

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

SECTION ANNUAL REPORT – 2019

Deadline: Friday, December 6, 2019

Email Annual Report to: sections@wsba.org

Name of the Section:	Indian Law Section	
Chair:	Ann Tweedy	
Section Information: <i>*To be completed by WSBA*</i>	Membership Size: <i>(As of December 15, 2019)</i>	346
	Staff Lead:	Eleen Trang
	BOG Liaison:	Hunter Abell
	FY19 revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2019</i>	\$9,441.65
	FY19 direct expenses (\$): <i>(As of September 30, 2019; does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$2,891.75
Purpose:	<p>As described in our Bylaws, the Indian Law Section’s purpose is to seek the participation of all interested members of the Bar, and of county and local bar associations, in order to benefit such members, their clients and the general public: (a) By providing the opportunity for exchange of ideas in the area of Indian law; to further the development of this area of the law; to communicate useful information pertaining to Indian law to members of the Bar; and to improve the application of justice in this field, all in conformity with the Bylaws of the Bar; (b) By initiating and implementing common projects; (c) By review of pending legislation and development of proposed statutory enactments to improve and to facilitate the administration of justice within the Section's area of interest; (d) undertaking such other service as may be of benefit to the members, the legal profession and the public.</p>	
2019 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:	<p>In 2019, we held our annual CLE on May 10 at the WSBA headquarters, followed by a joint NIBA-ILS reception. We served as a sponsor the Spokane County Bar Association Indian Law CLE in</p>	

	February. We contributed to Northwest Indian Bar Association in support of its charitable activities, particularly its Urban Indian Legal Clinic. We published our newsletter last spring and have the next issue in progress.	
<p>Please quantify your section's current member benefits:</p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	Quantity	Member Benefit
	6,250	Scholarships, donations, grants awarded
	1	Law school outreach events/benefits hosted
		Legislative bills reviewed/drafted
	1	Newsletters produced
		Mini-CLEs produced
	1	Co-sponsored half/day to multi-day CLEs with WSBA
	2	Receptions/forums hosted
		Awards given
		New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	Other (please describe):	
<p>2020 Goals & Priorities (Top 5)</p>	1	Hosting of Spring CLE
	2	Law School outreach and other mentoring activities
	3	Donation to NIBA to fund Urban Indian Clinic
	4	Hosting of holiday party and other receptions
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<p>Please report how this section is addressing diversity:</p> <p>(Are you using any of the tools provided by WSBA and if so, how? Have you sought out training or consultation from the Diversity Specialist? 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 section done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession?)</p> <p>The Indian Law Section is fortunate that diversity is part and parcel of our mission. Native attorneys are often drawn to Indian law and frequently take leadership roles in the Section. For instance, both the Immediate Past Chair and the Secretary are tribal citizens, as are some At Large members. We welcome members of other under-represented groups as well but do not have records of how many are in leadership roles. However, there are at least two LGBT members in leadership positions. We have taken steps to pursue various types of mentorship</p>		

programs but haven't gotten them off the ground at this time.

Please report how this section is addressing professionalism:

(Does the section's work promote respect and civility within the legal community? Does it seek to improve relationships between and among lawyers, judges, staff and clients? Does it raise awareness about the causes and/or consequences of unprofessional behavior?)

The Indian law community in Washington is close knit and problems of lack of professionalism within our community are infrequent. We further professionalism indirectly by fostering interconnectedness in the community. We have occasionally host panels that relate to professionalism at our CLE.

Please report how this section is integrating new and young lawyers into its work:

(How have you brought new and young lawyers into your decision making process? Has the section supported new and young lawyers by (for example) helping to find and prepare them for employment, assisting with debt management, building community, and providing leadership opportunities?)

Yes, we have young lawyers in leadership positions.

Please describe your Executive Committee's relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.

For example:

- *Quality of WSBA staff support/services provided to Section Executive Committee*
- *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison*
- *Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support services to sections.*

We ask questions of WSBA staff and receive information from them. The BOG liaison requested to attend our monthly meetings and has begun to do so.



Note: Annual Reports will be provided to the WSBA Executive Director, Board of Governors and posted on your section's webpage. We encourage you to share the Annual Report with your BOG liaison and section membership.

Reports are scheduled to be included in the January 2020 BOG Meeting Materials.

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