

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:	Construction Section
Entity Size: <i>Total Number of Entity/Section Executive Committee Positions</i>	24, including past Chairs
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Bart Reed
Staff Liaison: <i>Include name, job title, and department if known</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
Board of Governors Liaison(s):	Serena Sayani
Purpose of Entity: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
Our bylaws provide the following: “The purposes of this Section are to promote the education of Washington State Bar Association members in laws, regulations, and administrative and court decisions affecting such procurement and construction, the sound development of relevant laws and regulations, to cooperate in that endeavor with the American Bar Association and its sections and to promote the objects of the Washington State Bar Association.”	

Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
To keep our members engaged and up to speed on current issues in our industry, we host CLEs, forums, and had previously provided writing competition for law students. Due to lack of participation, we have pivoted from a writing competition to a mentoring/lunch program for students to get to know construction attorneys. We also provide Section members updated legal materials including jury instructions, contracts, and a desk book. We are also looking at the possibility of working with Seattle University to re-start their construction law course.	
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”?	
Through the Section, our members are provided opportunities to become educated on the latest hot topics in the industry and provide a higher quality of service to their clients. We are also making efforts to expand visibility of construction through work with law schools and young lawyers. We serve the public by making form residential contracts available to the public for use on residential construction. The Section’s educational resource offerings (e.g., desk book, CLE/webinars, newsletter, forums) provide members with information on relevant topics impacting the industry and its diverse stakeholders.	
2022-2023 Entity Accomplishments:	
During the 2022-2023 year, the Section finalized updates to its standard form construction contracts and created new forms for design-build guaranteed maximum price; held a very successful mid-year CLE in June, including a judges panel with judges from King County Superior Court and the Court of Appeals; continued regular quarterly newsletter publications; and commenced an update and editorial review of its multi-chapter construction desk book. We also held an informal gathering at Cutters Restaurant to honor Judge Beth Andrus, recently retired from Division I of the Court of Appeals, to recognize, celebrate, and reflect on her many contributions to the bench and bar.	
Looking Ahead: 2023-2024 Top Goals & Priorities:	
1	Fall/Winter Forum: We are currently working with WSDOT to coordinate and schedule an event to tour and learn about the new Seattle Ferry Terminal at Colman Dock. This will afford members with the opportunity to learn about a new local infrastructure project in Seattle and catch up with each other in an informal environment.
2	Spring Forum: We are currently looking for locations to have an in-person event for members in an iconic/unique building in Seattle. In years past, we have had a guest speaker for one hour (of CLE credit), followed by a dinner where we have a welcome opportunity to catch up with members outside of the office/court room/board room.
3	Mid-Year CLE: Planning for this event has started and we look forward to another successful program and great turnout in June 2024.

4	Law Student Engagement: We have decided to suspend the writing competition and explore new ways to spend competition prize money, all to inspire student interest in the Section. We have decided to implement a “Lunch with a Lawyer” to provide access to construction attorneys for students in all three Washington-based law schools. We will continue to evaluate the efficacy of this program during the following year.
5	In-Person Winter Mini-CLE: We are discussing the return of a mini-CLE to take place in early 2024. Pre-COVID, this was a yearly event with dinner and a CLE credit, held at Cutters Restaurant. Traditionally, this program afforded members with an educational/social program and opportunity to learn more about a topic of interest to the construction industry.
6	Update to Bylaws: We intend to update our Section’s bylaws to clarify term limits and executive leadership positions. We’ll coordinate with the Executive Council and with WSBA representatives to ensure that the updates are ratified and go into effect this year.
7	Community Service/Outreach Opportunities: We’re considering a proposal by the Section Chair for invitations to the Section members to engage in a day of community service for an event that aligns with the Section’s mission and service to the construction industry.

Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion:
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?

The Construction Law Section continues to engage lawyers from diverse backgrounds. We are proud to have several members on the executive council who are women, people of color, and people who are under 40 or over 60. We value a culture of inclusion. To encourage engagement and interaction, this year again we discounted our Mid-Year CLE price for new lawyers, government lawyers, and small firms.

Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA.
For example:

- *Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions*
- *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison(s)*
- *Ideas you have for ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.*

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SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section’s 2022-2023 member benefits: <i>For example:</i>	1	Newsletters/publications produced
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	1	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
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	1	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Scholarships, Donations, & Grants
	1	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits (Lunch with Lawyer Program for law students to have lunch with members of the Construction Section [reimbursed by Section])
	1	Other: Construction Law Desk Book Update
SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2022-2023 legislative activity.	0	Bills Reviewed
	Various	Bills tracked
	0	Comments proposed
	0	Bills proposed/drafted
Entity Detail Report: To Be Completed by WSBA Staff		
Number of Entity Members/Section Executive Committee Members:		16
Number of Section Members: <i>As of September 1, 2023. Note: The Section Membership year runs on the calendar year.</i>		499
Number of Applicants for FY24 Positions: <i>October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024</i>		9
Do you have vacant positions for the coming year, FY24?		No
FY23 Budgeted Direct Expenses:		\$29,148

<i>As of September 30, 2023. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	
FY23 Total Direct Expenses: <i>Draft estimate as of Dec. 1, 2023 For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	\$13,285

ⁱ 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.