

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

**APRIL 6, 2018
LAW AND JUSTICE CENTER**

In Attendance: President John Lund and President-elect H. Dickson Burton. Commissioners: John Bradley, Heather Farnsworth, Mary Kay Griffin, Liisa Hancock, Mark Morris, Herm Olsen, Michelle Quist, Cara Tangaro, and Heather Thuet.

Ex-Officio Members: Acting Dean Bob Keiter, Nate Alder, Rob Rice, and Jamie Sorenson.

Not in Attendance: Grace Acosta, Steven Burt, Kate Conyers, Katie Woods, and Ex-Officio members: Erik Christiansen, Julie Emery, Amy Fowler, Dani Cepernich, Diana Hagen, Margaret Plane, Dean Gordon Smith, and Bebe Vanek.

Also in Attendance: Executive Director John C. Baldwin, Assistant Executive Director Richard Dibblee and General Counsel Elizabeth A. Wright.

Minutes: 9:10 a.m. start

1. President's Report: John Lund

1.1 Report on Large Firm Breakfast to Discuss Lighthouse Survey. John Lund reported on the March 28, 2018 breakfast with representatives from large firms. The representatives discussed the Lighthouse survey and focus group findings and how the legal profession needs to work to make sure the public understands the value of legal services and that legal needs are being met.

1.2 New Item. Dickson Burton reported on Expungement Day. Dickson Burton reported of the tremendous success of Expungement Day. The Bar donated money to support the event which took place on April 5, 2018 and resulted in 470 expungements. Multiple entities came together to assist individuals in obtaining expungements of criminal records in order to remove barriers to work, housing and education. The program was made possible by private donations to cover the costs of application and certification fees, along with 40 volunteer attorneys.

2. Information Items

2.1 Technology in The Practice of Law Committee. Committee Co-Chairs Heather White and John Rees reported on the work of the Committee in the two years since its inception. Current work includes seeking an Ethics Opinion regarding technology issues for lawyers, an all-day practice management CLE, Practice Portal and Bar website input and monitoring and succession planning for the Committee leadership. John Rees will

rotate off as Co-Chair and Greg Hoole will replace him with Heather White rotating off the following year.

2.2 Malpractice Insurance Endorsement. Elizabeth Wright reported that the Bar sent RFPs to various lawyer professional liability providers requesting broad coverage policies for members and various risk management services in exchange for endorsement of a provider. The Commission agreed to endorse a provider but would like more information from the providers that submitted responses. **Liisa Hancock moved that the Bar move forward with endorsing a provider and seek additional information. Heather Farnsworth seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**

2.3 Western States Bar Conference. Dickson Burton reported on the Western States Bar Conference that took place in March in California.

2.4 Draft 2018-2019 Budget. Bar Financial Director Kellie Bartz joined the Commission to present and discuss the draft budget for 2018-2019. Dickson Burton gave the Commissioners a page-by-page explanation of the draft budget and tasked the Commission with reviewing the draft in preparation for final approval of the budget at the May meeting.

3. Discussion Items

3.1 Introduction of Bar Commissioners & 2018 Leadership Academy. Members of the Leadership Academy joined the meeting and introduced themselves. The Commissioners also introduced themselves to the members of the Leadership Academy.

3.2 How to Use the Lighthouse Surveys and Focus Groups to Benefit Bar Membership. John Lund summarized the results of the Lighthouse survey and focus groups on small business and individual perceptions of lawyers and use of legal services. The Commission and the Leadership Academy members discussed the findings.

4. Action Items

4.1 Nominate 3rd District Judicial Nominating Commissioners. After discussing the applicants, Michelle Quist moved to nominate Lesley Manley, Sarah Starkey, Marco Brown and Greg Hoole to serve on the Third District Judicial Nominating Commission.

4.2 Appoint Representative to Utah Sentencing Commission. After discussing the applicants, Michelle Quist moved to appoint Debra Nelson to serve on the Sentencing Commission. Herm Olsen seconded the motion which passed unopposed. (Subsequently the Commission was notified that Ms. Nelson does not qualify for the appointment because she is not in private practice. On April 12, 2018 a second email vote was taken Ed Brass was appointed).

4.3 Adopt Awards Committee Recommendations. Heather Farnsworth presented the Awards Committee recommendations for improving the Bar's award selection criteria and process. **Michelle Quist moved that the Commission adopt the Awards Committee recommendations. John Bradley seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**

5. Other Business. No other business.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Consent Agenda

1. Approved Minutes from the March 8, 2018 Commission Meeting.
2. Approved 2018-2019 \$5 Client Security Assessment.

Handouts:

1. Additional resumes/applications for 3rd District Judicial Nominating Commission and Sentencing Commission.
2. Awards Committee recommendations.