event with the USPTO on November 16, on the USPTO's Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative. This event involved speakers from the USPTO, a panel discussion, and a networking event after the program. The IP Section covered the cost of this event so it was offered free to attendees.

We held a CLE along with our annual meeting in October.

One goal of this year was to promote diversity among our CLE speakers. For our annual CLE and monthly brown bags, at least half of the speakers were women or minorities. Our annual meeting

speaker was also a woman. As intellectual property law is historically a white male dominated field, we feel it is important to ensure that women and minorities are represented in the section.

Budget:

We will end the year on budget, with approximately 475 members in the section and a balance of approximately \$15,000.

The committee recommended and the section members present at the annual meeting voted to raise the annual dues from \$20 to \$25 per year. In addition to helping cover the bar's additional CLE sponsorship costs (which apparently now will not kick in until 2018), the section needs to maintain a fund balance to cover events that do not make money or lose money (for example, our annual meeting and CLE), to cover additional speaker costs (for example, for our year in review CLE), and for event expenses (for example, again, we covered 100% of the cost of the USPTO event on November 16, 2016).

Legislative issues:

The Section works with the Public Affairs Committee of the Bar to monitor and track legislation that may affect Section members' intellectual property practices. There were no intellectual property-related bills in 2016 that warranted the Committee's attention.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

We discussed the potential of the bar charging a fee per attendee for all CLEs we offer, and how that impacts our programming. We will hold 2-3 less brown bags CLEs in 2017 to accommodate the additional cost and to alleviate some of the administrative burden on the executive committee in planning monthly programming.

Lane County IP attorneys have requested we continue to offer CLEs in the Eugene area, which we plan to continue to do at least once per year going forward.

We would like to continue to investigate the option of streaming all of our programming, so IP attorneys outside of the Portland area may participate in our CLEs.

Recommendations for 2017:

We would like to create a calendar for the executive committee to keep apprised of deadlines,

and we would like to keep our website more current with the latest CLE materials and information.

Any other comments:

The Intellectual Property Section is a thriving and busy section of the bar. The executive committee meets monthly, and holds at least one event per month (a CLE and/or social event). We look forward to continuing to offer numerous, diverse CLE topics and speakers and other programs of interest for our section members in 2017.

Respectfully submitted: Anne E. Koch (CH), John D. Russell (CH-Elect), Ian D. Gates (TR), Thomas E. Vesbit (SEC), Timothy S. DeJong, Scott D. Eads, Christopher D. Erickson, Amelia Forsberg, Tomas Gomez-Arostegui, John E. Grant, Parna A. Mehrbani, Elizabeth Tedesco Milesnick, John Cathcart Rake, Thomas J. Romano, Vincent Sliwoski, Mark W. Wilson, Johnathan E. Mansfield (BC), Dustin Dopps (BL).

International Law Section**Activities and accomplishments:**

For 2016, the International Law Section ("ILS") sponsored a CLE concerning international litigation. The ILS passed on information to its members pertaining to various international law educational opportunities around Oregon. ILS again supported the Portland International Film Festival ("PIFF"), co-hosting a PIFF networking reception with the World Affairs Council. ILS also planned for CLE trip to the Netherlands that will occur in 2017. ILS, for the first time, offered a scholarship for Oregon law students with a demonstrated interest in international law.

Budget:

The ILS generally stayed within budget for 2016. Up through October, 2016, ILS has 91 paid members and 29 complimentary members.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

ILS is working on an international CLE in the Netherlands for 2017. ILS also decided to offer a scholarship in 2016. Due to a lack of qualified applicants, in part arising from insufficient advertising and notice, a scholarship was not awarded in 2016 but is expected for 2017.

Recommendations for 2017:

The main goals for 2017 are a successful CLE in the Netherlands and awarding a scholarship. ILS also plans to host other CLEs during 2017.

Any other comments:

Our incoming 2017 officers will be: Chair - Chad Colton, Immediate Past Chair - Eric Kodesch, Chair (Elect) - Sean Levy, Secretary - Sean Levy, Treasurer - Alan Perkins, Member - Merril Keane, Member - Kimberly Boswell, Member - Dina Amira Anani, Member - Masayuki Yamaguchi, Member - Jeanette Schuster

Respectfully submitted: Eric Jason Kodesch (CH), Chad M. Colton (CH-Elect), Alan C. Perkins (Past CH), Benjamin R. Hartman (TR), Sean Patrick Levy (SEC), Dina Amira Anani, Kimberly S. Boswell, Merrill A. Keane, Masayuki Yamaguchi, Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Juvenile Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

We held an annual CLE entitled "Ethics! Navigating Issues in Juvenile Law" on February 26, 2016 at the OSB Center in Tigard. In addition to providing juvenile practitioners with a heavy dose of ethics credits specific to juvenile law, we offered a presentation on appropriate self-care as attorneys from the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program through Kyra Hazilla.

The 2017 CLE "Juvenile Law: Down the Rabbit Hole" is scheduled for February 12, 2017 at the Bar Center. We look forward to an Alice in Wonderland themed CLE that range in topics from relief from sex offender registration to working through paternity issues, as well as a professionalism in juvenile law discussion.

The Executive Committee has also continued to work in conjunction with the Bar Books Editorial Board to update the outdated Juvenile Law Section BarBook, which is in great need of an update after approximately ten years.

In addition, the Executive Committee has continued efforts to reach out both to new Bar admittees and also to law students to encourage work in juvenile law. Committee members attended events at local law schools in an effort to raise awareness of our Section and the area of juvenile law

in general, and also reached out directly to all new admittees.

