

Professional Liability Insurance Committee  
Meeting of January 10, 2020  
Atlanta, Georgia

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Committee members: Christopher P. Twyman, Sarah Akins, Christy Childers (phone), Gregg Conley, J. Hamilton Garner (phone), Brandon Goldberg, Warren Hinds, Kenneth B. Hodges, III, Linley Jones, Herman Kilgore, David Lefkowitz (phone), Daniel J. O'Connor, Dennis Sanders, Toronda Silas (phone), R. Gary Spencer, Shannon Sprinkle, and Meredith W. Sutton.

Executive Comm. Liaison: David S. Lipscomb

Staff: Jeff Davis, Paula J. Frederick, Jenny K. Mittelman, William NeSmith, Andreea Morrison, and Kathya S. Jackson.

Guest: Justice Robert Benham.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The Committee approved the Minutes from the December 4, 2019 meeting.

**Informational Item:**

**Report from Gregg Conley, Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's Office**

Gregg Conley reported that if professional liability insurance is mandated:

- Attorneys that currently have insurance will not see a significant change in their premiums.
- Attorneys who have been practicing law for a long time and never had insurance, will probably have a higher premium.
- Attorney who takes a risk assessment course, that is approved by the insurance company, will see a reduction in their premium.
- There are insurance products available for small firms and solo practitioners that are discounted, provided certain conditions are met.

### **Discussion Items:**

The Committee reviewed the changes to all 4 options. The changes remove language that requires lawyers to give policy information or to maintain proof of insurance and added new provision requiring the lawyer to produce the information if the Bar requests it. The exceptions were added to all 4 options.

The Committee discussed adding two other options:

- None of the above
- Information gathering

After discussion the Committee did not vote to add either option.

The Committee discussed holding a town hall meeting in Macon in March 2020.

Possible meeting dates for February, April and May will be circulated via email.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.