



President's Message

ACC Washington Chapter Members,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones well and safe from the COVID-19 virus that has struck our state. In response to the guidance from the CDC and ACC National Office, as well as the recent proclamation by the Washington State Governor, the Washington Chapter suspended activities and events through April. Our organization is diligently abiding by the guidance to help protect the health and safety of our communities. We're also working behind the scenes with sponsor partners who share the same concern and desire to keep everyone safe, and once we know that it is safe to gather again the Chapter will communicate new dates for the DLA Piper Happy Hour event as well as the Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness Wine Dinner that were postponed.

Thanks for your patience as the Chapter worked through updates to the ACC-W event plans and communications. If you have any questions or concerns about the ACC plans in March or April please contact me or our Chapter Board of Directors at ACC-WChapter@ACCGlobal.com.

As the in house community has been preparing for changes in homes and the work place, many of us have also been supporting responses to the impact of the virus across to our respective employers. For information and workplace resources from the ACC organization, please access the ACC's [COVID-19 resource page](#).

Take care everyone,

Monica Reinmiller
2019-2020 President



UPCOMING EVENTS

All events for March & April have been postponed. More details to come!



Applications now open to serve on the Corporate Counsel Executive Committee! There are 12 seats open for election, with each seat serving a three (3) year term beginning October 1. Interested individuals can apply here, [Sections page](#), or by emailing your application materials to the Nominating Committee at this email address (stryker.katherine@gmail.com). Each application must include your name, contact details, a statement of interest (250 word max), and an optional resume. The Nominating Committee is accepting applications until 5 pm on Tuesday, March 31. Voting will be held later in May.

Please reach out if you have any questions about what it means to serve on the Executive Committee or about the application process!



"See what *you* can be!"

Greetings:

The King County Superior Court, in partnership with the Washington State Superior Court Judges' Association, is pleased to announce the presentation of the National Association of Women Judges' Color of Justice program. This one-day event seeks to encourage 7th graders from diverse backgrounds to consider a career in the law and judiciary. **The program will be held at the Maleng Regional Justice Center and the Kent Commons on Friday, May 15, 2020 from 8:30am to 2:30pm.** *Volunteers are welcome to attend all or part of the event. See the enclosed "draft" agenda for details.*

The first NAWJ Color of Justice program was held in St. Louis, Missouri in August 2001. Since that time, Color of Justice programs have been held in Washington State and across the country. The program focuses on small group discussions with judges, lawyers and students pursuing law degrees or other legal careers and includes participation in mock trials.

We are looking for volunteers to talk with the students about their decision to attend law school or to pursue a legal career, assist with mock trials and generally assist with various tasks throughout the day. We anticipate one hundred seventh grade students from South King County will participate.

This is an exciting opportunity to motivate young people to pursue a career in the law and the judiciary, help them set goals and help them understand the judicial branch of government. We hope you will consider volunteering. Contact colorofjustice@kingcounty.gov if you are able to participate or with any questions about the program.

Sincerely,

Judge Nicole Gaines Phelps

Chairperson King County Superior Court Color of Justice Program



Thank you all for your continued support of the MCRC-MELAW Legal Clinic. With your help and efforts, we have been able to operate the clinic for the past three years and have provided legal consultation to over 200 low-income clients.

A number of individuals have reached out to the Muslim Community Resource Center seeking legal assistance outside of the clinic and have requested legal referrals for various legal matters. Accordingly, we would like to put together a list of attorneys interested in receiving referrals for non-pro bono work that MCRC-MELAW would utilize for referrals and advertise online. If this is of interest to you, please email Mohamed Khalil, mokhalil1983@gmail.com, with your contact information and the areas of law you practice.



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Thanks [ACC Washington](#) members for helping to prepare important documents for low-income clients on the Eastside. We appreciate your pro bono service!



ACC-W member and pro bono volunteer Rich Chamberlain and ELAP Executive Director Gerry Kroon at the Feb 29th Wills Clinic at the Redmond Library.



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