Budget:

We ended the year with a balance of \$7,883 and the 2017 budget was approved at the November annual meeting. The Executive Committee voted to continue to approve dedication of \$500 to the Juvenile Law Training Academy and \$100 to the Campaign for Equal Justice for 2016, both of which were also approved for 2016. We discussed the value of covering travel expenses for our Executive Committee members from different parts of the state and continued to fund that for 2017. We remain committed to keeping a lower balance to be considered a reasonable amount at the direction of the Bar.

Legislative issues:

We had a very active Legislative Subcommittee this past year that reviewed and tracked the vast majority of legislation related to juvenile law. The subcommittee reported at each meeting and updated the Executive Committee on relevant legislative matters. Most importantly, Executive Committee members spent significant time documenting enrolled legislation from the 2015 session and provided a document to the Oregon State Bar to include in its 2015 Legislative Highlights BarBook. As in previous years we chose not to sponsor any legislation this year due primarily to the diverse practice areas of our section. We discussed considering potential clean-up legislation for the next regular session in 2017.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

As in the previous year, there was considerable discussion in 2016 regarding the implementation of E-Courts throughout the state and the impact to practitioners regarding access and availability of juvenile court records. This item remained on the agenda all year and if significant problems remain, the Committee discussed authoring a letter to the Oregon Judicial Department outlining concerns and requesting the matter be addressed. A survey was sent out to all section members asking for feedback on E-Court issues, and our members are actively working to have common issues addressed by OJD.

In addition, Liaison reports provided updates on Family Law, Criminal Law, Indian Law, Legislative Issues, Department of Human Services and a new Appellate Update. We continue to seek

subcommittee members with an interest in and attention to those issues that directly or indirectly impact a juvenile law practice.

Our section website is a continued item of discussion. We moved the maintenance of the website to the Bar. The Committee deliberated about different ways to ensure it is a useful tool for practitioners. These discussions should continue.

Recommendations for 2017:

As mentioned above, we recommend continuing the E-Court implementation discussion and continuing to work with the Oregon Judicial Department should significant issues affecting a significant amount of juvenile court practitioners remain. The discussion regarding offering smaller, local community CLEs or trainings should restart through the Executive Committee or a subcommittee for content and accuracy.

Several thoughtful and innovative discussions were had regarding different ways to encourage or support section membership. One option included offering memberships connected to the annual CLE attendance. This idea should be followed up on by the membership subcommittee should it be possible under Bar rules.

Encourage attendance from Executive Committee members by keeping agendas concise and informative. Subcommittee attendance should be spread more evenly among Executive Committee members.

Any other comments:

The Juvenile Law Section has a very healthy number of section members considering the number of juvenile law practitioners state wide. We are proud to have Executive Committee members serve from across the state, many of whom traveled in person to attend meetings. Discussions were often more lively and helpful as a result, this should continue to be a consideration in nominating new Executive Committee members.

Respectfully submitted: Morgan Wren Long (CH), Danielle J. O'Brien (CH-Elect), Joanne L. Southey (Past CH), Brandon S. Thueson (TR), Sarah S. Robbins (SEC), Meghan S. Bishop, Kristen P. Farnworth, Lauren Freeman, Scott B. Harris, Amy Saeger Miller, Timothy O'Donnell, Ryan W. Phillips, Holly A. Preslar, Honorable Michele C. Rini, Shannon Storey, Robin

J. Wright, Christine R. Costantino (BC), Linn D. Davis (BL).

Labor & Employment Section

Activities and accomplishments:

For the second year in a row, the section hosted a labor and employment boot camp that provided attendees with a 2-day crash course on labor and employment law. Attendance at the boot camp was close to 50 attendees, a significant increase from last year's program. A majority of attendees ranked the program very good or excellent.

The section also hosted its annual meeting and CLE in Portland. Attendance at the annual meeting was around 150 attendees, which was also an increase from last year. The section provided 8 scholarships to attendees and the event received overwhelmingly positive reviews.

The section sponsored an implicit bias CLE, sponsored a bowling team for the annual BOWLIO fundraiser, and will sponsor another lunch time CLE on the Oregon Employment Relations Board's rule changes on December 13, 2016. Registration to the December 13 CLE is free to section members.

In 2016, the section contributed to fundraisers for the Campaign for Equal Justice, the Classroom Law Project, and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association.

The Section has a website and hosts an active listserv for all its members.

Budget:

The section met all of its budget goals in 2016 and brought in more revenue than expected as a result of a recent dues increase, an increase in membership, and a successful annual meeting. The section has a healthy ending fund balance as it heads into 2017.

Legislative issues:

The section received regular updates on legislative issues affecting labor and employment law.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The executive committee was actively involved in the bar's proposed changes to CLE programming. Executive committee members participated in a summit regarding the changes and drafted a resolution that was submitted at the 2016 House

of Delegates meeting. Although the resolution did not pass because the meeting lacked a quorum, the section's executive committee continues to explore options for maintaining successful CLE programming at affordable prices for section members.

Recommendations for 2017:

In 2017, the section's executive committee will host an annual conference and CLE and will look at hosting more breakfast/lunch briefings and sponsorship of additional programming. The committee also intends to look at ways of providing more affordable CLE events to section members and provide additional scholarships to CLE programs.

