

ATTORNEY REGULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Present

Hon. Lawrence Winthrop
Alan Bayham
Bennie Click
Mary M. Grier
Edward Novak
J. Scott Rhodes
George Riemer
Patricia Sallen
Maret Vessella
Ronald R. Watson

Telephonically Present

Anne B. Donahoe
Emily Johnston

Absent

Hon. William J. O'Neil
Pamela Treadwell-Rubin

Staff

Kathleen Curry
Mark Wilson
Emily Holliday
Tara Wienke

Regular Business

9:30 a.m. Call to Order and Introductions

Judge Lawrence Winthrop, Chair

Business Items and Potential Action Items

No. 1 Review and Approve June 2014 ARC minutes

Motion: Approve as Submitted

Moved By: Mary M. Grier

Second: Alan Bayham

Carried: None opposed

No. 2 Report on Early Testing/February Exam

Emily Holliday

- 100% of participants from Arizona State University and Arizona Summit Law School Summit, 46% of University of Arizona had completed requirements for admission shortly after scores were released
 - Reasons for non-admission were a failed exam or failure to submit a Character report, take the MPRE, take the online course, or provide proof a JD was awarded.
- Student surveys: not as positive before exams but glad to be in program. The May program was a unanimous positive response from those who responded.

Perspective from Petitioners/Arizona Law Schools

- Professor Robert Williams from University of Arizona provided information on curriculum changes, preparation, diagnostic exams, and advice given to students on preparedness.
- Julia Palfreyman from University of Arizona provided a student perspective on the process and benefits of the program.
- Professor Judy Stinson from Arizona State University reported on financial and occupational benefits of the program, curriculum changes, and program application requirements.
- Dean Jon Williams from Arizona State University stated the school supports experiential learning and that this program allows for changes in how students can transition from law school to practice. He also re-states the financial and occupational benefits of the program.
- Professor/Assistant Dean Keith Swisher from Arizona Summit Law School reported that the new rule is promising for reducing costs, increasing job prospects, and the ability to sit for future exams. This school has implemented applicant requirements such as GPA but this may be re-visited in the future.

No. 3 Update by Subcommittees

- Admissions – Nothing to report; no issues outstanding.
- Costs – Nothing to report; no issues outstanding.
- Rules – Judge Winthrop’s subcommittee meeting to take place immediately following this meeting. Action taken by the Supreme Court on pending Rule petitions:
 - Permanent disbarment petition: Denied
 - Petition on conditional admission: Continued with indication that monitoring will be with State Bar.
 - Petition to wave pro hoc visa fees for military: Granted.
 - Rule 38: Granted as modified.
 - Petition filed April 2013, amended filed in Jan 2014, granted in part, denied in part.
 - Rule 47 petition changes: No action by Court.
 - Rule 48: Adopted recommended changes.
 - Rule 51: No action by Court.
 - Rule 56: Adopted recommended changes.
 - Rule 57: Adopted recommended changes.
 - Rule 58: Denied.
 - Rule 61: Adopted recommended changes.
 - Rule 63: Adopted recommended changes.
 - Rule 72: Adopted recommended changes.

No. 4 ARC Meeting Schedule for 2015

Judge Winthrop

- Preliminary schedule for 2015 confirmed, except to change January 14, 2015 meeting to January 7, 2015. Meetings in 2015 set for January 7; March 4; April 15; September 16; and December 9. All meetings scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 109, State Courts Building.

No. 5 Update by Chair on Future Business

Judge Winthrop

- Rule 36 follow up, with Rules Subcommittee meeting in the meantime,
- Ben Click suggests looking for a way to encourage or bring about higher levels of mentoring for new attorneys.

No. 6 Call to Public
 None

Meeting Adjourned: 11:18 a.m.