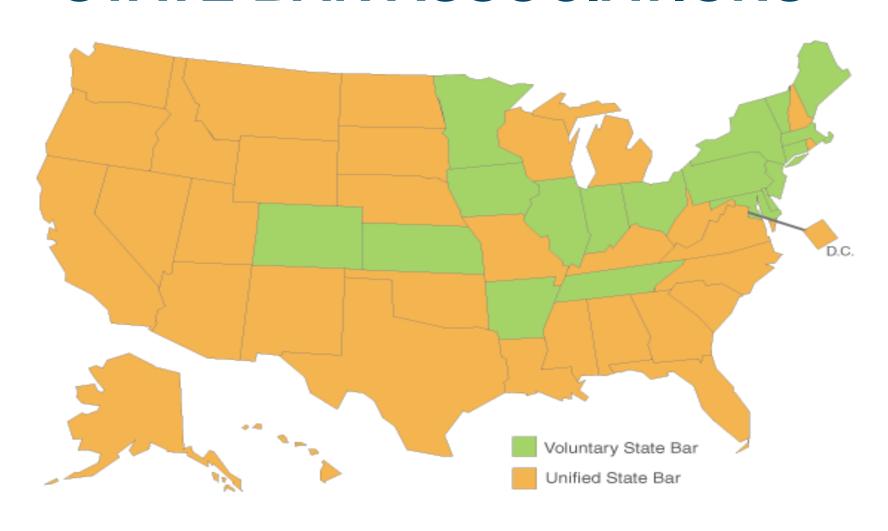


# NEW GOVERNOR ORIENTATION



# WELCOME!

### STATE BAR ASSOCIATIONS



#### **WSBA MISSION STATEMENT**

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

#### WSBA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The WSBA will operate a well-managed association that supports its members and advances and promotes:

Access to the justice system;

Focus: Provide training and leverage community partnerships in order to enhance a culture of service for legal professionals to give back to their communities, with a particular focus on services to underserved low and moderate income people.

Diversity, equality, and cultural understanding throughout the legal community;

Focus: Work to understand the lay of the land of our legal community and provide tools to members and employers in order to enhance the retention of minority legal professionals in our community.

- ► The public's understanding of the rule of law and its confidence in the legal system;

  Focus: Educate youth and adult audiences about the importance of the three branches of government and how they work together.
- A fair and impartial judiciary; and
- ► The ethics, civility, professionalism, and competency of the Bar.

#### **MISSION FOCUS AREAS**

#### **Ensuring Competent and Qualified Legal Professionals**

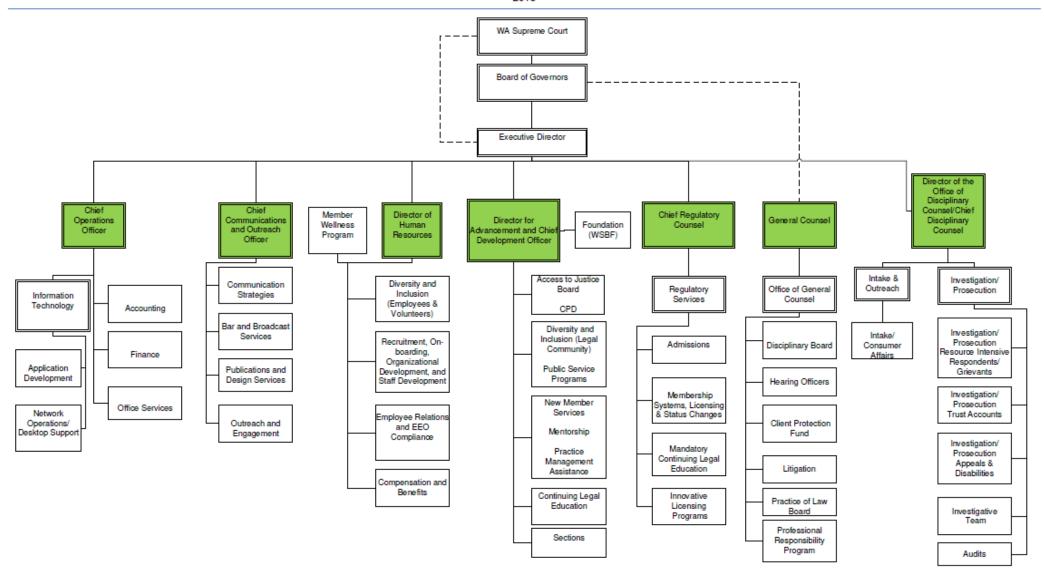
- Cradle to Grave
- Regulation and Assistance

