

AGENDA

Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee

Meeting Date: April 5, 2021
Meeting Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm
Location: Zoom Call

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Introduction and Welcome – (12:00 pm – 12:05 pm)

2. Approval of Past Minutes – (12:05 pm -12:15 pm)

- [3/22 Full Implementation Committee Notes](#)
- [3/22 Admissions Workgroup Breakout Session Notes](#)
- [3/22 Regulation Workgroup Breakout Session Notes](#)
- [2/23 Regulation Workgroup Breakout Session Notes](#)

3. Discussion Points for the Full Committee – (12:15 pm – 1:30 pm)

Are there additions to this list?

- **Admission Criteria.**
- **Referral Service.** Will there be one and how will it impact current ethics rules?
- **Scope of License – DHS Proceedings:** Judge Thompson recommended this discussion continue in the Regulation Workgroup and be sent to the Stakeholder Workgroup for stakeholder feedback. She wants the Regulation Workgroup to work on this more and create a nuanced guide path on what may be appropriate.
- **Scope of License – Contempt:** Judge Thompson suggested pushing this back into the Regulatory Committee for further discussion and a recommendation. She would like to hear more of the pros and cons and receive feedback from stakeholders. Judge Thompson said we will need to engage our stakeholders for feedback on a lot of these issues.
- **Scope of License - Military divorces and unstipulated military divorces:** Judge Thompson said it sounds like this will require stakeholder feedback as well.
- **Scope of License - Family Abuse Protection Act Restraining Order:** The Committee believes that this is something that is a “proceed with caution” area. The sense of the Committee is if there is going to be a role, it will be a role that is limited and a need to refer if there is any criminal or juvenile issue with this. The Regulation Workgroup will have to provide a nuanced recommendation to the full committee.

4. Discussion Points Resolved by the Full Committee (Can be revisited at any time)

- **LP membership with the Bar.** Will LPs will be admitted to the Bar as Associate Members or other as yet determined membership category? This topic was discussed previously and was tabled, noting that the term Associate Member was already defined and will be addressed in the administration of the program.
- **Mandatory Reporting of Child/Elder Abuse:** The committee discussed the pros and cons of whether LPs should be mandatory reporters. There was discussion about privilege and whether LPs should also be subject to RPC 1.4. The committee determined that LPs should mandatory reporters.
- **IOLTA Accounts:** The committee discussed the pros and cons of whether LPs should be required (or allowed) to have IOLTA accounts. Topics for discussion included the different billing methods. The consensus of the group was that LPs should participate in IOLTA and be allowed to set up Trust accounts. They group further suggested that there be random automatic audits of LP trust accounts.
- **Scope of License - Beal and Beal – dissolution of a civil contract:** The Committee believes this would be good to exclude as they can be very complex.
- **Scope of License - Jail/prison access for LP when client is confined:** The Committee thinks that LPs should be able to meet a client who is in custody as long as it doesn't relate to their confinement and the reason why they are being confined.
- **Scope of License - Postnups, Prenups, Juvenile cases, QDRO's, ORS 109.119, and Out of State Modifications:** The Committee agrees that LPs should not be involved.
- **Stalking Protective Orders:** The Committee agreed that LPs should not be involved.
- **LP's Discipline Reporting Requirements:** The Committee agrees that an LP that has had their license suspended in another state should have to report it to Oregon.
- **Threshold Experience Requirement.** The Committee agrees on a 1,500 hours majority substantive work requirement within a 3-year timeframe
- **Subject Matter Experience.**
- **Attorney Certification Letter.** The Committee agrees to recommend the inclusion of a few duties as examples in the letter rather than the full list.
- **Access to free or low cost CLEs.**

5. Workgroup Status Updates – (1:30 pm – 2:00pm)

- Admissions and Education
- Regulation
- Stakeholder Outreach

6. Resources

- Review website - <https://paraprofessional.osbar.org/>

7. Future Meetings

- April 19, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Workgroup Breakout Sessions

- May 3, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- May 17, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Workgroup Breakout Sessions
- May 31, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- June 7, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Workgroup Breakout Sessions
- June 21, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- July 5, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Workgroup Breakout Sessions
- July 19, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting

8. Other Business/Next Steps