

DRAFT MINUTES

FOR THE

ATTORNEY ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 16, 2021

9:30 a.m.

State Courts Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona
Conference Room 109/ Zoom Meeting

Telephonically Present

Hon. Paul McMurdie (Chair)
Michael Aaron
Ann Ching
Jason Easterday
Maria Hubbard
Ashley Mahoney
Kimberly Demarchi
Regina Nassen
Jon Sands
Anne Schrock
Charles Thomson
Maret Vessella
Angela Woolridge
Hon. Chris Staring

Staff

Aaron Nash
Michelle Martinez
Christine Davis
Brianna Farmer
Suzanne Porter
Ashleigh Hansen
Savannah Peavy

Absent

Hon. John Napper (Vice Chair)
Geoffrey Trachtenberg

Guests

Donald Wilson

No. 1 Review and Approve November 19, 2021 Minutes

Motion: To approve of the November 19, 2021 minutes.

Moved by: Michael Aaron

Second: Jason Easterday

Motion Passed 15-0-2

No. 2 Subcommittee updates and possible action regarding:

- ⊙ EO-19-0010 (Online Reviews)

Charles Thompson presented.

Charles Thompson's term on the Attorney Ethics Advisory Committee expires at the end of the month and requested that other members join the subcommittee for EO-19-0010 (Online Reviews).

Subcommittee now consists of:

- Regina Nassen
- Angela Woolridge
- Kimberly Demarchi

- ⊙ EO-21-0001 (ER 1.5 e)

Ann Ching presented.

Review the drafted proposed language and see if there is anything else that needs to be added. Concerns were brought forward regarding the fact that if the client does not approve of the fee, does not mean that the lawyer cannot pay the fee. It means that the person the fee was paid to cannot represent the client in any way. A concern against this was that it does not have to be a lawyer receiving the fee it could be anyone that referred them. This brought up the issue on the if there is a fine line between these referral fees and marketing.

Tabled for next meeting. Committee members are to send any opinions they have regarding the drafted language to the subcommittee by January 6, 2022 to get the draft ready for the January 27, 2022 meeting.

No. 6 Call to Public

No remarks from the public were made.

Adjourned: 9:59 A.M.