

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## WSBA SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

**FY 2024: October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024**

*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>j</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, 2023 – September 30, 2024. 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 11:** please submit by emailing to Carolyn MacGregor ([carolynm@wsba.org](mailto:carolynm@wsba.org)).

<b>Name of Section:</b>	Indian Law Section
<b>Chair or Co-Chairs:</b>	Brenda L. George
<b>Staff Liaison:</b> (include name, job title, and department if known)	Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist, Advancement Department
<b>Board of Governors Liaison:</b>	Sunitha Anjilvel
<b>Purpose:</b> <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.	
<b>Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:</b>	
(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.	

<b>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"?</b>	
<p>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.</p>	
<b>Top 2023 -2024 Section Accomplishments:</b>	
<p>The Section held its 36th Annual Indian Law CLE in May in partnership with the Seattle U Law Center for Indian Law and Policy and Stokes Lawrence LLP. 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.</p>	
<p>The Section partnered with WSBA to provide an Intro to Indian Law CLE. The CLE will be available on demand and provides a much needed baseline understanding of Indian law for practitioners in the state. All speakers were selected by the Section.</p>	
<p>The Section provided financial assistance to Native American Law Student Association (NALSA) groups at Seattle University School of Law and University of Washington School of Law. Funds were utilized for attendance of the annual Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference and Moot Court competitions. The Section also sponsored a table at the UW NALSA Salmon Bingo Dinner and the UW Law annual symposium.</p>	
<b>Next Fiscal Year: 2024-2025 Top SMART Goals &amp; Priorities:</b> <i>Tip: SMART Goals are: Specific Measurable, Relevant and Time-Bound</i> <u><a href="#">Use this worksheet</a></u> (under 'Leadership') to develop your SMART goals and then summarize below in 1-2 sentences.	
1	Host 37th Annual ILS CLE
2	Resurrect Indian Law Section Newsletter
3	Support Gonzaga Law students in establishment of NALSA Chapter
<b>Looking Ahead:</b> <i>Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.</i>	
1	Sponsor Mini CLEs
2	Sponsor meet and greets for section members and law students
3	Sponsor opportunities to connect section members with native college students interested in law school.
<b>Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion:</b> <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>	

<p>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.</p>		
<p><b>Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA.</b></p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions</i></li> <li>• <i>Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison</i></li> <li>• <i>Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.</i></li> </ul>		
<p><b>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.</b></p>		
<p><b>Please quantify your section's 2023-2024 member benefits:</b></p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</i></li> <li>• <i>4 mini-CLEs produced</i></li> </ul>		
1	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.	
3	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted	
\$12,500	\$ amount given through donations/scholarships/grants.	
0	Newsletters/publications produced	
0	Mini-CLEs produced	
0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits	
0	Recognitions/Awards given	
	Other (please describe):	
<p align="center"><b>SECTION DATA</b></p> <p align="center"><i>To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team</i></p>		
<b>Section Membership Information:</b>	339	<b>Membership Size:</b> (As of September 30, 2024)

## Sections

	\$26,846		<b>FY24 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only:</b> <i>As of September 30, 2024</i>
	\$27,850	\$13,500	<b>Budgeted and Direct Expenses:</b> <i>Does not include the Per-Member-Charge. For Direct Expenses, draft estimate as of December 3, 2024.</i>
<b>Section Executive Committee Information:</b>	13		<b>Size of Executive Committee:</b> <i>(include and specify voting and non-voting positions)</i>
	5		<b>Number of Vacancies for FY25:</b> <i>The number of positions with terms beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25).</i>
	8		<b>Number of Applicants for FY25:</b> <i>Applications submitted in the Spring-Summer of 2024 for terms beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25)</i>

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<sup>i</sup> 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.