

**LARIMER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 8, 2021 MEETING
HELD AT BLUE BIRD CAFÉ AND VIA TELECONFERENCE**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members: Kara Clark, Heidi Whitaker, Brooke Alexander, Don Hawkins, Cody Knebel, Fred Long, Arthur Spicciati, Dan St. John.

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER: President Kara Clark called the meeting to order at approximately 7:11 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes were presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi Whitaker reported that the average amount contributed to the Scholarship Fund by the Ethics seminar over the last 7 years was \$5,071.73. President Clark moved to donate \$5,071.73 to the Scholarship Fund. Treasurer Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed. The July meeting is the budget retreat which will be scheduled for a lunch. Suggested locations were solicited.

PRO BONO PROGRAM REPORT: Cody Knebel reported that he and Dan Hawkins are compiling the COLTAF grant application, which is due in three weeks. The Pro Bono Program received \$12,500 last year and will request the same this year. Cindy Hendrix will be starting in person intakes again soon. Ms. Hendrix is also ready to start classes in person and by zoom. Classes could be hybrid. May need the Executive Committee to assist with locating space for hybrid classes.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE REPORT: Brooke Alexander reported that ATJ and Pro Bono are brainstorming on ways to coordinate between the programs and build on the strengths of each moving forward. They are looking to streamline to remove duplication of efforts and expect to make a presentation, possibly in August of the proposed concepts. Family Law Day may be feasible to continue as a hybrid program. Ms. Alexander has started a google drive for documents to facilitate knowledge sharing and transfer. There is a drive at the state level to increase the access to justice.

CLE REPORT: Rene Doak reported that there are CLEs planned for July 15 and July 28.

YOUNG LAWYER DIVISION REPORT: Fred Long reported that the presentation by Chief Judge S. Blanco on May 25th was well received.

WOMEN'S BAR REPORT: No report.

FAMILY LAW BAR REPORT: Brooke Alexander reported that work continues with the state Bar Family Law Section to launch a program in Larimer County.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT: No report.

FALL TERM DAY: Planning for Fall Term Day will commence at the next meeting (July budget retreat).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Arthur Spicciati reported that there would be a doodle poll sent out to assess priorities of the Bar at large regarding administrative support with Lisa Ritter's planned retirement. At present, Ms. Ritter does bookkeeping, some web page support, and some administrative support. There was discussion of a move toward professionalism in administration, and how to deal with sharing tribal knowledge.
- Rachel Michael asked about funding for the Criminal Defense Bar. It was suggested that she investigate funding from the State Bar and the LCBA would then discuss supplementing.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:55 a.m.

NEXT LARIMER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next executive committee meeting will be held on July 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at Casa Margaritas for the budget retreat.

Respectfully Submitted,

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