#### Promoting the Role of Legal Professionals in Society

- Service
- Professionalism

#### Washington State Bar Association Functional Organizational Chart

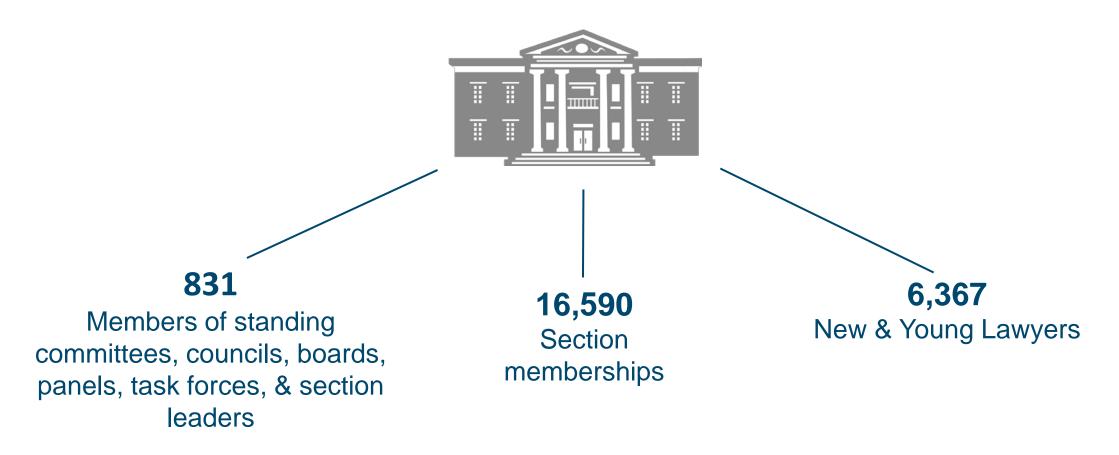
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#### THE WASHINGTON STATE BAR IS...

40,221 Active WSBA Members (Lawyers, LLLTs, LPOs)



#### WASHINGTON SUPREME COURT

#### REGULATORY FUNCTIONS (administered by WSBA)

#### Court-Created Boards (Court-appointed)

- Access to Justice
- Disciplinary
- · Limited License Legal Technician
- Limited Practice
- Mandatory Continuing Legal Education
- · Practice of Law

#### Court-Created Boards (Board of Governors-appointed)

- Bar Examiners
- Character and Fitness
- Law Clerk
- Client Protection Fund

#### Other Discipline-Related Entities

- Hearing Officer List (Court-appointed)
- Disciplinary Selection Panel (Court-appointed)
- Adjunct Disciplinary Counsel Panel (Board of Governors-appointed)
- Discipline Advisory Round Table (joint venture of the WSBA and the Supreme Court)

#### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

#### **BOG Committees**

- Awards
- Budget & Audit
- Executive
- Legislative
- Nominations
- Personnel
- WSBA Mission

Performance & Review

WSBA Foundation 501(c)(3)

#### WSBA Committees

- Continuing Legal Education
- Court Rules and Procedures
- Diversity\*
- Editorial Advisory
- Judicial Recommendation
- Legislative Review
- Pro Bono and Public Service
- Professional Ethics
- Washington Young Lawyers

#### Other

- Sections (29)
- Council on Public Defense
- Civil Litigation Rules
   Drafting Task Force
- Mandatory Malpractice Insurance Task Force

