

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 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, 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.

Name of Entity:	WSBA Indian Law Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Danielle Bargala Sanchez
Staff Liaison: <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
Board of Governors Liaison:	Hunter Abell
Purpose of Entity: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
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.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
Our strategy to fulfill this purpose is also in our Bylaws: (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 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 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.

2020-2021 Entity Accomplishments:

In 2021, we were able to hold our annual CLE virtually which went very well. The CLE had 82 registrants. The ILS also provided \$10,000 to the Northwest Indian Bar Association to help fund law school student scholarships including bar study scholarships. The ILS also made a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Chief Seattle Club, which is a Native-led housing and human services organization that serves urban Native people.

Looking Ahead: 2021-2022 Top Goals & Priorities:

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| 1 | Successfully host a virtual CLE |
| 2 | Expand Mentorship opportunities |
| 3 | Fund scholarships for young Native students |
| 4 | Host at least one in-person event, depending on the health of the State |
| 5 | Publish annual Newsletter |

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?

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 current Chair and Chair-Elect are both members of a tribe and at least three at-large members are members of a tribe. We welcome members of other under-represented groups as well.

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.*

Both our WSBA staff liaison and our BOG liaison attend meetings where possible. They are also both responsive to email questions, and have always provided support when asked.

SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2020-2021 member benefits: <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	Click or tap here to enter text.	Newsletters/publications produced
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Mini-CLEs produced
	1	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Recognitions/Awards given
	Click or tap here to enter text.	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	\$10,000 in scholarships, donations, grants awarded	Other (please describe):

Entity Detail & Demographics Report: <i>To Be Completed by WSBA Staff</i>	
Size of Entity:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Membership Size: (for Sections Only) <i>(As of September 30, 2021)</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Number of Applicants for FY22 <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
How many current volunteer position vacancies for this entity?	Click or tap here to enter text.
FY21 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2021</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2021. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.

Indirect Expenses:		Click or tap here to enter text.		
FY21 Demographics:				
The WSBA promotes diversity, equality, and cultural competence in the courts, legal profession, and the bar, and is committed to ensuring that its committees, boards, and panels reflect the diversity of its membership.				
Aside from the factors marked (*), demographic information was provided voluntarily and individuals had the option to not respond to any or all of the factors below.				
Disability:	Yes:	No:	No Response:	
Ethnicity:	American Indian/Native American/Alaskan Native:	Asian:	Black/African-American/African Descent:	Hispanic/Latinx:
	Middle-Eastern Descent:	Multi-Racial/Biracial:	Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian:	White/European Descent:
	Not Listed:	No response:		
Gender:	Female:	Male:	Non-Binary:	Transgender:
	Two-spirit:	Not Listed:	No Response:	
Geographic*:	District 1:	District 2:	District 3:	District 4:
	District 5:	District 6:	District 7S:	District 7N:
	District 8:	District 9:	District 10:	Other:
New/Young Lawyer*:	Yes:	No:		
Sexual Orientation:	Asexual:	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Pansexual, or Queer:	Heterosexual:	Two-spirit:
	Not Listed:	No Response:		

ⁱ 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.