

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## WSBA ENTITY ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2021: October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

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

**Instructions:** In accordance with the WSBA Bylaws, Committees, Other Bar Entities (excluding Regulatory Boards<sup>1</sup>), Councils, and Sections must submit an annual report to the Executive Director. The information below should reflect the activities and outcomes from the fiscal year October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. Information in the annual report will be provided to the Executive Director and Board of Governors, and may be published for other purposes, such as *Bar News*, volunteer recruitment messaging, and other WSBA activity-based reporting.

It is recommended that completion of the annual report be a collaborative effort with members of your entity, the BOG liaison, and staff liaison.

**Submission Deadline is Friday, December 3:** please submit by emailing to Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor [carolynm@wsba.org](mailto:carolynm@wsba.org).

<b>Name of Entity:</b>	Elder Law Section
<b>Chair or Co-Chairs:</b>	Miriam Ayoub
<b>Staff Liaison:</b> (include name, job title, and department if known)	Carolyn MacGregor, Section Program Specialist
<b>Board of Governors Liaison:</b>	Carla Higginson
<b>Purpose of Entity:</b> <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	

(1) Improve WSBA members' understanding of the legal needs of older adults in Washington; (2) Create a cooperative structure through which WSBA members can work together to better understand Elder Law issues and effective problem solving approaches; (3) Provide legal assistance to older adults in Washington; (4) Serve as a liaison between the WSBA, BOG, Section members and other organizations serving older adults; and (5) Facilitate opportunities for research, advocacy and publications in the field of Elder Law.

### Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:

**The Elder Law Section: (1) hosts regular CLE programs on issues impacting older adults; (2) monitors legislation impacting older adults and shares information with members; (3) maintains an active listserv for section members to collaborate and consult on elder law issues; (4) holds monthly meetings for the executive committee that include the WSBA staff liaison and BOG liaison;**

and (5) sponsors a summer intern to provide legal assistance to low-income seniors at a nonprofit legal aid organization.

**How does the entity's purpose help further the mission of the WSBA "to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice"?**

The Section provides legal education, advice and consultation, and legislative updates with members. The Section sponsors a legal intern to provide free legal services at a nonprofit legal services organization.

**2020-2021 Entity Accomplishments:**

The Elder Law Section: (1) hosted regular CLE programs (at least 2x/year) on issues impacting older adults; (2) monitored legislation impacting older adults, shared information with members, and provided comment to the legislature when necessary; (3) maintained an active listserv for section members to collaborate and consult on elder law issues; (4) held monthly meetings for the executive committee that included the WSBA staff liaison and BOG liaison; and (5) sponsored a summer intern to provide legal assistance to low-income seniors at a nonprofit legal aid organization.

**Looking Ahead: 2021-2022 Top Goals & Priorities:**

- 1 Provide educational opportunities for Section members
- 2 Maintain an active Section listserv for mentorship, collaboration and consultation
- 3 Sponsor a legal intern at a non-profit legal aid organization
- 4 Monitor legislation impacting older adults and engage Section members in legislative information-sharing and comment when appropriate
- 5 Collaborate with WSBA, BOG and Washington State Bar Foundation to achieve goals

**Please report how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion:**

*How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in your decision-making? What have you done to promote a culture of inclusion within the board or committee? What has your committee/board done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession? Other?*

The Section sponsors a legal intern to work with a Washington legal services organization. Internships at legal services organizations are traditionally unpaid, which means the intern must have a separate source of income or support to participate. Therefore, these internships are not available to many students and disproportionately unavailable to BIPOC students. Sponsorship by the Section opens the opportunity to all students and encourages a more diverse and inclusive pool of applicants. In addition, the Section leadership has regular discussion about strategies for making the Section open and available to all WSBA members in an effort to create a more diverse and inclusive Section.

**Please describe the relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.**

*For example:*

- Quality of WSBA staff support/services

- *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison*
- *Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.*

**The Section has a good working relationship with liaisons from WSBA, BOG and Washington State Bar Foundation. Our liaisons have been very involved in Section activities and business and extremely helpful to Section leaders.**

<b>SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2020-2021 member benefits:</b>  <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</i></li> <li>• <i>4 mini-CLEs produced</i></li> </ul>	0	Newsletters/publications produced
	0	Mini-CLEs produced
	2	Co-sponsored half-day, <b>full-day</b> and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
	0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity
	On hold due to COVID-19	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	0	Recognitions/Awards given
	On hold due to COVID-19	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	0	Other (please describe):

**Entity Detail Report:  
To Be Completed by WSBA Staff**

<b>Size of Entity:</b>	16 (including Young Lawyer Liaison)
<b>Membership Size: (for Sections Only)</b> <i>(As of September 30, 2021)</i>	628
<b>Number of Applicants for FY22 Positions</b> <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	12 (including Young Lawyer Liaison)
<b>How many current volunteer position vacancies for this entity?</b>	0
<b>FY21 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only:</b> <i>As of September 30, 2021</i>	\$33,805
<b>Direct Expenses:</b>  <i>As of September 30, 2021. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-</i>	\$510

October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 (FY21)

<i>Charge.</i>	
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<sup>1</sup>The Access to Justice Board (not regulatory, but applicable to the distinction herein) and Regulatory Boards (Disciplinary Board, LLLT Board, Limited Practice Board, MCLE Board and Practice of Law Board) are not required by Bylaws or Court Rule submit an annual report to WSBA. However, as part of the administration of monitoring of Regulatory Boards, the Boards listed herein typically provide an annual report to the Court and WSBA should be provided this same report an annual basis.