

Innovation in Law Practice Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 5, 2018
Law and Justice Center

1. Committee members attending:

- a. Heather White
- b. John Rees
- c. Greg Hoole
- d. Dickson Burton
- e. Dave Duncan
- f. J.D. Lauritzen
- g. Shantelle Argyle
- h. Jamie Lund
- i. Katie Cooper

Members Excused

- a. Louisa Heiny
- b. Curtis Anderson
- c. Naz Scott
- d. Preston Regehr

2. 5-1-2018 minutes approved

3. Innovation Seminar Report:

- a. 75+ people in attendance – 90% of those were solo practitioners
- b. Break out format was well received
- c. Lunch speaker was good and it was good to have a little time to network. More networking time would be appreciated
- d. Last hour was really helpful
 - i. People had a lot of ideas – see Michelle’s summary
 - ii. Many attendees would like to volunteer on different committees
 - iii. What are good ways to utilize volunteers?
 - iv. Innovation committee should think about creating project based subcommittees staffed with volunteers
- e. Solo practitioners do not have a great format or forum to connect with each other
 - i. They have an informal FB page, but it is not sponsored by the bar. They do not necessarily want it to be so that they can stay more informal
 - ii. Possibly need to resurrect/invigorate the solo practice section of the bar
 - iii. Handbook or checklist for newly graduated on How to Set up a Practice?

4. Committee Focus for 2018:

- a. Practice Management
 - i. Committee should be a policy making group to make recommendations to the bar for implementation
 - ii. Create Subcommittee to put together checklist/handbook/guide for new attorneys is practice management

- b. Education:
 - i. CLE
 - ii. Bar journal articles
 - iii. Tech corner on website
 - c. Innovation:
 - i. What needs to change in the bar? We need to push the envelope a bit.
 - ii. Recommendations and changes to Rules
 - 1. Cloud based ethics
 - 2. MCLE
 - iii. Media responses
 - iv. Bar Journal Survey of Public on why don't hire attorneys
 - 1. Costs and not knowing what costs would be
 - v. Changes to public fears of and access attorneys by untying attorneys hands when dealing with public without so many restrictions. Other states already making changes. Environment is changing, rules need to stay current
 - 1. Marketing
 - a. Changes rules regarding advertising and solicitation
 - i. Lower prices
 - ii. Packages/flat rate
 - vi. Closing justice gap between those who qualify for pro bono services and the large companies who have attorneys – just average people who need attorneys, but are not in crisis
5. MCLE Memo (J.D.)
- a. Initial Memo to Bar Commission first and then to MCLE
 - b. J.D. presented 3 options to recommend. The Committee decided to present the third option to the bar:
 - i. "Defining 'distance' learning separate and apart from self-study"
 - ii. Other words for "distance learning"
 - 1. Virtual
 - 2. Interactive Virtual
 - iii. Allowing for 6 more hours of Interactive Virtual Study decreasing live study to 6 hours – making a total of 18 hours between self study and virtual study and 6 live hours.
 - iv. Will this cause attorneys not to attend conventions?
 - c. J.D. will draft a redline proposal to amend the rule
 - d. J.D. will revise the memo to propose only the 3rd option to the bar. He will send out the revised memo to the committee and the committee is requested to provide real, substantive comments and suggestions
6. Innovation Committee named committee of the year. Award will be presented at Summer Convention. All are welcome to be present for award.
7. Fall Forum: We have a full track. Greg and Shantelle are chairs. They will send out an email asking for speaker suggestions. Each committee member should try to send at least one name/suggestion to them.
8. Technology Articles for the Bar Journal – (Heather) Need to have at least 1,500 words. More than 1,500 is just fine
- a. July 20, 2018 – Curt Anderson on Ethics Opinion

- b. September 21, 2018 – Heather and John on the gap between Ethics opinion and what vendors are offering
 - c. November 15, 2018 - J.D. Lauritzen – email attachments
 - d. January 18, 2019 – Dave Duncan
 - e. March 22, 2019 – Shantelle Argyle
 - f. Other ideas for articles
 - i. Google docs – secure? Meant for lawyers?
9. Ethics Opinion (John) It will become a bar journal article.
10. Bar/Innovation Committee Website: Heather, John, Greg, Dickson, Katie and other members of the bar met and discussed the website.
- a. Committee will make recommendations to the webmaster for implementation
 - b. Tech Corner
11. No meeting in July. Next meeting August 7, 2018.
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