Respectfully submitted: Sarah K. Drescher (CH), Lisa A. Amato (CH-Elect), Nathan Schwartz Sykes (Past CH), Clarence M. Belnavis (TR), Aruna A. Masih (SEC), Kyle T. Abraham, Brenda K. Baumgart, Stephen L. Brischetto, Paul C. Buchanan, Barbara J. Diamond, Scott N. Hunt, Philip Alan Johnson, Christopher G. Lundberg, Paul M. Ostroff, Elizabeth A. Semler, Jennifer Sung, Jeffrey P. Chicoine (ADV), Kathleen J. Rastetter (BC), Christine Ford (BL).

Military and Veterans' Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

On May 19, 2016, the Section presented a CLE entitled, "Representing Military Veterans in Oregon." The CLE was approved for 5 general credits, 1 access to justice credit and .5 ethics credit. Section planners include Daniel Crowe, Mary Ellen Farr, and Mark Holady.

On November 17, 2016, members of the Section's Executive Committee were presenters at a CLE presented by the Public Interest Law Project, entitled, "Veteran Benefits."

The Section is coordinating and editing the creation of a new publication for the Oregon State Bar, "Rights of Veterans and Military Servicepersons." The book is expected to have 14 chapters on a diverse set of issues, focused on assisting judges and practitioners with little baseline knowledge of the military and the problems/solutions associated with returning veterans. Work is ongoing. Publication is expected in the Spring and Summer of 2017.

The Section is working with the Oregon Judicial Department, with the goal of making a presentation at the Spring Judicial Conference, and of providing a

concise outline of basic veterans' related information and law for inclusion into judicial bench books.

The Section continues to support the Veterans' Law Clinic at Willamette University. We were unsuccessful in initiating a veterans' law class at Willamette; Lewis and Clark is interested in pursuing this initiative.

The Section developed a partnership with the New Lawyers Division of the Oregon State Bar, thanks to Secretary-elect Jamie Fender. Members of both groups had a social gathering on November 2, 2016, attended by 63 persons.

Budget:

The Section did not meet its goal of 100 members this year. It presently has 87 paid members and 14 complimentary members. Dues are \$20 per year for regular members. Membership is complimentary for judges and law students. There is a balance of \$2,624 in the section's account as of October 31, 2016. The Treasurer has prepared a long-range plan and budget, which have been provided separately to the Bar.

Recommendations for 2017:

The 2017 Military Law Section Executive Committee will be Daniel Crowe, Chair; Mark Ronning, Chair Elect; David L. Kramer, Immediate Past Chair; Jaimie Fender, Secretary; Mark John Holady, Treasurer, David Shawcross, Member at large; Jennifer Sackett, Member at large; Jennifer Dunn, Member at large; James Gordon Rice, Member at large; Kurt Hansen, Member at large; Ross Neher, Member at large; Trevor Caldwell, Member at large; Kathy Root, Advisory Member; Luke Miller, Advisory Member; Alex Tucker, Advisory Member; Andrew Futerman, Advisory Member.

Respectfully submitted: David L. Kramer (CH), Daniel Zene Crowe (CH-Elect), Thomas J. Flaherty (Past CH), Mark John Holady (TR), Mary Ellen Page Farr (SEC), Paul W. Conable, Alisha L. Firestone, Jonas J. Hemenway, Wesley A. Hill, Jack R. Platten, James Gordon Rice, Sean J. Riddell, Mark A. Ronning, Robert P. Schulhof, Paul J. Sundermier, Brian Scott Wayson, Kerry L. Sharp (BC), Troy J. Wood (BL).

Products Liability Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Products Liability Section had a productive year in 2016. The executive committee began planning a CLE expected to be presented in early 2017 addressing cutting edge changes in the marijuana production and distribution industry. Executive Committee members are working with leaders in this area of law to develop topics of interest for the members and others in the legal community.

The section Newsletter was completed, and is pending publication. Submissions for the next newsletter are being developed, and submissions accepted.

Products Liability Section executive member Kirsten Abel took the lead in our outreach effort to new bar admittees this year by preparing an informational flyer describing the Products Liability Section to be offered to new lawyers at this year's Oregon State Bar swearing in ceremony. The Products Liability Section offered new bar admittees membership in the section for the first year at no charge.

Budget:

Over the last several years the Products Liability section has run a surplus balance of between three and six thousand dollars. At the time of this annual report, the account balance of the section is \$6,857.

This is a typical and acceptable surplus to run for a section this size according to Oregon State Bar. The surplus allows the section to fund projects quickly and provides flexibility on operational goals. The Products Liability Section has not raised membership dues for at least the past 5 years, in part due to the budget surplus, and the majority of the section's budget is used each year to present its annual CLE.

Recommendations for 2017:

The executive committee of the Products Liability Section spent much of its time in 2016 considering three important goals for the section. The recommendation for 2017 is to continue focusing on the three goals below and generate new approaches to their fulfillment: Increase the section membership through outreach, Maintain the quality of section CLEs and improve attendance, and Publish its Newsletter on an annual basis to ensure highest quality content. In the past, a goal of 3 quality newsletters per year was considered, but the executive committee determined that in light of

the amount of time and work involved in producing quality content, an annual newsletter is more realistic.

Respectfully submitted: Heather C. Beasley (CH), Peter W. Preston (Ch-Elect), Patrick D. Angel (Past CH), R. Brendan Dummigan (TR), Blake J. Robinson (SEC), Kirstin L. Abel, David E. Artman, Todd Bradley, Scott A. Brooksby, Faith Marie Morse, Joseph S. Walsh, Stephen P. Yoshida, Timothy L. Williams (BC), Camille Greene (BL).

