

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:	WSBA Indian Law Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Danielle Bargala
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.	

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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.

2021 -2022 Entity Accomplishments:

In June 2022 we held our annual CLE virtually which was a success. The CLE had 97 registrants. The ILS also began planning a robust mentorship event to occur in FY 2023. Further, the ILS is preparing now to provide newsletter content beginning January 2023.

Looking Ahead: 2022-2023 Top Goals & Priorities:

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| 1 | Providing Mentorship to law students and young lawyers in the practice area |
| 2 | Hosting an in-person CLE |
| 3 | Publishing a newsletter at least once annually, preferably 3-4 times each year |
| 4 | Fund scholarships for young Native students |
| 5 | Streamlining handoff of board/executive board responsibilities |

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?

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 2021-2022 Chair and Chair-Elect are both members of a tribe and approximately five at-large members are also members of a tribe. The ILS welcomes members of other under-represented groups as well.

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.*

Our WSBA staff liaison has been instrumental in the success of the section. Attendance at meetings was reliable and communication was excellent. We are well-supported by this staff member. Our contact with the Board of Governors Liaison was less reliable over the last year and we hope to re-establish this connection and representation.

SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2021-2022 member benefits: <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	1	Newsletters/publications produced
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Mini-CLEs produced
	Click or tap here to enter text.	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
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	1	\$10,000 Donation to Northwest Indian Bar Association for scholarships
	Click or tap here to enter text.	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
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SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2021-2022 legislative activity.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Bills reviewed
	5	Bills tracked
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Entity Detail & Demographics Report: To Be Completed by WSBA Staff		
Size of Entity:	15	
Membership Size: (for Sections Only) <i>(As of September 30, 2022)</i>	329	

Number of Applicants for FY23 <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	4
Number of current volunteer vacancies for this entity	0
FY22 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2022</i>	\$36,090.23
Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2022. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	\$15,933.62

ⁱ 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.