



# WSBA Diversity Announcements

WSBA is pleased to share news about current happenings within our wider community of diversity stakeholders. Please feel free to send relevant announcements directly to the list serve at any time or to [diversity@wsba.org](mailto:diversity@wsba.org) to be added to the calendar. If you have questions or ideas about this list serve or if you want to subscribe or unsubscribe from it, please contact us at [diversity@wsba.org](mailto:diversity@wsba.org).

## GOOD READS

TIME | [As Coronavirus Spreads, So Does Xenophobia and Anti-Asian Racism](#)  
Healing Justice | [Coronavirus: Wisdom from a Social Justice Lens](#)

## WSBA NEWS

### [WSBA RESPONDS TO CORONAVIRUS](#)

**Join a Bar Committee, Board or Panel:** Apply now to serve on one of the WSBA's committees, boards or panels, including the [Diversity Committee](#). Committee service gives you an opportunity to contribute to the legal community and your profession, a chance to get involved with issues you care about, and a way to connect with other lawyers around the state. For more information visit [here](#).

**Seeking APEX Award Nominations:** The WSBA is accepting nominations for the 2020 APEX Awards. Consider nominating a colleague or co-worker in one of eleven categories, including Outstanding Young Lawyer and Pro Bono & Public Service. You may nominate someone in more than one category. Please see the [APEX Awards webpage](#) for more information. The deadline for nominations is Monday, March 23, 2020.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

**Spring Blossom Fellowship:** The Asian Bar Association of Washington is excited to announce the return of the Spring Blossom Fellowship for 2020! The fellowship will provide one grant of up to \$5,000 to a law student (Gonzaga, SU, or UW) who will be working with a public interest/service organization during the Summer of 2020 to advance the rights of women and/or immigrants. The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25. [More information here.](#)

**JustLead WA's state-wide Virtual People of Color Caucus in 2020:** [JustLead](#) is planning to hold virtual meeting spaces for People of Color across the state to connect. If you do not have in-person caucusing opportunities near you or who simply would like to connect with folks across the state, let us know and sign-up [here](#). Please contact Omid Bagheri ([omidb@justleadwa.org](mailto:omidb@justleadwa.org)) with any questions.

## JustLead WA's Bi-Monthly Racial Justice Caucus for White Women (Seattle)

Contact [jenniferw@justleadwa.org](mailto:jenniferw@justleadwa.org) for information on the next meeting that will take place in Seattle, WA.

Upcoming Events – Please note the many event cancelations/postponements below:	
<b>March 12</b> <i>Wenatchee</i>	<b>POSTPONED-Equity and Justice Mixer</b>   The Access to Justice Board and WSBA has decided to postpone this event due the growing number of COVID-19 cases around the state and an increasing number of government entities recommending that any large events and meetings be cancelled. We will update our diversity-stakeholders list serve members with a new date once it has been scheduled.
<b>March 14</b> <i>Tacoma</i>	<b>WYLC New and Young Lawyer Social</b>   The <a href="#">Washington Young Lawyers Committee</a> (WYLC) cordially invites WSBA members (both new and experienced) and law students to mix and mingle at the <a href="#">the 7 Seas Brewing and Tap Room</a> . <b>Please RSVP</b> by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.
<b>March 17</b> <i>Yakima</i>	<b>POSTPONED- Pathways to the Bench</b>   Interested in becoming a judge? This CLE will help guide your down that path. Judicial officers with a wide variety of professional and life experiences will share their journeys to appointment and election.
<b>March 18</b> <i>Spokane</i>	<b>POSTPONED-Bridging the Gavel Gap</b>   The Judicial Institute, in partnership with Seattle University School of Law, join The Center for Civil & Human Rights at Gonzaga School of Law to present: Bridging the Gavel Gap, Exploring the Journey to the Bench. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres served in the Fairhurst Room immediately following the program.
<b>March 18</b> <i>Spokane</i>	<b>Women Lead Spokane 2020</b>   This event includes a dynamic lineup of informative presentations, skill-building workshops, networking opportunities, and inspirational speakers. <a href="#">Register here.</a>
<b>March 19-20</b> <i>Olympia or conference call</i>	<b>WSBA Board of Governors Meeting</b>   The Board of Governors is the governing body of the WSBA that determines the general policies of the Bar and approves its budget each year. Meeting materials and more information can be found <a href="#">here.</a>
<b>March 20</b> <i>Seattle</i>	<b>POSTPONED-LBAW 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala</b>   More information coming soon <a href="#">here.</a>
<b>March 27</b> <i>Seattle</i>	<b>POSTPONED-The QLaw 15th Annual Banquet</b>   More information coming soon <a href="#">here</a>
<b>March 31</b> <i>Webcast</i>	<b>Legal Lunchbox™ Series: Legal Responses to Hate Crimes in the Pacific Northwest</b>   Please join us for a free CLE where civil rights practitioners will discuss legal strategies and responses to hate crimes in the Pacific Northwest. Faculty will provide a historic context and highlight current legal strategies to combat the surge of hate crimes and white nationalist activity in our region. <a href="#">Register here.</a>

<b>April 1</b> <i>Seattle or Teleconference</i>	<b>REJI Partner Meeting</b>   <a href="#">Washington Race Equity and Justice Initiative</a> partner meetings are bi-monthly and open to the public. <a href="#">More information here.</a>
<b>April 7</b> <i>Seattle</i>	<b>VABAW 7th Annual Mentorship Event</b>   Enjoy an evening of FOOD and DRINKS with practitioners across diverse practices and get matched with attorney mentors who share your professional interests. <a href="#">More information here</a>
<b>April 8</b> <i>Seattle</i>	<b>Microaggressions: Finding a Better Pathway</b>   R.I.S.E. and Reverb DEI present a workshop on microaggressions and their connection to implicit bias through reflection, self-analysis and hands-on activities. Approved for 3.75 Ethics credits. <b>Register <a href="#">here.</a></b>