\* Includes both WSSA and SOC members

### WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

#### Entity Chart

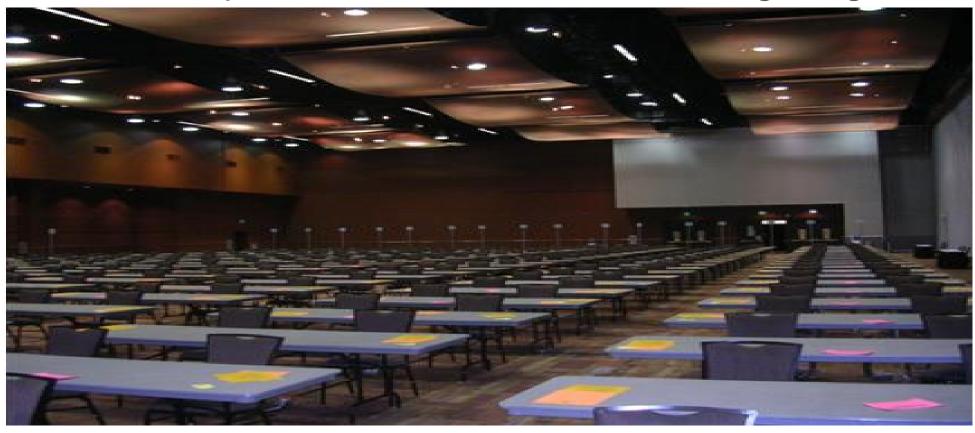
WSBA operates under the delegated authority of the Washington Supreme Court to license the state's nearly 40,000 legal professionals

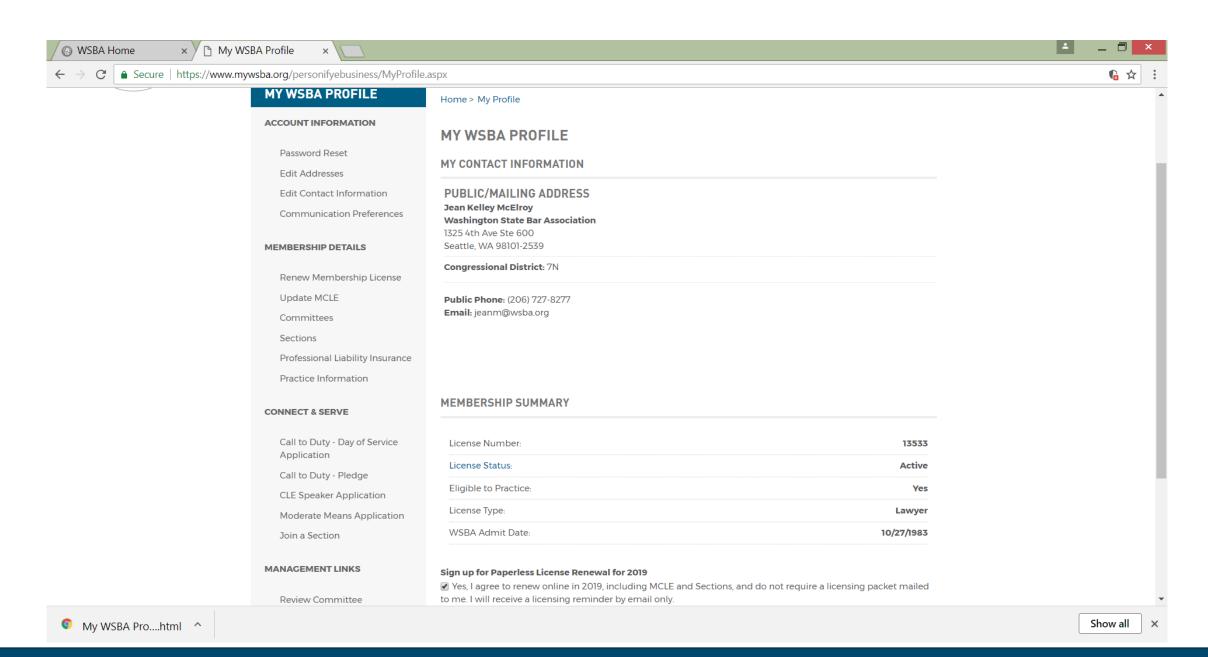
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## REGULATORY SERVICES

#### REGULATORY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

All Member Admissions, Licensing, MCLE, Membership Database, Innovative Licensing Programs



