



Washington State Bar Association

Working Together to Champion Justice

Overview:

The WSBA is part of the judicial branch and is authorized by the Washington Supreme Court to license the state's 36,000 lawyers and over 1,000 other legal professionals. In furtherance of our obligation to protect and serve the public, the WSBA both regulates lawyers and other legal professionals under the authority of the Court and serves its members as a professional association – all without public funding. It administers the bar admission process, including the bar exam; provides record-keeping and licensing functions; and administers the lawyer-disciplinary system. The WSBA's mission is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

The Board of Governors is the governing body of WSBA. It determines the general policies of the bar, and approves its budget each year. The Board of Governors consists of the President, President-elect, Immediate Past President and members elected from each Congressional district, along with two at-large positions. Its meetings are open to the public.

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

Membership: Over 36,000 members. All lawyers licensed to practice in the state are required to be members of the WSBA.

WSBA Staff: Approximately 140 staff members.

Other WSBA Facts:

- Each year the WSBA honors the achievements of the state-wide legal community through its [annual awards program](#).
- In 2013 and 2014, the WSBA's print publication, [NWLawyer](#), and the WSBA's blog, [NWSidebar](#), won NABE Luminary Awards of excellence for regular and electronic publications respectively.
- The WSBA currently has 28 practice sections, with each section comprised of individual attorneys who share a common area of practice, and 26 committees, boards, panels, councils and task forces to carry out its work.
- WSBA conducted an extensive membership study in 2012. Find additional information and facts about the membership [here](#).
- All attorneys licensed to practice in Washington can be found in the [Lawyer Directory](#), which can be searched by inputting various criteria, including status.