

**Washington State Bar Association
Construction Law Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 2025 — 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**

Held via Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 278 968 886 065 3
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Agenda

- Welcome
- Approval of October Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report and Ideas for Fund Allocation
 - Potential funding ideas:
 - Subsidize full-day seminar costs for members and young lawyers.
 - Provide scholarships for law students.
 - Continue discussion.
 - Support educational projects (youth courts, mock trial, law school programs).
 - Enhance membership resources (newsletter, website, publications).
- Spokane CLE – January 22, 2026
 - Final decision whether to proceed with this event?
 - Confirmed speakers?
 - MOU/Gonzaga Use Agreement/Liability Insurance?
- Subcommittee Updates and Assignments
 - CLE Committee: R. English, B. Sinner, and S. Millstein
 - Topics:
 - Potential Idea: Avenues to payment, structured as an arc that starts with contract remedies and moves through statutory remedies (stop payment notices, liens, payment bonds, retainage claims, etc.), then covers recovery options under insurance, and finally addresses situations involving receivership or owner bankruptcy.
 - Athan Tramountanas – Legislative Update
 - Paul Cressman and Joshua Lane – Case Law Update
 - Judicial Panel – Hon. James E. (Jim) Rogers may be traveling and unable to participate, but is willing to assist in lining up replacements.
 - Chad Allred – Ethics
 - Lifetime Achievement Award: Considering Tom Wolfendale or Kerry Lawrence. Other ideas?
 - Host Firm: Seyfarth?

- Honorarium gift motion passed for Seyfarth representative for CLE assistance. S. Millstein?
- DEI Committee: M. Yamada, S. Millstein, and J. Leary
- Elections Committee: M. Yamada, B. Sinner, and E. Brown
- Law School Outreach / Lunch with Lawyers: Travis Colburn and Rita Kutsin
- Legislative Committee: Erin Varriano and Jackie Jensen Erler
- Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: S. Millstein
 - Change to Awards Committee?
- Newsletter Committee: Evan Brown and William Young
 - Plan for three newsletters. Dates?
- Social Event Committee: Erin Varriano and Travis Colburn (?)
 - In person meeting next month
 - EC Dinner?
 - Kraken game?
- Community Outreach: Seth Millstein
 - Contacted Sound Foundation regarding volunteer opportunities; no immediate openings, follow-up planned.
 - Discussing possible donation recipients related to construction law or law schools.
- Social Media: Cynthia Park and Rita Kutsin
 - Posts ongoing, including newsletter and mid-year report.
- Conclusion
 - Discussion of new cases or statutes.
 - Additional comments or announcements.

**WSBA Construction Law Section
Executive Committee Roster (2025–2026)**

Officers:

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Attendance

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