

LPP Steering Committee
Minutes
June 20, 2023

Attendees:	
Judge Amber Mettler (Chair)	x
Steve Johnson	x
Monte Sleight	x
Jacqueline (Jackie) Morrison (Excused)	x
Carolynn Clark (Excused)	
Leslie Staples	x
Matthew Page	x
Tonya Wright	x
John Seegrift (Secretary)	x
Melissa Parache	x
Scotti Hill	x
Kirsten Shumway, Utah State Bar (Staff)	x

1. **Action**—Approval of draft meeting minutes May 16, 2023, - Judge Amber Mettler
 - a. Steve Johnson motioned to approve, Tonya Wright seconded, and the motion carried.

2. **Discussion**—Update from the Bar - Matthew Page, Kirsten Shumway
 - a. Sandbox is on hold while a new director is being identified. An offer is to be extended today.
 - b. LPPs are receiving 40% more visits through the bar site than the attorneys receive.
 - c. There is still a huge need for more LPPs.
 - d. Julie had a question on sandbox projects allowing LPPs within individual firms.
 - e. Looking for a new LPP representative that will work at the bar.
 - f. We do not have information on the timing of LPP audits.
 - g. “Notarios” How does this fit in with the LPPs? Will we allow them to use the bar materials?
 Currently, they help people fill out legal forms.

3. **Announcement** - June 29th, 3:30 to 7:00 annual Bar Social invitation to all of the committee.

4. **Discussion**—Updates on Proposed Rule Changes to Rule 15-703
 - a. Rule 15-703: Adding Unapproved Law Schools Other Jurisdictions on Unapproved Law

Schools

- b. Comparing other jurisdictions' rules. We would be the first to add unapproved law schools.
 - c. Most of the schools are only state-approved many of these are in California.
5. **Discussion** - requirements of paralegals in legal studies programs. What about criminal law or law enforcement?
 - a. Do we need a good legal strategy requirement?
 - b. An applied critical thinking course is an option.
 - c. Consider using the new lawyer program applied to the LPPs
6. **Discussion** - Share the UVU program with UofU, adding more paralegal courses
 - a. Conversations continue with Randy Dryer.
 - b. Leslie Staples feel experience outweighs education
7. **Discussion** - Using Mentors to support the LPPs would provide CLE credit.
 - a. This will be drafted into the proposed rules for the next meeting.
 - b. Jackie Morrison motioned to table the topic to allow for more research Tonya Wright seconded, and the motion carried.
8. **Discussion**—Updates on Proposed Rule on Non-Legal Degrees
 - a. Proposed Rule 15-704: Eligibility of Those with Non-Legal Degrees Other Jurisdictions on Non-Paralegal Degrees
 - b. Question on paralegal in Nevada non-legal degrees from Nevada, Associates vs. Certificate what is the difference, and will they be considered?
 - c. 15-701 needs to add a definition of non-legal degree and define the non-legal field
 - d. Jackie questions the required number of hours for LPP does it give too big of a barrier to enter the field?
 - e. The number of hours can not be done working part-time in three years.
 - f. How does this fit with the certification path? Does this make a harder path?

- g. Some certifications may take 7 years to complete, and a degree would shorten this.
- h. Other certificates are easier.
- i. The very hardest path does not be the standard for all paths.
- j. We need other paths, but they need to produce qualified people to protect the public.
- k. If we have too big of a barrier, the LPP program may become irrelevant.
- l. Core legal system information and writing skills are impactful
- m. Can the courses apply to specific situations and experiences? Can we have the board/committee approve it?

9. Individual exceptions

- a. We are regulated by the supreme court, and only they can make exceptions. Individuals could petition the supreme court for an exception. This is a very expensive process.

10. The following programs are to be reviewed for the current certification requirements and identifying similarities between the requirements.

- a. <https://www.nals.org/page/pp>
- b. <https://www.paralegals.org/page/pace-pcce#pcce%20eligibility>
- c. https://iaals.du.edu/sites/default/files/documents/publications/alp_national_framework.pdf
- d. Julie and Tanya are assigned to review to make sure the credential on their sites match the credentials we have recorded and report back.
- e. Matt Page motioned to table the topic to allow for more research, Steve Johnson the motion carried

11. Meeting adjourned

12. Next meeting August 15, 2023

13. Following topics not discussed

14. **Discussion**— Updates on Proposed Rule 15- 705 Foreign Law Degree

15. **Discussion**—Updates on Proposed Rules 15-712. Practice areas not requiring testing.

16. **Discussion**—Update from the LPPs on workload
17. **Discussion**—Update from LPP Innovation Subcommittee Scotti Hill, Jackie Morrison, Carolynn Clark, Tonya Wright
18. **Discussion**—Update on rural outreach Steve Johnson
19. **Discussion**—Update on outreach efforts - Julie Emery, Monte Sleight
20. **Discussion**—Old business/new business
21. **Supreme Court Committee Rule Changes** - Kirsten Shumway

1. *Update on outreach efforts (Julie Emery, Monte Sleight)*
 - a. *See 5b.*
 - b. *If the rule changes to allow all degrees are approved the outreach will open up a large audience.*
2. *Old Business/New Business Supreme Court Committee Rule Changes (Kirsten Shumway)*
 - a. *(No report)*
3. *Other Items*
 - a. *The National Association of Bar Executives will be in Utah this year and are looking for an LPP to be a keynote speaker around October 4th-6th 2023.*
4. *Next meeting*
 - a. *June 20th, 2023, 4:00 P.M*

