

**UTAH STATE BAR
BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

OCTOBER 12, 2018

OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB - FARMINGTON, UTAH

- Bar Commission Members in Attendance:** President H. Dickson Burton and President-elect Herm Olsen. Commissioners: Grace Acosta, John Bradley, Steven Burt, Heather Farnsworth, Mary Kay Griffin, Chrystal Mancuso-Smith, Cara Tangaro (via telephone for part), and Katie Woods.
- Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:** Erik Christiansen, Abby Dizon-Maughan, John Lund, and Lorraine Wardle.
- Others in Attendance:** Executive Director John C. Baldwin, Assistant Executive Director Richard Dibblee, and Kate Conyers (WLU).
- Not in Attendance:** Mark Morris, Mark Pugsley, Tom Seiler, Heather Thuet, and Ex-Officio Members: Dean Robert Adler, Nate Alder, Amy Fowler, Margaret Plane, Rob Rice, Dean Gordon Smith, Sarah Starkey, Bebe Vanek, and General Counsel Elizabeth A. Wright.

9:05 a.m. Start

Minutes:

1. President's Report: H. Dickson Burton

- 1.1 Welcome and Review Schedule.** Dickson Burton welcomed the group to the meeting and announced that the Leadership Academy is now accepting applications and would appreciate Commissioners soliciting appropriate applicants from their area of the state. Dickson reported on the recent National Conference of Bar Presidents which he attended with Herm Olsen and John Baldwin. He also reminded Commissioners to attend the Fall Forum on November 2nd at the Little America.
- 1.2 Present Commission Plaque to Kate Conyers.** On behalf of the Bar Commission and Past President John Lund, Dickson presented Kate Conyers with a commemorative plaque and thanked her for her years of service on the Bar Commission.
- 1.3 Task Force Review of Legal Market Reforms.** John Lund reported on the creation of a joint committee to evaluate legal market reforms, including possible changes in advertising and ownership of law firms. He also reminded Commissioners of the Access to Justice Summit at the end of this month and invited them to attend.

- 1.4 Report on Executive and Judicial Compensation Commission.** Dickson reported on his appearance before the Utah Executive Judicial Compensation Commission on behalf of the Bar. He had encouraged appropriate compensation for judges with cost of living increases and salaries necessary to attract and retain qualified judges.
- 1.5 UMBA Dinner Reminder.** Dickson reminded the group of the Utah Minority Bar Association dinner on November 1st and to please RSVP to Christy Abad.
- 1.6 Legislative Breakfast November 14 – 7:30 am, State Capitol.** Dickson announced the breakfast with lawyer/legislators to be held on November 14th at the Capitol prior to the regular legislative season later in January and what might be a special session that day in order to encourage better attendance.

2. Action Items

- 2.1 LPP Client Security Fund.** Dickson introduced the issue of the creation of a client security fund for the new Limited Practice Paralegals. John Baldwin mentioned the Supreme Court LPP Committee had approved the concept and was interested in the Bar's thoughts on how to initially fund this account. After discussion about either having LPP's fund and maintain their own account or initially having the Bar fund a separate account or allocate a separate fund within the existing Client Security Fund, **Heather Farnsworth moved and Herm Olsen seconded** that LPPs be included in the Bar's current Client Security Fund and that the issue be revised in 5 years. **The motion passed.**

2.2 Mentoring, Professionalism, Community and Pro Bono Awards.

The Bar Commission followed the recommendation of the Bar Awards Committee and approved **Terry Wade** to receive the Bar's Professionalism Award.

The Bar Commission followed the recommendation of the Bar Awards Committee and approved **Kai Wilson** to receive the Bar's Community Member Award.

The Bar Commission followed the recommendation of the Bar Awards Committee and approved **Cheryl Mori** to receive the James B. Lee Mentoring Award.

The Bar Commission followed the recommendation of the Bar Awards Committee and approved **Bill Atkin** to receive the Charlotte L. Miller Mentoring Award.

The Bar Commission followed the recommendation of the Bar Awards Committee and approved **Shawn McGarry** to receive the Paul T. Moxley Mentoring Award.

The Bar Commission followed the recommendation of the New Lawyer Training Program Committee and approved **Denise Dragoo** and **Jess Krannich** to receive the NLTP Outstanding Mentor Awards.

The Bar Commission followed the recommendation of the Pro Bono Commission and approved **Keil Myers** to receive the Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award.

- 2.3 Approve 2018-18 Audit Report.** Mary Kay Griffin reviewed the audit report for the Bar Commission. Following some discussion, **John Bradley moved** and **Herm Olsen seconded** that the audit report be accepted as written. **The motion passed.**
- 2.4 Approve Licensed Lawyer Marketing.** Matt Page, Bar Communications Director, made a presentation on the success of Licensed Lawyer marketing last year and after describing the various advertising means used, Matt was able to encourage attorneys to sign up and participate. **Herm Olsen moved** to approve an additional \$29,000 to increase Licensed Lawyer advertising in the 2018-2019 year. **Grace Acosta seconded.** **The motion passed.** The Commission also asked that the Executive Committee review the program in December.

3. Information Items

- 3.1 Discipline Notice in Bar Journal.** Elizabeth Bowman appeared to discuss *The Utah Bar Journal* policy of not publishing information in the Discipline Column when an attorney had successfully defended their behavior in a complaint brought by the Office of Professional Conduct. After some discussion about the purpose for publishing discipline information and the need for transparency and consistency in reporting the activities of OPC and the Bar, the Commission thanked Ms. Bowman and committed to review the matter further at the November Commission Meeting.

4. Adjourn to Executive Session. Luncheon/CLE with Weber and Davis County Bars.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda.

1. Approved Minutes from the August 17, 2018 Commission Meeting without discussion.
2. Approved the Solo and Small Firm Section name change without discussion.