

Military & Veterans Law Section
Minutes of Executive Committee

19 Jan 2016

ATTENDEES:

Chris Griffin, Jack Platt, Dave Kramer, Tom Flaherty, Jonas Hennesay, Danial Crowe, Mark Holaday, Mark Ronning.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of Annual Meeting of 10 Nov 2015, and of the Executive Committee Meeting of the same date were approved by unanimous vote.

Veterans' Law Class and Veterans' Law Clinic update: The class and the clinic to be held at Willamette College of Law have been postponed. Due to administrative error, the class and clinic were not put on the course schedule for Spring Term. Discussions with Willamette indicate they are still supportive of the class and the clinic, and they are fully expect the class to be placed on the Fall Semester schedule, and the clinic to start in June.

NEW BUSINESS

By unanimous vote, the EC adopted the following goals for 2016:

- Support those members who are getting the Willamette Class and Clinic up and running.
- Support those members who are getting a vets class at Lewis and Clark up and running; encourage them to have the class parallel the work done for Willamette.
- Conduct a one-day CLE on vet's issues at the Bar Center. Pick a date certain for the CLE and work towards that date.
- Produce a veterans' law desk book/primer for use by Bar members, modelled on the Illinois Bar's book.

The POCs for the CLE effort will be Mark Ronning and Mark Holaday. The POCs for the desk book will be Dave Kramer and Tom Flaherty.

There will be a leadership course on February 9, 2016 at Camp Withycombe, for those interested.

Dan suggested that the Section roster include member practice areas, to facilitate veteran referrals. Troy will look into this.

Matt Shields from the Bar's Public Affairs Section gave a presentation on how the Bar handles its legislative agenda. He suggested that our Section appoint one or two people to act as legislative contacts. The Bar will forward bills of potential interest to those contacts and they can provide feedback to the Bar as to any position we recommend be taken. Also, the deadline for us to submit legislative proposals to the Bar, for consideration in the Bar's 2017 legislative package, is April 1, 2016. The proposals need not be detailed. Remember that we cannot speak for the Bar, as a Section or otherwise. Individuals, representing themselves, only, certainly can testify at legislative hearings and communicate with representatives, as would any citizen.