

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WSBA SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2025: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

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^j), 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, 2024 – September 30, 2025. 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, October 17: please submit by emailing to Carolyn MacGregor (carolynm@wsba.org).

Name of Section:	Indian Law Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Andrew T. Pollom
Staff Liaison: (include name, job title, and department if known)	Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist, Advancement Department
Board of Governors Liaison:	Christopher Bhang
Purpose: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
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.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
(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) By undertaking such other service as may be of benefit to the members, the legal profession and the public.	

How does the section'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 ILS works each year to ensure that members interested in Indian law have opportunities to further their knowledge and network together. Indigenous communities are often underserved, so championing justice is at the core of every Indian law attorney's work. ILS allows those attorneys to network together and learn for the purpose of serving those communities	
Top 2024-2025 Section Accomplishments:	
The Section held its 37th Annual Indian Law CLE in May in partnership with the Tulalip Tribes of Washington and Stokes Lawrence LLP. This year was the first time the CLE was held outside of Seattle and in partnership with a local Native Nation. This continues to generate a great amount of revenue for the section, which allows the section to provide scholarships and other services to the greater Indian Law community.	
The Section provided financial assistance to Native American Law Student Association (NALSA) groups at Seattle University School of Law, University of Washington School of Law, Gonzaga School of Law, the Northwest Indian College, and to the SU and UW scholarship funds. Funds were utilized for attendance at Moot Court competitions and scholarships for members. The Section also sponsored a table at the UW NALSA Salmon Bingo Dinner and the UW Law annual symposium.	
In April 2025, the Indian Law Newsletter was published for the first time in five years.	
In December 2024, the Section hosted the first holiday reception since the COVID pandemic.	
Next Fiscal Year: 2025-2026 Top SMART Goals & Priorities: <i>Tip: SMART Goals are: Specific Measurable, Relevant and Time-Bound</i> Use this worksheet (under 'Leadership') to develop your SMART goals and then summarize below in 1-2 sentences.	
1	Host the 38th Annual CLE
2	Click or tap here to enter text.
3	Click or tap here to enter text.
Looking Ahead: <i>Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.</i>	
1	Sponsor meet and greets for section members and law students
2	Sponsor opportunities to connect section members with native college students interested in law school
3	Sponsor meet and greets for section members and law students

Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion: <i>How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in 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 in the profession? Other?</i>	
Diversity is part and parcel of the ILS mission. Native Attorneys are often drawn to Indian law and frequently take leadership roles in the Section. For instance, the 2021-2023 Chair and Chair-Elect were both members of a tribe and approximately five at-large members are also Tribal members. The ILS welcomes members of other under-represented groups as well.	
Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA staff and leadership <i>For example:</i> • <i>Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions</i> • <i>Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison</i> • <i>Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.</i>	
Our WSBA staff liaison continues to be instrumental in our Section's success. Attendance at meetings was reliable and communication was excellent. We are well-supported by this staff member. Our contact with the Board of Governor's Liaison has improved since prior year but we think attendance to at least a few meetings annually might be useful. WSBA has significantly improved its consultation with the ILS and we appreciate being included in conversations that are about Indian Law. We hope this will continue for the benefit of all.	
Please quantify your section's 2024-2025 member benefits: <i>For example:</i> • <i>\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</i> • <i>4 mini-CLEs produced</i>	
0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
1	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity.
1	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
\$50,0000	\$ amount given through donations/scholarships/grants.
1	Newsletters/publications produced
0	Mini-CLEs produced
0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
0	Recognitions/Awards given

Sections

0		Legislative activity (Bills reviewed, tracked, proposed)
0		Other (please describe):
0		Other (please describe):
SECTION DATA <i>To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team</i>		
Section Membership Information:	364	Membership Size: <i>As of September 30, 2025.</i>
	\$22677.43	FY25 Revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2025.</i>
	\$51335.02	FY25 Direct Expenses (\$) <i>As of September 30, 2025. This does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>
Section Executive Committee Information:	12 voting/1 non-voting	Full Size of Executive Committee (per Section bylaws): <i>Include and specify voting and non-voting positions.</i>
	0	Number of Vacancies for FY26: <i>The number of vacant positions as of October 1, 2025 (FY26).</i>
	3	Number of Applicants for FY26 open positions: <i>Applications submitted in the Spring of 2025 for vacant positions and terms beginning October 1, 2025 (FY26)</i>