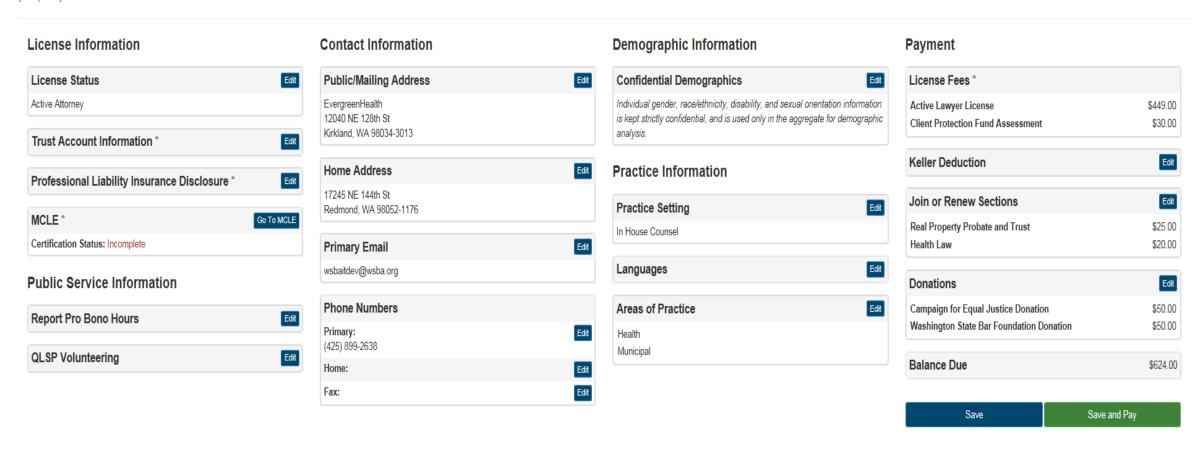


#### LICENSING DASHBOARD

2018 Licensing Status: Incomplete

Why is my licensing renewal incomplete?

[ \* required ]



Deadline: Thursday, February 1, 2018

#### REGULATORY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### **Regulatory and Supreme Court Boards**

**WSBA Regulatory Boards Board of Bar Examiners Character and Fitness Board APR 6 Law Clerk Board** 

**Supreme Court Regulatory Boards Administered by WSBA Limited Practice Board (LPOs)** Limited License Legal Technicians Board (LLLTs) **Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board** (MCLE)

## DISCIPLINE

#### **GR 12.2 WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION PURPOSES**

12.2(a)(7): "[T]he Washington State Bar Association strives to ... [a]dminister ... discipline of its members in a manner that protects the public and respects the rights of the ... member."

Limited Practice
Officers

Lawyers

Members are:

Limited License Legal
Technicians

# WSBA OFFICE OF OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

- Answers public inquiries and informally resolves disputes
- Receives, reviews, and may investigate grievances
- Recommends disciplinary action or dismissal
- Diverts grievances involving less serious misconduct
- Recommends disability proceedings
- Presents cases to discipline-system adjudicators

## CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidential

- Grievances (until hearing or admonition ordered)
- Disability proceedings

Public

- Pending disciplinary proceedings
- Sanctions
- Admonitions issued after January 1, 2014
- Interim suspensions

#### FORMAL PROCEEDINGS

# REVIEW COMMITTEES

(OF THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD)

- Review recommendations for proceedings
- Order matters to hearing

#### HEARING OFFICER

- Conducts evidentiary hearings and other proceedings
- Conducts settlement conferences
- Approves stipulations to admonition and reprimand

