



**Endowment for Equal Justice Board Meeting**

Thursday September 19, 2018

Davis Wright Tremaine

**MINUTES**

**Board Members present:** Rima Alaily, Bruce Brooks, Carolyn Cairns, Ellen Dial, Kay Frank, Ele Hamburger, John Hoerster (President), Nancy Isserlis, Dick Manning, Michelle Moersfelder, Margaret Niles, Judge Mike Schwab

**Via phone:** Mark Hutcheson, Sal Mungia

**Absent:** Mark Kamitomo

**Staff:** Caitlin Davis, Brendan Hennessey, Melinda Mann

**Guest:** P.J. Grabicki

**Welcome and Election of Judge Mike Schwab:**

John noted that although Judge Schwab received unanimous approval from Board Members via email, he should formally be elected. Ellen made a motion to elect Judge Schwab to the Board for a three year term, Nancy seconded it, and Judge Schwab was unanimously elected to the Board. John reported that he, Melinda and Dick met with Judge Schwab prior to the board meeting, and that he will be joining the Reach 20 Committee.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved and seconded that the Board's August 8, 2018 minutes be approved. Motion carried.

**Presidents Report:**

**Advisory Council Event:** John reported that an ad hoc committee comprised of himself, Michelle, Sal, Mark H, and Advisory Council Members Greg Dallaire and John McKay to plan a gathering for the council. He noted the Committee has convened once, and has decided to host the event in January 2019 and its focus will be on business and idea generation rather than strictly social.

**Race Equity Training:** John encouraged Board Members to attend a race equity training with the LFW Board on Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ATJ Conference and Possible Reach 20 Event:** John noted the next Access to Justice Conference will be held in Spokane June 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2019. Sal, an ATJ Board Member, encouraged all Endowment

Board Members to attend. John also discussed the possibility of having a board meeting and/or Reach 20 event in Spokane during the conference.

**Justice Society and Reach 20:** John encouraged all Board Members to join the Justice Society if they have not done so already, and broached the idea of pairing Board Members for Reach 20 activities.

#### **LFW Report:**

**IOLTA:** Caitlin reported that due to recent rises in interest rates, LFW projects that IOLTA revenue will nearly double this year. Caitlin additionally reported that LFW contracted a consulting firm in Boston to evaluate compliance of interest rates paid by LFW's approved financial institutions.

**Cy Pres:** Caitlin reported that LFW joined other legal aid and IOLTA recipient programs to submit an amicus brief in support of cy pres awards related to a US Supreme Court case that will be heard on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2018.

**Grants:** LFW has received several new annual grant applications, seeking a total of \$1.1M. This is in addition to requests of \$8.8M from existing annual grantees.

**MOA Meeting:** The annual MOA meeting has been tentatively set for Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Committee Updates:**

**Operations and Investment:** Bruce reported that after receiving support from the full board at the June Board Retreat, the Committee has worked extensively with Canterbury Consulting to develop an ESG/SRI screen. The Committee recommends using the ESG Leaders Index with additional screens. He added this will likely come through the hiring of Parametric, a company headquartered in Seattle.

The Board next examined a proposed Statement of Investment Principles that was recommended by the Committee for adoption by the Board. Dick made a motion to approve the statement, Kay seconded, and the statement was unanimously approved.

**Board Support:** Kay reported the Board Support Committee has identified several prospects for board service. She noted there are four open positions, and the Committee is focused on expanding board diversity. Ele raised the possibility of recruiting candidates from LFW grantees, and Rima provided the board with a presentation on diversity and inclusion.

**Reach 20:** Melinda provided a fundraising and events update, noting several events planned for the fall. The discussion then focused on the Endowment's branding and communication strategies.

#### **Executive Session**

The meeting ended in an executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45PM.