

**Justice Action Group  
JAG Executive Committee  
March 21, 2019 – 4:00  
Feeney Conf. Room, Cumberland County Courthouse – Portland**

**MINUTES**

Present: J. Mead, J. Rich, Charles Dingman, and Diana Scully  
By Phone: Bill Harwood

**I. Welcome to Eric Columber, Esq., 2019 President of the MSBA (or designee)**

Deferred to next meeting.

**II. Approval of Minutes** from the Jan. 31, 2019 JAG Executive Committee Meeting. No suggestions/corrections. Approved.

**III. Report from the Chair – J. Mead:** Justice Mead reported that ATJ Day at the Legislature was very successful. We have succeeded in raising awareness and engendered positive support from a wide range of legislators. Barbara Cardone continues to be an effective voice for access to justice.

Justice Mead will be attending the ABA ATJ Chairs meeting in Louisville in May.

- a. Inventory updates: The updated Inventory is attached.
- b. Request from Ken Spierer to withdraw as a member of JAG: Justice Mead presented Ken Spierer's note regarding withdrawing as a JAG member. He will send a note to Ken indicating the group's gratitude for his willingness to participate and express our regrets for not more fully involving him in JAG's initiatives. (See attached email to Ken from Justice Mead)
- c. Update on IOLTA discussions: See MJF report below.

**IV. Vice-Chair's Report/Pro Bono Committee Report – Judge Rich**

a. Reporting of Pro Bono Hours w/Annual Attorney Registration:  
Judge Rich reported that work continues on the emeritus counsel and reporting form and proposals may be ready for submission to the SJC in the not too distant future.

b. Pro Bono celebration/event concept: Judge Rich reported that he, Juliet Holmes-Smith, and Beth Richardson met with Justice Mead and Chief Justice Saufley to discuss some manner of gathering to recognize and honor attorneys who are doing pro bono work. Various concepts and objectives for the gathering were suggested, and planning will likely be for an October 2020 date.

**V. Legislative Committee Report – Charlie Dingman:** Charlie reported that the legislative funding initiative is proceeding quite well. The Judiciary Committee was

close to rendering a unanimous report; the Republican caucus met to discuss issues, but did not complete those discussions, and the matter is tabled to a later work session. We remain optimistic that a favorable result will be reached.

**VI. ACP Chair's Report – *Jamie Kilbreth*:** No report given.

**VII. Executive Committee Organization Updates:**

- Courts: No report given.
- ACP: No report given.
- MJF: It appears that interest rates will not be changed in the near future, so IOLTA revenues will probably remain static. A new bank has been added to the “Prime Partners” group. The EIS grant cycle is under way.
- MSBA/Lawyers in Libraries: No report given.
- MTLA: No report given.

**VIII. Other Business:** None

**IX. Confirm 2019 JAG Executive Committee and Board meeting dates.**

**JAG Board (Feeney Conference Room - Cumberland County Courthouse):**

June 27th – 3:00

**Executive Committee (SJC Conf. Room - 4th floor - Capital Judicial Center):**

June 6th – 3:00 – Augusta