

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WSBA ENTITY ANNUAL REPORT FORM

FY 2023: October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

The mission of the Washington State Bar Association is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

Instructions: In accordance with the WSBA Bylaws, Committees, Other Bar Entities (excluding Regulatory Boards¹), Councils, and Sections must submit an annual report to the Executive Director. The information below should reflect the activities and outcomes from the fiscal year FY2023 (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023). Information in the annual report will be provided to the Executive Director and Board of Governors, and may be published for other purposes, such as *Bar News*, volunteer recruitment messaging, and other WSBA activity-based reporting.

It is recommended that completion of the annual report be a collaborative effort with members of your entity, the BOG liaison, and the staff liaison.

Submission Deadline is Friday, October 13: please submit by emailing barleaders@wsba.org or requesting that your staff liaison submit the report internally.

Name of Entity:	Business Law Section
Entity Size: <i>Total Number of Entity/Section Executive Committee Positions</i>	23
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Kelly Lawton-Abbott
Staff Liaison: <i>Include name, job title, and department if known</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
Board of Governors Liaison(s):	Kevin Fay
Purpose of Entity: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
The purpose of the Section shall be to benefit the members of the Section and their clients: (a) By encouraging research and study, and the development of best practices, in the area of business law in the State of Washington, and sharing these efforts through continuing legal education where possible and appropriate; (b) By participating in the development of state legislation and regulations in order to improve and facilitate the administration of justice in the area of business law; and (c) By undertaking such other services relating to the area of business law as maybe of benefit to members of the Section, members of the Bar and the greater public.	

Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
CLE's organized by Committee Sections to provide member relevant education opportunities through both virtual and in-person events.	
How does the entity's purpose help further the mission of the WSBA "to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice"?	
The Section seeks to promote professionalism among our members by helping to build and foster personal relationships among business attorneys across the state and by providing a forum for the discussion and exchange of ideas leading to the improvement of the laws relating to these areas of law.	
2022-2023 Entity Accomplishments:	
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Looking Ahead: 2023-2024 Top Goals & Priorities:	
1	Continue the Section's strong tradition of legislative participation.
2	Continue to improve upon the programming initiatives from recent years, including planning an in person annual meeting.
3	Increase engagement with new law students and support for the local law schools.
4	Actively recruit more members to participate in the Section.
5	Supporting the Business Law Primer with the WBSA
Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion: <i>How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in your decision-making? What have you done to promote a culture of inclusion within the board or committee? What has your committee/board done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession? Other?</i>	
Even as compared to other segments of the legal profession, the business law bar is historically lacking in diversity. The Section has tried to promote a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion, particularly with respect to the constitution of our executive committee. Women and racial and ethnic minorities currently represent almost 50% of our executive committee.	
Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA. <i>For example:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions</i> • <i>Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison(s)</i> • <i>Ideas you have for ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.</i> 	
We believe the Section's relationship with the WSBA staff and governors has been fruitful. The WSBA staff has always been willing to help. We appreciate the lengths to which the WSBA staff always goes to acknowledge the contributions of the section leaders.	

SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2022-2023 member benefits: <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	Click or tap here to enter text.	Newsletters/publications produced
	Three mini-CLE's - Mid-Year Meeting, UCC mini-CLE and Opinion mini-CLE.	Mini-CLEs produced
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Scholarships, Donations, & Grants
	Click or tap here to enter text.	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Other (please describe): Click or tap here to enter text.
SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2022-2023 legislative activity.	2	Bills Reviewed
	1	Bills tracked
	1	Comments proposed
	1	Bills proposed/drafted
Entity Detail Report: To Be Completed by WSBA Staff		
Number of Entity Members/Section Executive Committee Members:		18
Number of Section Members: <i>As of September 30, 2023. Note: The Section Membership year runs on the calendar year.</i>		1235
Number of Applicants for FY24 Positions: <i>October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024</i>		8

Do you have vacant positions for the coming year, FY24?	Yes - 5
FY23 Budgeted Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2023.</i> <i>For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	\$43,385
FY23 Total Direct Expenses: <i>Draft estimate as of Dec. 1, 2023</i> <i>For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	\$25, 822

¹ Supreme Court Boards (Access to Justice Board, Disciplinary Board, LLLT Board, Limited Practice Board, MCLE Board and Practice of Law Board) provide annual reports to WSBA to support its responsibility under [GR 12.3](#), to provide oversight and monitor compliance with applicable rules and orders. Boards have the option to use the WSBA template or to share their annual reports to the Washington Supreme Court.