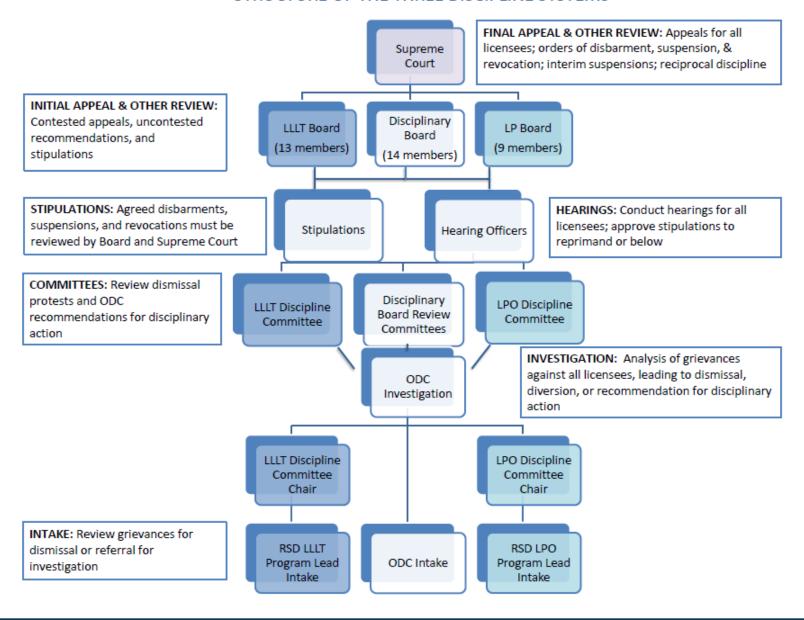
#### DISCIPLINARY BOARD

- Intermediate appellate body
- Reviews hearing records and stipulations

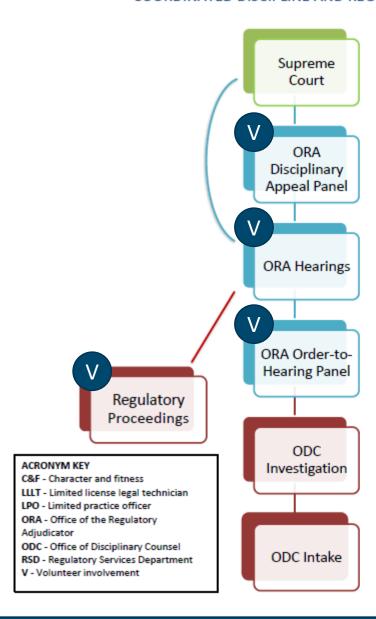
#### SUPREME COURT

- Administers the system
- Final appellate review
- Orders sanctions, interim suspensions, and reciprocal discipline

#### STRUCTURE OF THE THREE DISCIPLINE SYSTEMS



#### COORDINATED DISCIPLINE AND REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS SYSTEM



# OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

#### OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

#### Advice and Representation

- Organization
- ED
- **Staff** (as needed in course of employment)
- BOG
- **Volunteers** (as needed from activities in service to WSBA)

#### **Adjudicative Process of the Discipline System**

- Adjudication (Hearing Officers, Chief Hearing Officer)
- Appeals and Reviews (Disciplinary Board, records to Supreme Court)
- Conflicts (Conflict Review Officers)
- Assigned Counsel (Counsel for Respondents in Disability Proceedings)

# OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL SUPREME COURT BOARDS (2 OF 6)

#### **Disciplinary Board**

- Review Committees review hearing recommendations and other matters from Office of Disciplinary Counsel
- Review Stipulations between Respondents and Disciplinary Counsel
- Review and Hear Appeals from Hearing Officer Decisions

#### **Practice of Law Board**

- Consider and recommend to the Supreme Court ways in which people who are not lawyers can engage in activities that otherwise constitute the practice of law
- Receive and review unauthorized practice of law (UPL) complaints for referral to law enforcement

#### OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

#### **Services for Members and Public**

- Professional Responsibility Program, including ethics line and presentations
- Practice of Law Board
- Public Records (general and public discipline records)
- Client Protection Fund

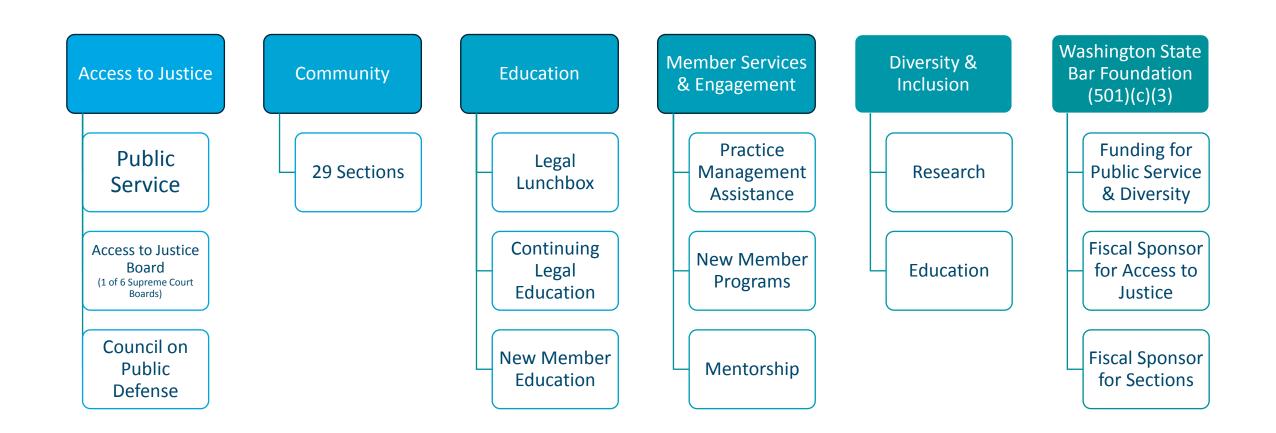
#### **Support for Sections, Committees and Task Forces**

