

LPP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda

Date: September 17, 2024

4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

[Via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 830 8303 8539

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Attendance

Committee Members	Present	Excused
Anastasia Boyko		
Brooke Byall		
Emily Lee (Bar Staff)		
Jackie Morrison		
John Seegrist (Secretary)		
Jon Wayas (LPP Administrator)		
Leslie Staples		
Lindsey Brandt		
Melissa Parache		
Monte Sleight (Chair)		
Scotti Hill		
Tonya Wright		

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Recognition of Quorum

- Presenter: Monte Sleight

2. Action Item: Approve the Proposed Minutes

- Presenter: Monte Sleight

3. Primary Goal: Increasing Interest and Participation in the LPP

- Presenter: Monte Sleight

4. Reports

- Update from the Bar

- Presenter: Jon Wayas
- **Update from LPPs**
 - Presenter: LPPs
- **Update on Forms Approval Transfer and Judicial Council Changes**
 - Presenter:
- **Advocacy for Quicker Approval Processes for New Forms**
 - Presenter:
- **Review and Suggest Modifications to Discovery Forms for Family Law**
 - Presenter: Brooke
- **Gather and Share Relevant Landlord-Tenant Forms**
 - Action Item: Distribute to the committee
- **Push for Form Approvals and Provide Updates to the Forms Committee**
 - Presenter: Jon Wayas
- **Clarification on Educational Requirements**
 - Presenter: Jon Wayas
 - Review and resolve confusion around Rule 15-703 and Rule 15-701
- **Roles and Responsibilities of the Steering Committee**
 - Presenter: Jon Wayas
 - Clarify the Steering Committee's purpose and its relationship with the LPP Admissions Committee
- **Additional Items (Bar Report) if available**
 - Presenter: Jon Wayas

5. Discussion: Recommended Areas of Expansion for LPPs

- **i) Expungement**
- **ii) Small Claims**
- **iii) Expanding Role in Commissioner Court**

- **iv)** Name Change
- **v)** Step-Parent Adoption
- **vi)** Uncontested Adoptions
- **vii)** Foster Parent Adoption
- **viii)** Workplace Protective Orders
- **ix)** Guardianship
- **x)** Simple Probate

6. Discussion: Rural Outreach and Future Plans

- **Action Item:** Identify and appoint a new leader for rural outreach

7. Discussion: Small Claims Court Representation for LPP

- **Presenter:** Monte Sleight

8. Brainstorming Session: Ideas to Increase LPP Participation

- **Action Item:** Share ideas at future meetings

9. Adjournment

Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Steering Committee Meeting Times for 2024

(Third Tuesday at 4 pm):

- January 16, 2025
- February 20, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- April 16, 2025
- May 21, 2025
- June 18, 2025
- July 16, 2025
- August 20, 2025
- September 17, 2025
- October 15, 2025

- November 19, 2025
- December 17, 2025

Notes for Discussion:

1. *Clarity on the educational requirements* - There seems to have been some discussion in the past of expanding the Bachelor's degree path in the rules. If this was discussed and approved it never made it further to officially be codified in the rules. I personally find some confusion in the rules as they are written now. Rule 15-703 seems to plainly state that the only Paralegal associates and bachelors level degree count toward the requirements. However, the definition of "paralegal studies" in Rule 15-701 is vaguer and seems to allow a more expansive view of the possible degrees which would qualify. I will have to double check next week with older iterations of the rules, but it appears from a review of old applications that some LPPs were approved under a more expansive view beyond paralegal studies degrees.
2. *Roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee* - I want to discuss and clarify the purpose of the Steering Committee. We have been thinking about this internally, especially in relation to the LPP Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee has recently been operating almost exclusively to review and approve applications, and also to help grade the LPP exams. They should also be discussing and approving any possible proposed rule changes which would affect elements of the LPP admissions process and requirements, which would include possible changes to the educational requirements. The Steering can and should still weigh in on these elements and can send suggestions to the Admissions Committee, but the Admissions Committee should be the body voting on whether to send the proposed rules involving admissions to the Supreme Court for review.