

Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2022

Zoom Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Judge Mettler, presiding

Attendees:

Judge Amber Mettler, Chair

Susan Morandy, LPP,

Recording Secretary

Tonya Wright, LPP

Matthew Page

Steve Johnson

Monte Sleight

Julie Emery

Leslie Staples

Staff: Scotti Hill, Utah State Bar
A.J. Torres, Utah State Bar

Chairperson Judge Amber Mettler called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. **Action—Welcome and approval of the draft meeting minutes:** *(Judge Mettler)*

Judge Mettler welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes.

Steve Johnson moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Tonya Wright. Minutes approved.

2. **LPPs on current casework and projects.**

All LPPs in attendance acknowledged they were still very busy.

3. **Discussion—Update from LPP Innovation Subcommittee.** *(Judge Mettler)*

Judge Mettler advised that Scotti Hill, A.J. Torres and herself met with the Supreme Court and shared the committee's views that the I4J people would be better served in the sandbox. Nick, the Appellate Court Administrator, would set a meeting with the I4J people. There was no further opportunity for other discussions regarding LPP issues.

Proposed Amendments: A.J. Torres reviewed the proposed rule changes and recommended a subcommittee be appointed to give recommendations on the education requirements for LPPs. Judge Mettler appointed a subcommittee of A.J. Torres, Monte

Sleight, Julie Emery, Leslee Staples, Tonya Wright. This subcommittee will review and provide recommendations to the LPP Steering Committee regarding qualifying education requirements in 15-701.

Discussion on taking a whole package to the Supreme Court versus piecemeal pieces. The proposal to 14-802 (c) would help the LPPs now. This committee felt it was best to have the individuals who worked on the proposed changes to 14-802 (c), (c)(1)(C), (F) and the Advisory Comments to circulate further recommendations via email and vote by email so that we can get something on the Supreme Court's calendar for July.

Discussion on forms and submitting forms to the Forms Committee that LPPs use regularly such as a basic Notice form, a general Order form, as some forms are not available.

Tonya will reach out to other LPPs and see if she can get a list of basic, general forms that are needed.

Discussion on other areas LPPs could practice such as Expungements, Foreign Subpoenas, Name Changes. Perhaps having questions on the ethics test or taking another course and getting a certificate that indicates the LPP has completed training for smaller specific areas that are super simple, that any LPP could assist with no matter what area they are licensed to practice in.

4. **Discussion—Update from Bar.** (Matthew Page) No update.
5. **Discussion—Update on rural outreach:** (Steve Johnson) No update.
6. **Discussion—Update on outreach efforts:** (Monte Sleight) No update.
7. **Discussion - Other Business:**

This committee was awarded the Committee of the Year Award by the Utah State Bar. Matthew Page and Scotti Hill will accept the award for our Committee at the Summer Bar Convention.

Julie Emery advised that Patty Allred was starting new paralegal courses and that Julie will attend the first few classes to inform the attendees about LPPs.

8. Adjournment and next meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m. The next meeting will be held on July 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.