

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WSBA ENTITY ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2022: October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

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 Boards¹), 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, 2021 – September 30, 2022. 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 Monday, October 17: Please submit by emailing to Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor at carolynm@wsba.org.

Name of Entity:	Cannabis Law Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Alexis Hartwell-Gobeske
Staff Liaison: <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
Board of Governors Liaison:	Erik Kaeding, Mary Rathbone
Purpose of Entity: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
The sections mission is to: provide education for its members on legal topics related to cannabis law; provide opportunities for engagement and networking for members; provide a forum for discussion about topics of common interest to members; provide advice to the bar on proposed legislation, court rules and other matters; provide resources and education to regulators and legislators; provide such other services as benefit the public and the bar.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
Provide valuable CLE opportunities, hold monthly open section meeting that include discussion of current legal topics in the cannabis industry, provide a resources page as a valuable resource for members, and host an annual meeting of the members to facilitate discussion and obtain member feedback.	

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 furthers the mission of the board by hosting educational programming, networking events, and providing informational resources to its members. These actions assist with developing well informed, capable and highly competent legal practitioners within the field of cannabis law which aids integrity within the legal profession and serves the public.

2021 -2022 Entity Accomplishments:

The section increased member involvement by increasing and filling the number of EC position. A larger executive committee provides a wider range of ideas and perspectives. The section also hosted multiple mini-CLE seminars that were well attended and held monthly open meeting for the benefit of the section for planning and housekeeping purposes and the members as a forum for discussion of legal topics relevant to the members.

Looking Ahead: 2022-2023 Top Goals & Priorities:

1	Increase the number of CLE seminars
2	Curate educational and networking opportunities for attorneys new to the practice of cannabis law
3	Seek input from the membership about possibly broadening the scope of section to include additional highly regulated and emerging industries
4	Maintain and update the Resources page
5	Foster diversity, equity, and inclusion within the section

Please describe 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 encourages diversity among its executive committee and membership – the executive committee is currently comprised of diverse individuals - those new to the practice of law, practitioners located in diverse areas of the state whose practice might vary from those in the greater Seattle area, and various age groups. The diverse makeup of the executive committee fosters a wide breadth of perspectives and opinions that help the section develop valuable and inclusive programming for its members. The section continues to make diversity and inclusion a priority at the executive committee level and within the membership as a whole and encourages the bar to provide suggestions as to how we can take further action to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds.

Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA.

For example:

- *Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions*

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

Carolyn MacGregor has been a wonderful resource for our section and has assisted the section through bylaw amendments, creating additional committee positions, and currently discussions on broadening the section scope. The board of governors liaison was not significantly involved in our section. The section holds monthly meetings and the section liaison can take a more active role by attending our meetings.

SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2021-2022 member benefits:

For example:

- *\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;*
- *4 mini-CLEs produced*

0	Newsletters/publications produced
2	Mini-CLEs produced
0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day 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
0	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
0	Recognitions/Awards given
0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
Annual member meeting: 1	Other (please describe):
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SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2021-2022 legislative activity.

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

Size of Entity:	9
Membership Size: (for Sections Only) <i>(As of September 30, 2022)</i>	72
Number of Applicants for FY23 <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	9
Number of current volunteer vacancies for this entity	0
FY22 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2022</i>	\$1,798.57
Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2022. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member- Charge.</i>	\$1,359.75

¹ Supreme Court Boards (Access to Justice Board, Disciplinary Board, LLLT Board, Limited Practice Board, MCLE Board and Practice of Law Board) provide annual reports to WSBA to support its responsibility under [GR 12.3](#), to provide oversight and monitor compliance with applicable rules and orders. Boards have the option to use the WSBA template or to share their annual reports to the Washington Supreme Court.