Real Estate & Land Use Section

Activities and accomplishments:

RELU's Executive Committee and its subcommittees worked throughout 2016 to expand member services, and to increase participation in Section committees and activities. The Executive Committee met monthly except for July and August; and the November and December meeting was combined on December 2. Subcommittees met as needed. Subcommittees consisted of Education (Annual Summer Conference, Spring Conference and Luncheon Seminars), Real Estate Legislation, Land Use Legislation and Publications, whose functions are discussed below. Subcommittees reported regularly to the Executive Committee through their Subcommittee Chairs, who are also members of the Executive Committee.

Annual Summer Conference. The RELU Annual Meeting/Summer Conference was held August 11 through 13 at Salishan in Gleneden, Oregon. Registered attendance was well above last year's attendance. The Education Committee, with assistance from Norma Freitas, was responsible for organizing and executing the Summer Conference, which provided 11.25 credits for those attending all the Summer Conference sessions, including 1 hour of access to justice and 1 hour of ethics.

Annual Spring CLE. The section's one-day Spring CLE 2016 was well attended and included sessions ranging from retail leasing, effective advocacy of land use appeals, mineral rights, land use issues regarding marijuana, insurance coverage and claims related to real estate, HOA issues, the intersection of affordable housing and land use, and ADA and FHA issues in transactional real estate. Although the Section had some concern about turnout for a spring meeting instead of the historical fall timing, the turnout was higher for this first Spring Meeting. This is a

testament to our quality of presentations and topic choice.

In addition, the Spring CLE committee helped coordinate RELU's co-sponsorship of the Government Law Section's Fall CLE. The RELU topics included historic preservation, title issues for government law attorneys, and affordable housing during this day long session for 62 attendees.

Luncheon Seminars. The section sponsored several lunch-hour continuing education programs in Portland, and hopes to move toward 6 seminars a year. The seminars are audio-recorded and made available on the Section's website at no charge to members unable to attend. The 2016 topics included many cross-over topics with other Bar sections, including trust and estates and environmental law.

Publications. Since 1978, the section has produced a high-quality quarterly or bi-monthly newsletter that summarizes and discusses developments in Oregon Land Use and Real Estate appellate case law, LUBA decisions, and legislation. The RELU Digest editor, Jenny Bricker, and assistant editor, Judy Parker, have brought fresh ideas and a wealth of editorial experience. The Publications Subcommittee meets every 60 to 90 days to discuss upcoming ideas, provide feedback on past issues and generally support the editors. The subcommittee is also working on a redesign of the Section's website, where the Digest is hosted.

RELU Listserve. The listserv continues to provide a useful communications tool for section members to exchange ideas and to post questions on legal issues. The Executive Committee appoints a list serve moderator, but the RELU Listserve is largely self-governing. Members rate the listserv as one of the most beneficial and widely used services provided by the Section to RELU members.

Membership and Volunteer Development. The Executive Committee continues to focus on membership development and attempts to encourage new and continuing section members to volunteer opportunities. New Bar members are offered a free membership for the balance of the year of swearing-in. Sign-up sheets are distributed at the annual meeting encouraging participation in the subcommittees. The Chair sent welcome information to new members and new admittees to let them know about volunteer opportunities with the Section and many subcommittees gained new members.

Real Estate Deskbook. In 2013, the section approached the Bar with a proposal to update the Real Estate Bar-Books, and several members of the Executive Committee assumed the role of lead editors and authors. The old series of five volumes was completely reorganized in a more logical order, gaps were identified and filled with new chapters, and the entire series was brought current. The new Deskbook was completed, printed, and shipped by OSB Publications in the Fall of 2015. In 2016, the American CLE Association awarded the Oregon State Bar and Real Estate and Land Use Deskbook Editors the Best Publication – a tremendous honor and reflection of the hard work of our editors to fully revise the deskbook.

Budget:

2016 expenditures are generally within budget, with revenues slightly greater than forecast and expenses slightly less than forecast—both positive results. The increased attendance and sponsorship of the Section's Annual Summer Conference was the leading cause for the positive result. The EC was able to offer complimentary lunches in partnership with the Government Law Section at the joint Fall CLE. The Section will continue to maintain reserves that are sufficient to cover the cost of the RELU Annual Summer CLE should there be a cancellation or dramatic downturn in attendance.

Legislative issues:

RELU tracked a number of bills during the 2016 legislative session and produced reports available on the section's website. Both subcommittees track all bills relating to real estate and land use. The Section provided comments on several bills, however, the committee's improvement of law comments on affordable housing bills were not submitted to the legislature by the Bar's legislative team. The real estate legislative committee identified the need for legislative or rulemaking changes to the mortgage loan originator statutes and a subcommittee has been formed to work on this endeavor.

Recommendations for 2017:

The Executive Committee should continue the tradition of holding a long-range planning session in conjunction with the Committee's Ashland meeting. The session is a valuable source of new ideas to improve services to members.

The Executive Committee should continue to explore mentorship opportunities for new lawyers in the RELU Section.

The Executive Committee should continue to work with the Bar on identifying procedures that ensure that RELU's Annual Conference can continue in its current format even as the Bar considers implementation of its new CLE co-sponsorship process.

The Executive Committee should continue to identify opportunities to outreach to and increase participation in the Section by diverse members of the Bar.

The subcommittees that plan the RELU Section luncheon series and Spring CLE should continue to explore crossover topics with other sections. This effort in 2016 has produced favorable results.

