

MINUTES
Professionalism & Ethics Section
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
12:00 – 1:00 pm MST

- I. Call to Order by Chair Texie Montoya.**
- II. Attendees and Introductions: Bob Aldridge, Brad Andrews, Teresa Baker, Jo Beeman, Sarah Davis, Mariella Diaz, Laurie Frost, Jonathan Gradin, Steve Herring, Larry Hunter, Joe Isanga, Greg LaDonne, Dixie Milliken, Texie Montoya, Mia Murphy, Cathy Silak, Morgan Swegles, and Jeffery Ventrella. (18 total)**
- III. Minutes for the Tuesday, December 3, 2024 section meeting were approved, with one correction: there was no selection of a vice chair for the section. (Bob Aldridge moved and Morgan Swegles seconded.)**
- IV. Officer Reports.**
 - A. Chair Report by Texie Montoya**
 - 1. Reminder of new meeting frequency - see December 2024 P&E Section Minutes.**
 - 2. Advocate Sponsorship:**
 - **Sponsoring March/April 2025 issue.**
 - **Articles have been submitted and assigned to editors. Texie Montoya will write one article on generative AI. Abbey Schulz will write an article on representing people with disabilities.**
 - 3. Officer Elections:**
 - **Chair: Larry Hunter volunteered, was elected, and will start at the April 1, 2025 Section meeting.**
 - **Vice Chair: Steve Herring volunteered and was elected.**
 - 4. Annual CLE - March 4 (in Boise, state bar headquarters; continental breakfast, lunch after)**
 - **9-12 MST**
 - **Professional and Ethical Considerations of Using Generative AI in your legal practice 2.0**
 - **2 part panel, with moderator for each panel, similar to last year, but more advanced with Q&A at the end.**
 - 5. Monthly CLEs (continuing call)**
 - **April 1: need presenter.**
 - **June 3: Brad Andrews will present CLE.**
 - **August 5: need presenter.**

6. Richard C. Fields Civility Award (in Boise; bar will arrange venue for evening presentation). Dick founded the P&E section. The Award was originally presented by Concordia Law School with joint sponsorship by the P&E section. With the closure of Concordia Law School at the end of the summer term 2020, the award is now presented by the P&E section. The Fields family is always invited to the evening.

- **Presented on Law Day (Thursday, May 1, 2025)**
- **Recipient will be announced around March 20 (6 weeks in advance)**
- **Process:**
 - (1) **Call for nominations announced February 7;**
 - (2) **Reminders Feb 21, March 3;**
 - (3) **Nominations by Fri, March 7. The bar office reviews the nominations. Generally not awarded to a judge;**
 - (4) **Selection during week of March 10.**

7. Ethical Happy Hour Committee.

- **Game show format**
- **Discussed possible partners (young lawyers section?)**
- **email Texie to join committee**

8. Anti-discrimination and anti-harrassment committee.

- **Committee members now include Bob Aldridge, Jo Beeman, Joe Isanga, MiaMurphy, and Jeffery Ventrella.**
- **When the committee last met it wanted to do a 50 state survey of the status of rule 8.4 (g).**
- **Email Texie to join committee.**

B. Treasurer Report by Bob Aldridge. There is nothing new to report; the section is still in the black, barely. Bob suggested that as bar members age out of the young lawyers section, they could transition to the P&E section. Also, CLEs sponsored by the section are an opportunity to pitch for new members.

V. Adjourn 1:00pm (Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 12:00 p.m. MDT)