

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

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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:	Intellectual Property Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Brooke W. Quist
Staff Liaison: <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
Board of Governors Liaison:	Bryn Peterson
Purpose of Entity: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
Pursuant to Section 1.01 of the IP Section's bylaws: In general, the Section strives to promote the practice of intellectual property law, including by promoting the participation of, and furthering the knowledge of, all interested members of the Bar and of other state and local bar associations, as to intellectual property law, in order to benefit the Section members, their clients and the general public.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
To that end, the Section may: (A) Provide the opportunity and forum for the interchange of ideas and education in areas of law relating to intellectual property rights, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and unfair competition, including without limitation: (1) Sponsoring and providing continuing legal education events; preparing and publishing a Section newsletter and website; and providing assistance and financial support as to the activities of other organizations	

that promote the purposes, goals, or activities of the Section; (2) Promoting the understanding of intellectual property laws through outreach activities to new Section members and law students, including by providing financial support to law students attending law schools in Washington State; (3) Promoting Section members through intellectual property-related networking, referrals, speakers' panels and press contacts; (B) Promote cooperation between sections within the Bar and between the Bar and other groups having common interests in the proper development and administration of the law relating to intellectual property rights; (C) Review, comment on, and make recommendations related to pending legislation and propose statutory enactments to improve and to facilitate the administration of justice within the Section's area of interest; (D) Promote the development of industry and the useful arts by encouraging the establishment, maintenance, respect for and utilization of intellectual property rights that fairly balance the limited monopoly enjoyed by the owner of intellectual property rights with the benefit to society derived from the creation of useful subject matter protectable by those rights; (E) Assist in familiarizing other members of the Bar with intellectual property law; and (F) Undertake such other service as may be of benefit to the Section members, the profession and the general 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 WSBA IP Section encourages ethics, civility, professionalism, and competence in its membership and provides CLEs with ethics presentations to promote the same.

2020-2021 Entity Accomplishments:

1) Put on the WSBA IP Section's 26th Annual IP Institute CLE, included nationally recognized IP practitioners, specifically the acting Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Drew Hirshfeld, and two Federal Judges, Chief Judge Stark of the District of Delaware and Justice Donato of the Northern District of California; 2) Put on an IP Timely Topics CLE (involving regionally prominent practitioners); 3) Put on an IP Licensing CLE (involving regionally prominent practitioners); 4) Put on a Mini-CLE in Eastern Washington on IP issues; 5) Provided grant to WLA for expansion of intellectual property in the arts; 6) Provided scholarships to law students at the University of Washington, Seattle University, and Gonzaga University, based on demonstrated interest in Intellectual Property law, as assessed by their respective law schools

Looking Ahead: 2021-2022 Top Goals & Priorities:

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| 1 | Provide high quality but affordable CLEs to attorneys interested in IP-focused issues. |
| 2 | Continue to grow Section membership. |
| 3 | Provide outreach to law students and new lawyers with respect to education and IP Section activities/benefits. |
| 4 | Provide scholarships to law students who show a demonstrated interest in IP law. |
| 5 | Provide networking opportunities for Section members, including new annual dinner and networking event. |

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?

The WSBA Section strives to nominate a slate of potential board member candidates from all backgrounds, ethnicities, geographies, and business structures to promote diversity and inclusion. The Section also strives to host CLEs with speakers from all backgrounds, ethnicities, and business structures. The WSBA IP Section does not discriminate in its membership. People of all backgrounds, geographic locations, and business structures (e.g., in-house, solo, general practice, boutique law firms, non IP law-practicing attorneys, and law students) are treated equitably and afforded the same opportunities to participate in all section activities.

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.*

The WSBA Section has a great relationship with the WSBA staff and the Board of Governors. The WSBA Section appreciates the support that it receives from the WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.

SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section’s 2020-2021 member benefits:

For example:

- *\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;*
- *4 mini-CLEs produced*

0	Newsletters/publications produced
1	Mini-CLEs produced
3	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity
0	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
0	Recognitions/Awards given
0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
\$8,500	Other (please describe): Scholarships, donations, grants awarded

**Entity Detail & Demographics Report:
To Be Completed by WSBA Staff**

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.
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Disability: Yes: No: No Response:</p>	
<p>Ethnicity: American Indian/Native American/Alaskan Native: Asian: Black/African-American/African Descent: Hispanic/Latinx:</p>	
<p> Middle-Eastern Descent: Multi-Racial/Biracial: Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian: White/European Descent:</p>	
<p> Not Listed: No response:</p>	
<p>Gender: Female: Male: Non-Binary: Transgender:</p>	
<p> Two-spirit: Not Listed: No Response:</p>	
<p>Geographic*: District 1: District 2: District 3: District 4:</p>	
<p> District 5: District 6: District 7S: District 7N:</p>	
<p> District 8: District 9: District 10: Other:</p>	

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.