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer M. Bragar (CH), Patricia A. Ihnat (CH-Elect), Thomas Bahrman (Past CH), Laura Craska Cooper (TR), Dustin R. Klinger (SEC), Dina E. Alexander, Eugene V. Anderson, Laurie E. Craghead, Sarah Stauffer Curtiss, Scott Hilgenberg, Lauren A. King, Peter Livingston, Marisol Ricoy McAllister, Alan Matthew Sorem, Rebecca Biermann Tom, Kristin H. Yuille, Kathleen J. Rastetter (BC), Sarah Hackbart (BL).

Securities Regulation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Securities Regulation Section (the "Section") sponsored seven CLE luncheons on securities regulation topics (with an eighth CLE luncheon to be held for the December luncheon with a topic pending) and obtained, or will obtain, 0.5 MCLE-approved credits for each of these presentations. (As of the date of this report, MCLE approval has not yet been sought for the November presentation, but approval is expected to be granted upon application.) The Section gathered for an annual meeting dinner at which Benjamin Souede, General Counsel to Governor Kate Brown, spoke in October.

Matt Larson represented the Section on the planning committee for the 35th Northwest Securities Institute program, co-sponsored by the Oregon, Washington and Idaho State Bars in Seattle, in April, 2016.

In 2016, the Section will award \$500 scholarships to the top securities law students at the University

of Oregon School of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School, and the Willamette University School of Law (as chosen by their securities law professor).

The Section contributed \$500 to the Campaign for Equal Justice.

Monthly Luncheons: The Section held monthly luncheons with CLE speakers at the Sentinel Hotel in Portland. A list of the lunch speakers for 2016 and the dates and subjects of their presentations follows:

November 16, 2016 Meeting – *Oregon Division of Financial Regulation: Introduction and Update* (Presented by David C. Tatman, Chief of Enforcement, Oregon Division of Financial Regulation)

July 27, 2016 Meeting – *Securities Cases in the Supreme Court: A Review* (Presented by Brad Daniels, Stoel Rives LLP)

June 15, 2016 Meeting – *Board Oversight of Cyber Security and Cyber-Security Disclosure* (Presented by Douglas W. Greene and Julie M. Engbloom, Lane Powell PC)

May 18, 2016 Meeting - *Use of Data Analytics & Rise of Big Data in Investigations & Securities Cases* (Presented by Ed Westerman and Chris Riper, FTI Consulting)

March 16, 2016 Meeting – *USA v. Jon Harder: Lessons Learned*. (Presented by Michelle Kerin, Assistant U.S. Attorney)

February 17, 2016 Meeting – *Crisis Defense for Civil Attorneys: Protecting Your Client During the Most Critical Phase of an Investigation*. (Presented by David H. Angeli, Angeli Ungar Law Group LLC)

January 20, 2016 Meeting – *Developments in Insider Trading Liability* (Presented by Lois O. Rosenbaum, Stoel Rives LLP)

Budget:

The Section continues to enjoy a positive financial situation. As of October 31, 2015, the section had a cash balance of \$11,392 and the cash flow from membership dues and other revenue sources was sufficient through the 10 months ended on October 31, 2016 to cover expenses relating to luncheons, the annual meeting and the Section's other activities.

For 2017, the Section projects a continuing positive cash balance and expects to continue its monthly luncheons, its scholarships and contributions, and its sponsorship of and

participation in the Northwest Securities Institute, which will be held in Portland in April 2017. The Section may evaluate whether to reduce the total number of CLEs to bi-monthly or quarterly programs, subject to EC discussion and approval.

Legislative issues:

The Section sponsored a legislative proposal to eliminate the requirement of registering employee equity plans with the state. The OSB Public Affairs Committee conditionally approved the proposal, subject to the possibility of addressing the issue by rule by the Division of Financial Regulation.

Additional comments:

As of October 31, 2016, the Section has 232 fully-paid members.

Respectfully submitted: Brad S. Daniels (CH), Matthew Dane Larson (CH-Elect), Hason Hartley Barker (Past CH), Bernard John Casey (TR), David C. Wang (SEC), Nancy A. Chafin, Darius L. Hartwell, Thomas Russell Johnson, Christopher J. Kayser, Keith A. Ketterling, Marco Materazzi, Lisa D. Poplawski, Andrea Schmidt, Caroline Smith, Michael George Taylor, Kristen Lynn Tranetzki, Kerry L. Sharp (BC), Susan R. Cournoyer (BL).

Solo & Small Firm Section

Activities and accomplishments:

The Solo and Small Firm Section has had a busy and productive year, continuing some popular programs and adding others.

Membership: Dues remained at \$19 for 2016. SSF membership rose from 650 paid and 47 complimentary memberships at the end of 2015, to 694 paid and 37 complimentary memberships as of the end of October 2016. The executive committee membership dropped to 12 members as a result of members dropping out due to personal and professional issues.

Continuing Projects:

LEGAL LUNCHBOX: Legal Lunchbox continued for a second full year with free, one-hour monthly CLEs on a variety of topics from practice management issues, basics on areas of law that impact many practitioners who don't practice in those areas, mandatory topics, and ethics issues. Attendance has been strong (varying from 30-50 attendees per session, both in-person and on webcast) in spite

of on-going technological issues. We will continue the series in 2017, while seeking better technical solutions to continue to allow statewide attendance and participation.

