

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:	Juvenile Law Section
Entity Size: <i>Total Number of Entity/Section Executive Committee Positions</i>	133 members; 15 executive committee members
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Bailey Zydek
Staff Liaison: <i>Include name, job title, and department if known</i>	Carolyn McGregor, Sections Program Specialist, WSBA
Board of Governors Liaison(s):	Kari Petrasek
Purpose of Entity: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
The Section will provide a forum to discuss issues of concern and act as an agent of change to improve the law and practice related to civil and criminal matters involving children and youth in Washington State. This Section welcomes advocates from all interested disciplines and a variety of fields of law, including juvenile justice, child welfare and those who represent youth in civil legal practice. The Section is concerned with all aspects of juvenile law and policy: dependency, offender, civil legal needs of youth and status offenses (children in need of services, youth at risk, and truant).	

Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
The Juvenile Law Section provides an opportunity for legal professionals who work with juveniles and their families in child welfare and juvenile justice to meet together and work collaboratively on issues facing their clients. The Section provides benefits to members by sponsoring an annual CLE focusing on current developments in the area of juvenile law. The Section also acts as an agent of change to improve the law and practice related to civil and criminal matters involving children and youth in Washington state.	
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 Juvenile Law Section is primarily concerned with providing community, education, collaboration, and support around areas of legal practice for indigent and underrepresented clients and families, including in practice areas such as child welfare, juvenile justice, status offenses, immigration as it relates to children and families, truancy, at-risk youth and children in need of services proceedings, as well as a variety of civil legal needs of youth.	
2022-2023 Entity Accomplishments:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appointed 8 Executive Committee positions (November 2022, December 2022, March 2023). 2. \$1,000 Sponsorship, WSBA Diversity Council/Council on Public Defense’s “Individual Representation and Movement Lawyering – Separate and Distinct or Combining to Become More than Sum of the Parts?” - Webinar with Jeffrey Robinson, January 2023. 3. \$500 Sponsorship, Pierce County Minority Bar Association Youth and the Law Forum, May 2023 (resulted into two scholarships for high school seniors). 4. Young Lawyer Liaison Attorney “Warm Referral” List/Database, May 2023 to date. 5. Letter to WSBA re: Free Deskbooks, June 2023. 	
Looking Ahead: 2023-2024 Top Goals & Priorities:	
1	Mini-CLE, Dr. Martin Irwin, Overuse of Psychotropic Medication in Foster Children (Winter 2023/2024).
2	CLE, Half/Full Day, SIJS, Co-Sponsorship with AOC/NWIRP/KIND.
3	Executive Committee Leadership/Professional Development Retreat (in-person).
4	Mini-CLE, Topic TBD (Early Spring 2023/2024).
5	Scholarships (Non-profit organizations/training opportunities/etc.)
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>	
The section meetings include Diversity/Equity/Inclusion on every agenda, to ensure we are always keeping issues of disproportionality at the front and center of our practice. The section has	

connections with minority bar association and with the Small Town and Rural Practice (STAR) Section, which has increased connections and allowed us to promote equity within our section.

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.*

Our BOG liaison attends every meeting and provides exceptional support. Our staff sections specialist has always been able to answer any question we have, and we have appreciated her support as well.

SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section’s 2022-2023 member benefits:

For example:

- *\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;*
- *4 mini-CLEs produced*

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		Mini-CLEs produced
		Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
		Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non-WSBA</i> entity
		Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	\$1,500	Scholarships, Donations, & Grants
		New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	1	Other (please describe): Attorney “Warm Referral” List/Database
<p>SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section’s 2022-2023 legislative activity.</p>	25	Bills Reviewed
	25	Bills tracked
		Comments proposed
		Bills proposed/drafted

**Entity Detail Report:
To Be Completed by WSBA Staff**

Number of Entity Members/Section Executive Committee Members:

10

Number of Section Members: <i>As of September 1, 2023. Note: The Section Membership year runs on the calendar year.</i>	143
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?	Yes - 4
FY23 Budgeted Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2023. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	\$10,197
FY23 Total Direct Expenses: <i>Draft estimate as of Dec. 1, 2023 For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	\$6,165

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.