

# MINUTES

## Paraprofessional Licensing Implementation Committee

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**Meeting Date:** June 7, 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:** Christine Costantino, Maxine Tuan, Danny Lang, Dr. Johnny Lake, Walter Fonseca, Kate Denning, Madeleine Campbell, Crystal Sullivan, Terry Wright, Joan Marie Michelsen, Harry J Perez-Metellus, Jason Specht  
**Staff present:** Helen Hirschbiel, Susan Grabe, Matt Shields

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### ACTION ITEMS

Meeting notes for 5/17 approved with no changes.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### Introduction and Welcome

- Judge Thompson gave a brief update on a few issues. She is looking forward to meeting with the chairs of the respective workgroups to begin work on the report to the Oregon Supreme Court.

#### Breakout Sessions

- The members broke out into workgroups for the bulk of the meeting.

#### Admissions Workgroup Report

- Linda Odermott presented to the larger group.
- Joan Marie will join the group for the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> specifically to discuss issues related to legal aid.
- Reviewed comments about court observation and court facilitators. The group plans to discuss this more with Judge Harris. Will meet with him later. Important to have hands on experience in addition to observation of court. But observation is easier to do. Courts are open to all. Importance of being able to summarize or understand what is observed. Perhaps with mentor, experienced paralegal, etc. Also discussed comments from OSB regulatory staff.

#### Regulatory Workgroup Report

- Robin Wright reported on the status of the Regulatory Workgroup.

- Some kind of evidence component for LPs may be important. Discussion of areas where LPs could work with attorney assistance, but not on their own. This all plays in to the discussion about being in court, trials, etc.
- 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
- Discussion of the engagement tracker. Discussion of SFLAC meeting on 9/24. Information flyer will be provided at that meeting.
- Discussion of how this information can get out to the statewide legal service organizations. Especially on L/T issues. Reach out to Joan Marie on this issue. She will email Judge Harris.
- Judge Harris is hoping to present at the Oregon Judicial Conference in the fall. Also OADC and OTLA conferences this summer.

**Future Meetings and Tentative Agenda**

- July 7, 2021 1:00 pm - Judge Thompson Report to the Supreme Court
- July 19, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- August 9, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- September 13, 2021 – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting
- October 11, 2021– 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Full Implementation Committee Meeting