NETWORKING LUNCHESES: These monthly lunches at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Portland continued at a lighter pace this year, with attendance varying from half a dozen to a dozen folks. They will continue in 2107, perhaps at a variety of locations.

New Projects In 2016:

WEBSITE: We brought the SSF website into the 21st century with a new look-and-feel. In 2017 we will bring most of its features online, including an event calendar, a blog, and a section for lengthier reports.

SOLO AND SMALL FIRM CONFERENCE: This year for the first time, the Solo and Small Firm Section co-sponsored a one-and-a-half day conference in Bend at the Riverhouse. Our attendees had the benefit of a wide variety of practical and ethics-related CLEs. The speakers included nationally-known speakers as well as local attorneys, all sharing a variety of information on how to improve both the efficiency and the efficacy of our practices. Although attendance was a little lower than hoped (80 paid attendees as opposed to the planned 120), the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, so much so that we will be co-sponsoring another conference this year.

NETWORKING EVENTS: TRIVIA: We held our first trivia event at the Drinking Horse Brewing Company on an autumn Saturday in Clackamas with a couple of dozen attendees and lots of fun. It gave everyone a chance to meet and mingle while playing for prizes. We will extend our networking events in 2017 to one per quarter, in a variety of locations, and with other possible activities in addition to trivia, such as billiards or bowling. LAW SCHOOL OUTREACH. This year we explored outreach to our law schools, and found it much more difficult than we anticipated. Ultimately, we held only a single event, at Willamette, but because of last minute, unannounced changes by our liaison at the school, turn out of the law students was extremely low. We have tabled this activity for 2018 in favor of focusing on newly-admitted lawyers who will be hanging out their shingles alone or with friends.

Budget:

The overall SSF budget remains unchanged from 2016 to 2017. We anticipate slightly higher

revenues, both because we start 2017 with 731 members as opposed to the 708 with which we started in 2016, and because we anticipate some revenue in 2016 from our 2nd SSF Conference in Bend. We have reallocated our expenses to align with our actual expenditures in 2016 as well as anticipated changes in projects. As a result, we have increased the allocation to the executive committee to recognized ongoing expenses as well as to provide more "comps" for committee members attending the conference. We reduced our expenses from \$6000 to \$1125 for the conference itself, as the OSB absorbs most of those costs directly, which we had not fully realized in 2016. The anticipated expenses for the conference would be to provide approximately 5 scholarships to members who volunteer for the section. We have slightly increased our Contributions, from \$1000 to \$1500 to cover donations to both the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association and the Campaign for Equal Justice. We have eliminated our law school outreach project for 2017 and the \$1000 we had allocated to in 2016. We have substantially increased our "special projects" allocation from \$1000 to a little over \$6000, to support a "Starting from Scratch" series of CLES/Networking events, a possible half-day CLE for "Making Solos and Smalls Competitive", and 4 new networking events similar to the single Trivia event we held in 2016. We have tentatively set aside \$3300 to try to upgrade the technology supporting our monthly Legal Lunchbox CLEs. We have decreased our computer/internet/web expenses from \$3000 to \$1000 now that our website is up; the funds we have allocated to it are to develop an updatable SSF member directory/database. All other expenses remain unchanged.

Recommendations for 2017:

TENTATIVE NEW CLE MINI-SERIES: We are looking at a short 4-5 CLE and networking series tentatively entitled "Starting from Scratch" that we hope to co-sponsor with the Oregon New Lawyer Division. The series would focus on the basics that attorneys should know before hanging out their own shingle. We need to determine ONLD's interest, as well as our own exec committee members' time availability. We have set aside funds for these events in the 2017 budget.

FUTURES: Our chair-elect is our liaison to the Futures committee that the Bar has set up to explore the impact and response to the changing delivery of legal services. In line with those same issues, we

have identified two projects that we intend to explore for 2017:

"CLEARINGHOUSE/EXPERT TREE": As part of our website development, we want to develop a searchable directory of our section members with their areas of practice and their interest in associating with other attorneys on different matters. We have set aside funds for this effort in the 2017 budget.

TENTATIVE NEW HALF-DAY CLE: We are investigating developing, with OSB co-sponsorship, a half-day CLE on the ins and outs of working with attorneys outside of your own firm, whether as contract attorneys, associated attorneys, *pro hac vice*, etc; how to set up the relationships legally, financial issues, and more.

COMMITTEES: We have come to realize that the executive committee members usually can handle only a single major project for the section, and even then usually need help. We are looking to expand participation by the membership on subcommittees through targeted solicitation for specific tasks. We hope this effort will also increase our bench strength, so that we can rotate new members onto the executive committee and allow other members to retire from the E/C without a collapse of projects.

Respectfully submitted: Kellie Ann Furr (CH), Elizabeth J. Inayoshi (CH-Elect), Christopher B. Rounds (Past CH), Michael L. Cooper (TR), Joshua S. Williams (SEC), Heather A. Brann, Kelly Michael Doyle, Ryan P. Hamilton, Ryan Michael Kroll, Heather Margratha Murray, Scott D. Schnuck, Hertsel Shadian, Richard G. Spier (BC), Rod Wegener (BL).

Sustainable Future Section

Activities and accomplishments:

In 2016, the Section's seventh year, the Executive Committee continued to refine and pursue its primary objectives: providing programs and information to bar members, raising awareness of and recognizing sustainable law office practices, and exploring emerging issues in sustainability and advancing dialogue about the intersection between the law and sustainability, both within Oregon and among state and local bar organizations nationwide.

