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Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee

Meeting Date:	May 17, 2021
Location:	Zoom Call
Chair:	Sr. Judge Kirsten Thompson
Vice Chair:	Sr. Judge Dan Harris
Committee Attendance:	Sue Gerhardt, Linda Odermott, Jon Dennis, Brian Cox, Robin Wright, Ralph Gzik
Advisory Group:	Judge Torres, Christine Costantino, Leni Tupper, Maxine Tuan, Danny Lang, Walter Fonseca, Jered Brown, Kate Denning, Ryan Jennings, Madeleine Campbell, Crystal Sullivan, Terry Wright, Joan Marie Michelsen, Harry J Perez-Metellus
Staff present:	Helen Hirschbiel, Susan Grabe, Matt Shields

ACTION ITEMS

Meeting notes for 5/3 approved with changes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Introduction and Welcome

- Judge Thompson gave a brief update on a few issues. She has been in conversation with Janay Haas regarding a possible article on the committee to appear in the Oregon State Bar Bulletin.

Admissions Workgroup Report

- Linda Odermott reported on the status of the Admissions Workgroup.
- Initial draft is already available. The workgroup has been working on an analysis and comparison between the current draft and the recommendations of the Futures Task Force Report. A draft analysis is available on the PLIC website.
- Discussion of accreditation of paralegal studies programs. Discussion of regional vs. ABA accreditation. Currently the ABA will not accredit fully online programs. Cost of ABA accreditation is also an issue for some programs. Currently the only ABA accredited program in Oregon is in Portland. There are important reasons programs from other parts of Oregon need to be eligible for the program.
- Discussion of “sandbox” model that is used in Utah.

Regulatory Workgroup Report

- Robin Wright reported on the status of the Regulatory Workgroup.
- The workgroup has been working on questions regarding what services and case types are inside or outside of the “scope” of this program. A draft document is available on the PLIC

website that specifically addresses landlord tenant issues and what may be in or out of scope under the current proposal.

- Question about Section 8 issues. Why are these currently treated as outside of scope?
- Discussion of landlord-tenant cases generally. When do matters begin to stray too close to litigation for it to be appropriate for an LP to serve a client in need?

Stakeholders Workgroup Report

- Judge Harris reported on the status of the Stakeholders Workgroup
- Judge Harris presented a draft letter that will be used for outreach to stakeholder groups and requested feedback. The draft letter is linked from the agenda.
- Judge Harris will be meeting with the Indian Law Section on May 25th.

Future Meetings and Tentative Agenda

- 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 7, 2021 1:00 pm - Judge Thompson Report to the Supreme Court
- July 19, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting