



LEGAL PROFESSIONALISM COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL CENTER

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
- II. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE CHARGE; FORECAST OF ISSUES THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT CONSIDER
- III. EXPECTED FORMAT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- IV. IDEAS FOR TOPICS, SPEAKERS, RESEARCH, AND READINGS
- V. COORDINATION WITH OTHER COMMITTEES



**Legal Professionalism Committee Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2015, 12:30 pm, Raleigh, NC**

(Minutes as revised and approved at October 6, 2015, meeting)

Commissioners attending:

- Catharine Arrowood, Chair
- Richard Boyette
- Jay Conison
- Phylliss Craig-Taylor
- Drew Erteschik
- Judge Robby Hassell
- Mark Merritt
- Rick Minor
- Justice Bob Orr
- Raymond Pierce
- Matt Sawchak
- Lisa Sheppard

Issues discussed:

1. **Introductions of committee members:** Each committee member described his or her background, as well as relevant areas of interest.
2. **Discussion of committee charge and potential substantive discussion topics:**
 - Ms. Arrowood distributed copies of a draft charge to the committee. She asked committee members to offer any comments on the charge by the time of the committee's next meeting.
 - The committee members discussed the relationship between the topics in the committee charge and principles of legal professionalism.
 - As background for some of the potential topics that the committee might discuss, the committee discussed the history of North Carolina litigation

(and related potential legislation) on the offerings of LegalZoom and similar services.

- Ms. Arrowood explained that over the next three meetings or so, the committee would need to select four or five topics for study and eventual recommendations. She asked committee members to come to the next meeting with thoughts on what those topics might be.

3. **Coordination with other committees:**

- Ms. Arrowood noted that some of the study topics that might come up in this committee might also come (entirely or partly) within the purview of other committees, such as the Public Trust and Confidence Committee. If so, our committee is free to refer those ideas to the appropriate committees.
- Members of any committee are free to attend meetings of any committee. The Commission website will contain the agendas and minutes for all of the committees.

4. **Expected format of committee meetings:** Ms. Arrowood explained that the typical committee meeting would consist of two hours or so of data gathering (often from invited guests), followed by one to two hours of committee reactions and discussion.

5. **Readings and ideas for speakers:**

- Ms. Arrowood noted that Mr. Sawchak would be circulating suggested reading materials in the coming days.
- She listed the speakers whom she had already invited to upcoming committee meetings.
- Ms. Arrowood noted that the committee has funds available to bring in expert speakers, even if such a visit requires travel by the speakers.

- The committee discussed a few additional speakers who might be invited:
 - Professor Judith Wegner from UNC, who might discuss consumer-protection issues raised by online law-related services.
 - Paula Littlewood of the Washington State Bar Association, as well as Gillian Hadfield at the University of Southern California. Both of these people might discuss initiatives to allow limited-license legal technicians (LLLTs) to offer services to the public.
 - Please feel free to send additional ideas to Ms. Arrowood.

6. **Adjournment.** By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 10:30 am, at the N.C. Judicial Center in Raleigh

/s/ Matthew W. Sawchak
Reporter