Newsletter: To date in 2016, two issues of *The Long View* were published. A third issue is expected in December 2016. *The Long View* features a variety of authors and a wide array of sustainability

topics. *The Long View* is distributed electronically to minimize paper use and reduce production expenses. This year *The Long View* was edited by Ann McQuesten, who is assisted by an Editorial Board comprised of Executive Committee members.

Programs: The Section has presented five programs to date in 2016, and two more are scheduled during the month of December. Highlights include a seminar co-presented with Senior Advocates for Generational Equity on Guardians for Future Generations, a program on environmental, social, and governance-based investing, a discussion of the Portland Harbor cleanup project, a legal observer training session, and a social event for summer law clerks and associates to network with Section members.

Awards/Partners: The Section's awards subcommittee reviewed and revised the criteria to become a Partner in Sustainability in 2016, and since publishing the new criteria nine law offices have certified as Partners. The Section also reached out to public agencies and in-house legal departments to discuss their specific needs and challenges related to becoming Partners in Sustainability. In 2016, the Section awarded its sixth annual Sustainable Law Office Leadership Award to Tonkon Torp LLP for its efforts in promoting and using alternative methods of transportation. The Section also participated in the Northwest Earth Institute Eco-Challenge for the first time, with twenty Section members completing challenges that, among other things, saved up to 30 pounds of CO₂ and 553 gallons of water.

Climate Change Task Force: The Climate Change Task Force that the Section formed in 2015 continued its work through the first half of 2016, presenting a draft Task Force Report to the Section in August that recommends various actions the legal profession can take to address the impacts of climate change. The Section and the Task Force continue to work together in an effort to finalize the Task Force Report by the end of 2016.

Participation in Climate Change Summit: The Section sent two of its Executive Committee members to New York to participate in the inaugural Bar Association Leaders Climate Change Summit organized by the New York State Bar Association and Columbia University's Sabin Center for Climate Change Law. The Summit was organized to facilitate collaboration and support the exchange of information about initiatives that relate to climate

change among bar association members from across the country.

Budget:

As of October 31, 2016, the Section's projected 2016 expenses were \$6,233 with a projected year-end balance of \$12,680. For the first time and consistent with the Section's long-term planning, the Section's expenses exceeded its revenue in 2016. The largest expenditures were for the OSB support services assessment and expenses related to the Climate Change Summit. The Section also sponsored a climate change related program featuring Paul Hawken presented by Senior Advocates for Generational Equity in the amount of \$500, which allowed five Section members to attend the program and related events at no cost.

For 2017, major budgeted expenses are anticipated to include conference/seminar and speaker expenses (\$2,000 each), the OSB support services assessment (\$2,400), and special projects and the Section's annual meeting (\$1,000 each). The Section continues to explore opportunities to present a more costly CLE program, such as a day-long program or a shorter event with a nationally recognized speaker.

Legislative issues:

The Section explored proposing an amendment to Oregon's Uniform Prudent Investor Act, potentially in collaboration with the Estate Planning Section, to explicitly permit the consideration of environmental, social and governance issues in connection with investment decisions. The Section's proposal did not meet the deadline for the Bar's consideration in connection with the 2017 legislative session, but the Section continues to explore future opportunities to present its proposal.

Recommendations for 2017:

In early 2017, Executive Committee members will attend a retreat to plan for 2017 and the future. At the retreat, the Executive Committee will determine its primary goals and objectives for 2017.

The Section plans to continue offering multiple programs, publishing *The Long View* and recognizing lawyer and law firm efforts to improve sustainable office practices. The Section expects that in 2017 it will explore and facilitate the implementation of the Climate Change Task Force Report.

Leadership: At the recommendation of the nominating committee, the Section elected the following slate of officers and executive committee members: Chair, June Wiyrick Flores; Chair-Elect, Diane Henkels; Treasurer, Max Miller; Secretary, Courtney Johnson; Members-at-large for two-year terms: Alex Wall, Sara Butcher, and Doug Quirke. Current Chair Ann McQuesten will become immediate Past Chair, Member-at-large Alex Tkacz will continue with a two-year term ending in 2017, and Member-at-large Holly Duncan will replace Maggie Vining for the remainder of a two-year term ending in 2017.

Respectfully submitted: Ann McQuesten (CH), June M. Wiyrick Flores (CH-Elect), Robin Bellanca Seifried (Past CH), Max M. Miller (TR), Diane Henkels (SEC), Jennifer L. Gates, Courtney B. Johnson, Michelle Slater, Alexander Gregory Tkacz, Margaret Vining, John R. Bachofner (BC), Rod Wegener (BL).

Technology Law Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Lunch time CLEs: *What's Keeping Your Business Clients Awake at Night? Likely Data Security.* (2/18/2016), *Researching and Monitoring Intellectual Property in Europe Using the Internet* (4/26/2016), *Protecting Data Privacy Through Contracts: Best Practices for Vendor Agreements and Website Privacy Statements* (5/18/2016), *Is Your Website Accessible? Online Compliance and the Americans with Disabilities Act* (11/10/2016)

Annual CLE: Law and Policy at The Bleeding Edge – 2016 Technology Law Updates (10/14/2016)

Budget:

The Section's finances remain healthy. The Technology Law Section continues to offset some of its expenses with revenue generated by CLEs. We will continue to assess our revenue and expenses throughout the coming year and whether further adjustments to the budget, or to CLE registrations fees, are necessary.

