

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

January 2021 MEETING MINUTES

The January 2021 meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. on January 19, 2020 by Zoom Video Conference with virtual attendance by the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance at the meeting was:

In Person	By Zoom	Unable to Attend	Position	Name
	X		Chairperson	Mr. Michael Hajarizadeh
	X		Past Chair	Mr. Trevor R. Caldwell
	X		Secretary/ Chair-Elect	Ms. Leah Eccles Watson
		X	Treasurer	Mr. Ross Neher
		X	Member-At-Large	Mr. Ryan Adams
		X	Member-At-Large	Ms. Tracy E. Connor
	X		Member-At-Large	Ms. Jaimie A. Fender
	X		Member-At-Large	Ms. Rowan C. Hardenbrook
		X	Member-At-Large	Mr. Wesley A. Hill
		X	Member-At-Large	Ms. Leslie A. Nelson
		X	Member-At-Large	Ms. Jennifer B. Sackett
	X		Member-At-Large	Mr. Daniel O. Schmidt
		X	Member-At-Large	Mr. Joel W. Stevens
	X		Member-At-Large	Mr. Josh D. Yanov
	X		Advisory Member	Mr. Jesse Wm Barton
	X		Advisory Member	Mr. Mark John Holady
		X	Advisory Member	Mr. James 'Jim' Gordon Rice
		X	Law School Liaison	Mr. Jacob Gates
		X	Law School Liaison	Mr. Hi'ilei M. Haru
		X	Law School Liaison	Ms. Jessica Watkins
		X	Bar Liaison	Ms. Natalie Batiste
	X		Bar Liaison	Mr. Troy J. Wood
		X	BOG Representative	Mr. Joseph Hesbrook

Opening Remarks: Briefed by Chair, Michael Hajarizadeh

- Welcome to the New Year; hoping for better things and resuming in person events

Roll of Attendees: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

- 13 in attendance at meeting to include OSB Liaison and two Advisory Members

MVLS Minutes: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

- November 2020 and Annual Meeting minutes summarized
- Jamie Fender moved to approve, Trevor Caldwell 2nd, and unanimously approved

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasurer/Membership Report: Brief by Mark Holady for Treasurer, Ross Neher

- 106 members currently

Website: Briefed by Mark Holady

- to be hosted by OSB; no visible change to format or content

CLE& Events: Briefed by CLE Committee Lead, Tracy Conner

- CLEs on topics that would help folks wishing to do pro bono work for Veteran community (dissolution, housing, employment, discharge upgrades)
- Potential to let law schools know of opportunity for students to do pro bono at future VA sponsored law clinics under new legal grants (each law school could take on one clinic as the lead student provider)
- CLE on unconscious bias regarding military and veterans; OSB Diversity Section has section leads for many other Sections, but not the MILVET section

Legislative /Update: Briefed by Legislative Committee Lead, Trevor Caldwell

- Laws being considered regarding: Veteran Treatment Court; Mistreatment of a service member; Posing as a service member
- Definition of Veteran will need legislative fix
- Veteran Preference Bill status draft SB-184; draft comments just sent out

Law School Representatives:

- No Law Student Reps in Attendance

New Business:

- None

Closing Remarks: Briefed by Chair, Michael Hajarizadeh

- Looking forward to a great 2021 with in person meetings

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> next meeting

Wrap-Up/Adjourn

- Jim Rice moved to adjourn; Trevor Caldwell 2nd; unanimously approved; meeting adjourned.