

**Discipline Committee
Washington State Bar Association**

Task Forces

TASK FORCE 1:

Recommendations 1, 10, 22

ABA Recommendation 1: The Supreme Court's Oversight Of The Washington Discipline System Should Be Emphasized

ABA Recommendation 10: The Court Should Amend Rule 5.3(a) Of The Rules For Enforcement Of Lawyer Conduct To Eliminate The Washington State Bar Association's Role in Opening Grievances

ABA Recommendation 22: The Disciplinary Board and the Court Should Administer Reprimands

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TASK FORCE 2:

Recommendations 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 15

ABA Recommendation 2: The Number Of Review Committee Members Should Be Increased

ABA Recommendation 3: Quality Issues At The Hearing Officer Level Of The System Should Be Addressed

ABA Recommendation 5: Volunteers In The Disciplinary System Should Receive More Intensive And Mandatory Formal Training

ABA Recommendation 6: The Discipline System Should Have Adequate Technology Resources

ABA Recommendation 7: Improved Scheduling Practices Will Lessen Delay At The Hearing Level

ABA Recommendation 15: The Administrative Oversight Committee And Disciplinary Counsel's Office Should Develop For Court Approval, Standards For The Appointment Of Counsel For Respondents In Disability Proceedings And A Roster Of Volunteer Counsel To Serve In That Capacity

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TASK FORCE 3:

Recommendations 4, 9, 12, 16, 18, 20, General Rule Changes

ABA Recommendation 4: The Appellate Process Before The Disciplinary Board Should Be Streamlined

ABA Recommendation 9: The Court Should Repeal Rule 5.1(d) Of The Rules For Enforcement Of Lawyer Conduct, Entitled “Grievant Duties”

ABA Recommendation 12: The Court Should Amend Rule 7.1 Of The Rules For Enforcement Of Lawyer Conduct To Eliminate Disciplinary Board Involvement In Terminations Of Interim Suspensions Based On Criminal Convictions

ABA Recommendation 16: Discipline On Consent Should Be Encouraged At All Stages Of Proceedings

ABA Recommendation 18: Prior Discipline Should Be Considered Only After A Finding Of Misconduct

ABA Recommendation 20: Review of Disciplinary Board Reports And Recommendations By The Court Should Be Discretionary In All Disciplinary Cases

General Rule Changes

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TASK FORCE 4:

Recommendations 13, 14, 21, 23, 24, 25

ABA Recommendation 13: The Court Should Amend Rule 7.2 Of The Rules For Enforcement Of Lawyer Conduct To Streamline Other Interim Suspension Procedures

ABA Recommendation 14: The Court Should Amend The Rules For Enforcement Of Lawyer Conduct Relating To Disability Inactive Status

ABA Recommendation 21: The Court's Role In Enhancing Consistency in Sanction Recommendations

ABA Recommendation 23: The Court Should Eliminate The Imposition of Admonition After Hearings on Formal Charges

ABA Recommendation 24: The Court Should Consider Amending Rule 14.2 Of The Rules For Enforcement Of Lawyer Conduct To Clarify That A Lawyer Disbarred, Suspended Or On Disability Inactive Status Cannot Work In A Law Office Or As A Paralegal

ABA Recommendation 25: The Court Should Amend 13.8 To Provide Greater Detail Regarding the Imposition Of Probation And To Set Forth Specific Requirements For The Monitoring and Revocation of Probation

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TASK FORCE 5:

Recommendations 26, 27

ABA Recommendation 26: The Court Should Institute Mandatory Arbitration of Lawyer/Client Fee Disputes

ABA Recommendation 27: The Court Should Adopt a Rule Providing for Written Notice to Claimants of Payment in Third Party Settlements.

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