

Volunteer Opportunity: Court Rules and Procedures Committee

Entity Type:

- Board
 Committee
 Council
 Other Bar Entity

Created By:

- WSBA
 Supreme Court
 Court Rule

Term:

- One Year
 Two Years
 Three Years
 Four Years

Meetings:

- In-Person Only
 Virtual Only
 Hybrid

Eligibility:

License Type:

- Lawyer
 LLLT
 LPO

License Status:

- Active
 Inactive
 Judicial
 Honorary
 Pro Bono

Public Members:

- Yes
 No

Each year, the Court Rules & Procedures Committee reviews specific sets of court rules under a schedule established by the Supreme Court. Proposed rule changes may be submitted for review by Committee members or outside stakeholders and are discussed and vetted by subcommittees for submission to the full Committee. If the full Committee approves the proposed amendments, they are forwarded to the WSBA Board of Governors (BOG). If approved by the BOG, they are forwarded to the Supreme Court for final action.

This position provides a unique opportunity to have input on court rules that play an important role in the administration of justice and in the lives of lawyers, judges and the public. The Committee consists of a wide range of practitioners and includes judicial liaisons from trial and appellate courts. Monthly full committee meetings and subcommittee meetings are all held via Zoom. Appointment is for a 2-year term. Members may apply for one additional 2-year term.

Benefits: The Committee offers members a great opportunity to make a difference in the administration of justice, meet a wide range of practitioners, and learn how the rule making process works.

Time commitment: Full Committee meetings are usually held monthly via Zoom and last between 1-3 hours. Subcommittees meet monthly via Zoom for an hour or more. Outside of meetings, subcommittee chairs and other members may do research on rules, draft rule language, provide input on drafting, review stakeholder input to drafts, and prepare General Rule 9 statements.

Requirements:

- Active WSBA members are eligible to apply.
- Members must be able to access and review meeting materials electronically.

Preferred Qualifications and Skills: Experience with or strong interest in drafting of rules and/or court procedures; willingness to commit time to research, drafting and spirited discussion. *NOTE:* The Committee will be reviewing the Criminal Rules for Superior Courts and the Criminal Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction in 2025-2026. Familiarity and experience with at least two of these rule categories is highly desirable.

Reimbursement policy: This is an unpaid volunteer position. Reasonable travel expenses may be reimbursed per the WSBA Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Selection and appointment process: Applications are reviewed by a team including the chair, staff liaison and BOG liaison. Recommendations are made to the Board of Governors Nominations Committee, which makes the appointments.

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For further information: See www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Committees-Boards-and-Other-Groups/court-rules-and-procedures-committee.

How to apply: See instructions at www.wsba.org/joincommittee. Questions about the application? Email barleaders@wsba.org.

We are committed to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion on the Board and strongly encourage folks from a diverse array of backgrounds to apply. We define diversity broadly to include age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, geographical location, indigenous background, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, social class, and veteran status.