- Advice and Counsel
  - BOG Legislative Committee, Committee on Professional Ethics, Court Rules Committee, etc.
- Compliance
- Drafting (Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, GR 9 Statements)

## ADVANCEMENT

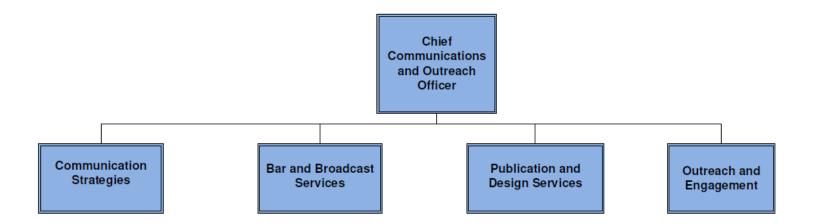


# Advancing the profession through education, community, and service toward a more accessible and equitable justice system



#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH**

#### Communications and Outreach



## HUMAN RESOURCES



#### MEMBER WELLNESS PROGRAM

#### WASHINGTON STATE

- WSBA Connects- Statewide wellness benefit for all WSBA members.
- Work + Wellness Webcasts and educational programs.
- Group Offerings and consultations- individual and group (inperson and on-line) job seeking and career transition assistance.
- Phone consultation and referral service.
- Peer advisor support services.

# FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### **Finance and Administration**



**Finance** 



**Facilities** 

Response

**Technology** 

Safety/DR

Весичел

### HOW THE FY19 *GENERAL FUND* EXPENSE BUDGET SUPPORTS WSBA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

**Total FY19 expense budget:** \$23.6 M

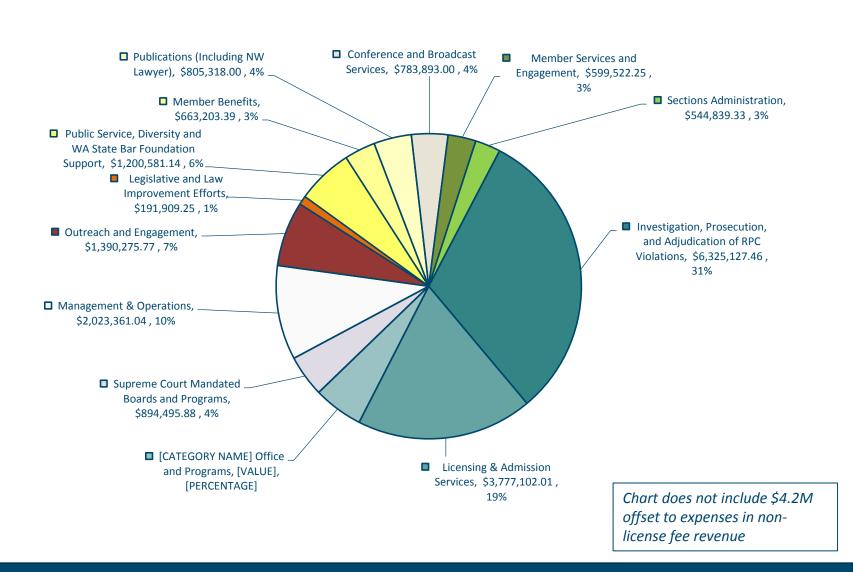
#### **Breakdown by Fund:**

1. General Fund: \$20.3 M

2. <u>Client Protection Fund</u>: \$668,210

3. <u>Sections Fund</u>: \$841,737

4. <u>CLE Fund</u>: \$1.8 M



## QUESTIONS?