

FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

1. Announcements
 - Walter Sterling named Dean of St. John's College
 - Judicial Nominating Commissions Update
 - Judicial Compensation Commission Update
 - Update on Washington DC Program
 - Joel Samuels Visit
2. Business & Tax Clinic, Jim Butler Position Candidacy - Prof. Sergio Pareja
3. Budget Update
4. Late Grades

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The meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m.

Attendance: Barbara Bergman, Michael Browde, Camille Carey, Barbara Creel, Erik Gerding, Laura Gómez, Scott Hughes, April Land, Nathalie Martin, José Martinez, Alfred Mathewson, Jennifer Moore, David Myers, Mike Norwood, Sergio Pareja, Liz Rapaport, Leo Romero, Carol Suzuki, Gloria Valencia-Weber, Kevin Washburn, Peter Winograd

Students: Jesse Allen, Ethan Thomas, Ethan Watson

Staff/Sr. Admin: Sandra Bauman, Hannah Farrington, William Jackson, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Stepleton

I. Announcements

a. Dean Kevin Washburn

- i. Announced that minutes from both this meeting and the one held on January 11th will be ready for approval at the February 8th meeting.
- ii. Announced that Walter Sterling, current 1L, has been named Dean of St. John's College in Santa Fe. He will finish this year, then go on leave with the hope of finishing his JD in the future.
- iii. Provided an update on the recent Judicial Nominating Commissions, including the impact of the gubernatorial transition.
- iv. Provided details about the Judicial Compensation Commission's request to the legislature for salary increases.
- v. Described the current state of the Washington DC exchange program, which our students have enjoyed, but for which we've had no students from the DC schools.
 1. Catholic University has notified us that it will to withdraw from the program.
 2. Discussion ensued briefly with regard to potential ways to prevent this from happening.
- vi. Announced that SOL's remaining candidate with a pending hiring offer will be visiting Albuquerque February 2nd – 6th. Please let Liz know if you'd like to spend time with the candidate, or contact the candidate directly.

b. Professor Gloria Valencia-Weber reminded faculty of the event honoring Tim Vollmann, and encouraged everyone to attend immediately following the meeting.

II. Business & Tax Clinic, Jim Butler Position Candidacy – Professor Sergio Pareja

- a. Dean Washburn provided background on the faculty search, and the resulting offers – which were both declined. He then presented the idea, supported by the Faculty Appointments Committee, of offering Jim Butler, who had a visitorship in the Business & Tax Clinic this fall, an extended temporary position.

- b. Professor Pareja detailed Professor Butler's educational and employment background, and distributed copies of his resume for faculty review. Various faculty members commented on their interaction with and opinion of Professor Butler during his time here.
- c. Discussion among the faculty proceeded which included
 - i. Some hashing out of how such a position would need to be structured.
 - ii. Review of the search process, the pool of applicants, and weighing the options of including this position again in SOL hiring search(es) in fall 2011.
 - iii. Generalized commentary.
- d. Dean Washburn asked for a general consensus, which favored extending a one to three year temporary position to Jim Butler, at the dean's discretion, based on the facts, circumstances, as well as the needs of the law school.

III. Budget Update – Associate Dean Carol Parker


In the interest of time to allow for faculty members to attend the event honoring Tim Vollmann, this item was tabled for the next faculty meeting.

IV. Late Grades – Dean Kevin Washburn

Dean Washburn apologized to the faculty for violating the faculty late grades policy, and wrote a check to the Law School for the full amount he owed, based on the faculty's fine schedule and the information provided by Registrar William Jackson.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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CV/Resume of James D. Butler

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Legal Practice:

Jim joined Holme Roberts & Owen, LLP, in Denver, Colorado, upon his graduation from law school in March 1975. He became a partner in the HRO tax group in 1981. Jim continued to practice tax law with HRO until his retirement in 2004, except for a three-year stint in the tax group of another large Denver law firm—Parcel Mauro P.C. Jim headed HRO's Federal Income and State & Local Tax Practice Group for several years until his retirement.

Jim's practice focused on tax structuring and planning for business transactions and tax dispute resolution in the federal, state and local tax arenas. He was involved in public and private offerings for corporate and partnership investments in oil and gas, real estate, cable television and traditional and nontraditional debt and equity securities, merger and acquisition planning involving oil and gas and manufacturing enterprises and tax dispute resolution involving businesses ranging from mineral processing to entertainment.

Legal Education:

Jim served as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law for the fall semester 2010. Jim was the supervising attorney in the law school's Business & Tax Clinic.

Education:

J.D., University of Denver, 1975 (CJS Award, Am. Jur. Awards in Administrative Law, Corporations, UCC I and Estates, Managing Editor, Denver Law Journal)

A.B., Brown University, 1972

Affiliations:

Servicios de la Raza Board of Directors (February 2010 to present), member Finance Committee
Swallow Hill Music Association Board of Directors (January 2006 to January 2010, board president April 2007 to April 2009)

Mile High United Way Board of Trustees (1998 (?) to 2004, board chair 2003-04)

Member, Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry Tax Council (until 2004)

Member, Colorado Department of Revenue Tax Advisory Council (until 2004)
Member, American Bar Association, Section of Taxation (until 2004), former vice-chair,
Committee on Natural Resources

Representative Speeches and Publications (1999 to 2004—list of earlier speeches and publications available on request):

- February 1999: *Recent Developments in Business Taxation, with Emphasis on Oil and Gas Taxation* (Southwestern Mineral Law Foundation, The Fiftieth Annual Institute on Oil and Gas Law and Taxation, Houston, Texas)
- October 1999: *Oil & Gas Hedging Transactions*, panel discussion at 5th Biennial Parker C. Fielding Oil & Gas Tax Conference, Austin, TX
- November 1999 &
August 2000: *Colorado State and Local Tax Exemptions for Charitable Organizations* (The Colorado Lawyer, vol. 28, no. 11, p. 57 & vol. 29, no. 8, p. 55)
- April 2002 *State and Local Tax Consequences of Asset Allocation Decisions* (Tax Executives Institute State and Local Tax Seminar, Denver, CO)
- July 2003 *Conservation Easements—The Gift that Keeps on Giving* (University of Denver 53rd Annual Tax Institute, Denver, CO)
- October 2003 *INDOPCO Regulations on Capitalization*, panel discussion at 7th Biennial Parker C. Fielder Oil and Gas Tax Conference, Houston, TX
- December 2003 *Colorado Taxes and Tax Reform--Correcting the Incurable*, presented at the CSCPA Rocky Mountain Tax Institute, Denver, CO