

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Advancement Department

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Functions:

- Professional Responsibility Program
- Member Wellness Program
- Practice Management Assistance
- Continuing Legal Education
- Webcasting & Video Production Services
- New Member Programs and Education
- Member Benefits Administration
- Mentorship
- Rural Practice Project
- Sections Administration

Committees, Board, Panels:

Small Town and Rural Committee (STAR) - committed to strengthen and support the practice of law in the rural communities throughout Washington state.

Committee on Professional Ethics - issues advisory opinions to address recurring or emerging ethics issues facing WSBA members.

CLE Committee – advises the WSBA CLE team on seminar topics, trends, and quality.

Washington Young Lawyer Committee – helps to connect new and young lawyers to resources, support, and information.

Legal Technology Task Force - (1) assesses the legal technology landscape, identifying threats and opportunities across various legal sectors, and (2) makes recommendations that support and strengthen the use of technology in members' practice, emphasizing effective, efficient, and ethical use of technology that enhances equitable access to justice.

Member Wellbeing Task Force - seeks to (1) study well-being among WSBA members and the broader legal community in Washington and (2) makes recommendations to enhance well-being for those same individuals and thereby improve the provision of legal services.

When will you hear from Advancement at BOG meetings?

- Proposed rules, bylaw changes, and recommendations from the sections and above committees and boards.
- Periodic reports regarding WSBA recent and current strategic goals, including provision of relevant and valuable resources to members.
- Requests or recommendations regarding significant changes to the direction or delivery of programs within the Department.

What is the BOG's role in ensuring success of this work?

- Answer policy questions.
- Help members understand the ways in which this work is a resource to them.
- Provide strategic direction and clarity to the entities that support this work.