Legislative issues:

The Section has neither supported nor opposed any legislative initiatives this year, but has stayed apprised of, and discussed, relevant legislative developments.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

During the year, the Executive Committee considered a variety of matters related to the normal operation of the Section, such as CLE presentations, updating the Section website, collaboration with other OSB Sections concerning CLEs, outreach efforts to potential new members, and revenue and expense management. Pending matters include further outreach to bar members with an interest in the section's continued mission. We will also be planning additional CLEs with the OSB CLE Department including lunch time and full day programs, as well as additional social and outreach events. We have our first outreach event of 2017 tentatively scheduled for January.

Recommendations for 2017:

The Technology Law Section executive committee is recommending, for 2016, that: (i) the Section continue its efforts to attract new members via social events, social media and interesting, timely and relevant CLEs; (ii) the Section deploy its Executive Committee members to develop and produce more lunch time CLEs and a robust annual CLE; (iii) the Section continue to explore and engage in additional efforts to recruit new bar members.

Respectfully submitted: Scott Schneider (CH), Leigh Francis (CH-Elect), Joseph Durkee (Past CH), Travis J. Benn (TR), Marinus Damm (SEC), Dave Bourgeois, Chad M. Colton, Aaron J. Cronan, Andrea Hicks Jasinek, Tricia Juettemeyer, Jesse Lev London, Robert A. Swider, Ellen D. Taussig Conaty, Marc Visnick, Alexander James Wall, Laura A. Zager, Robert J. Gratchner (BC), Michael Legleiter (BL).

Workers' Compensation Section

Activities and accomplishments:

Executive Committee Meetings: Monthly Section Executive Committee meetings were held. The Minutes were taken by John Oswald, Secretary, and can be accessed on the Section's website.

Annual Meeting: The Section's 34th Annual Meeting was held on May 13, 2016 at the Salishan Lodge at Gleneden Beach, Oregon. The meeting was coupled with a two-day CLE, which was held on May 13 and 14. This CLE was very well-attended by both sides of the bar, judges and Board members; the total number of people attending the CLE was 167. Moreover, due to the hard work of the Salishan

Committee the expenses for this year's annual meeting came in under budget. The CLE was approved for 9.0 MCLE credits. The program included various legal and medical speakers covering topics relevant to practitioners on both sides of the Bar.

The section elected the following officer and members-at-large to serve on the Executive Committee in 2017:

Officers for 2017: ALJ Jenny Ogawa, Chair, John Oswald, Chair Elect, Katherine M. Caldwell, Secretary, Ron Bohy, Treasurer, Tom Harrell, Past Chair

Members-at-Large: Keith Semple, Bin Chen, Linda D. Conratt, Christine Frost, Phillip H. Garrow, ALJ Bruce D. Smith, ALJ Geoffrey G. Wren, Joe Di Bartolomeo, Allison Lesh, Kathryn Olney, Jovanna Patrick, Martin Fisher

Bench/Bar CLE: The Section also sponsored a Bench/Bar Ethics CLE on October 21, 2016. The CLE was held at the Salem Convention Center in Salem, Oregon. The conference covered three hours of discussion regarding various topics. The seminar was very well attended and was approved for 3.0 MCLE credits - 1.0 Ethics credit, 1.0 Elder Abuse credit and 1.0 general credit. This seminar, which included lunch, was provided free of charge to section members.

Professionalism Award: After conferring with the State Bar, the Executive Committee has updated its Professionalism Award Procedures and Criteria to better comply with current public meeting laws.

This year's recipient of the Section's Professional Award was ALJ Jill Reichers.

Budget:

The 2017 Section budget was approved by the committee at the November 14, 2016. The section is projected to be under budget for its budgeted expenses at year's end. The section will continue to balance its expenses and revenues, while maintaining a reasonable fund balance and serving its membership. For 2017, the Executive Committee has decided NOT to: increase the section membership dues of \$25, increase the registration fees for the 2017 annual meeting/Salishan CLE, or to charge section members for the Bench Bar Forum.

Legislative issues:

The Executive Committee approved a rule change proposal from the section to DCBS that would provide for insurers, WCB and WCD to attach a one page warning to time sensitive forms and notices.

The warning would include a brief paragraph in multiple languages (currently Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese and Chinese based on demographics) advising the worker of the importance of the document and where to turn for assistance.

Matters considered/Matters pending:

The Executive Committee will continue with monthly meetings held in accordance with the Section Bylaws.

Executive Standing Committees: Legislative & Rules, Nominating Committee, Professionalism Award, Salishan CLE, Access to Justice, Bench/Bar CLE, Going Forward

These standing committees will continue to meet on an as needed basis to function with the following general goals:

Recommendation for 2017:

New Chair Jenny Ogawa will outline Sections goals in her January report. It is likely that the Section will continue its effort to increase communication with members, expand access to attorneys for unrepresented workers, and work with the Board on improving the portal and implementing other technologic advances, and furthering efforts to interest new lawyers in a workers' compensation practice.

The Section will continue to sponsor its two annual CLEs.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Harrell (CH), Jenny Ogawa (CH-Elect), Keith Semple (Past CH), Ronald L. Bohy (TR), John M. Oswald (SEC), Katherine M. Caldwell, Bin Chen, Linda D. Conratt, Joe Di Bartolomeo, Alana C. DiCicco, Christine Coffelt Frost, Philip Harry Garrow, Allison B. Lesh, M Kathryn Olney, Steven Mark Schoenfeld, Bruce D. Smith, Geoffrey G. Wren, Timothy L. Williams (BC), Suzanne Cushing (BL).



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