

# WASHINGTON STATE B A R A S S O C I A T I O N

## 2020 SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

**January 1 - December 31, 2020**

*Deadline: Friday, December 4, 2020*

<b>Name of the Section:</b>	<i>JUVENILE LAW SECTION OF THE BAR</i>	
<b>Chair:</b>	<i>ANGELLE GERL AND JILL MALAT CO-CHAIRS</i>	
<b>Section Information:</b>  <i>*To be completed by WSBA Staff*</i>	Membership Size: <i>(As of December 1, 2020)</i>	140
	Staff Lead:	Eleen Trang
	BOG Liaison:	Brett Purtzer
	FY20 revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2020</i>	\$5,005.66
	FY20 direct expenses (\$): <i>(As of September 30, 2020; does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$3,878.85
<b>Purpose:</b> <i>(Usually stated in the Section's Bylaws)</i>	<b>The Juvenile Law Section provides an opportunity for legal professionals who work with juveniles and their families in child welfare, juvenile justice, and civil legal needs to meet together and work collaboratively on issues facing their clients.</b>	
<b>2020 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:</b>	<b>The section held its 2019 annual meeting on October 11, 2019, during fiscal year 2020. The annual meeting and CLE was held in Pasco, Washington, the section's first annual meeting and CLE in Eastern Washington.</b>	
	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Member Benefit</b>

<p><b>Please quantify your section's current member benefits:</b></p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</li> <li>• 4 mini-CLEs produced</li> </ul>	1	Scholarships, donations, grants awarded (\$2000 donated to a youth shelter program in Yakima county)
	0	Law school outreach events/benefits hosted
	0	Legislative bills reviewed/drafted
	0	Newsletters/publications produced
	1	Mini-CLEs produced
	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 non-WSBA entity
	0	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	0	Recognitions/Awards given
	0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	0	Other (please describe):
<p><b>Looking Ahead: Goals &amp; Priorities for 2021 (Top 5)</b></p>	1	<b>Consolidate materials into a shared Google drive to maximize efficiency and record keeping among officers and committees.</b>
	2	<b>Resume in person mini CLEs and section events when health conditions allow.</b>
	3	<b>Sponsor a mini CLE in January, 2021, along with the annual meeting.</b>
	4	<b>Consider changing meeting dates to a less confusing schedule (not the 12th of the month)</b>
	5	<b>The section will vote on changing the name of the juvenile (offender) committee to the juvenile committee.</b>
<p><b>Please report how this section is addressing diversity:</b></p> <p>(Are you using any of the tools provided by WSBA and if so, how? Have you sought out training or consultation from the Diversity Specialist? 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 section done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession?)</p> <p>The executive committee is aware that the section needs to improve its emphasis on outreach and inclusivity to our members and potential members from diverse communities. At a past annual meeting a member raised a concern about our lack of persons of color on our diversity</p>		

panel. The executive committee continues to strive to address those concerns. The section continues to monitor the WSBA's Diversity and Inclusion statistics as related to the juvenile law section.

**Please report how this section is addressing professionalism:**

(Does the section's work promote respect and civility within the legal community? Does it seek to improve relationships between and among lawyers, judges, staff and clients? Does it raise awareness about the causes and/or consequences of unprofessional behavior?)

The Executive Committee strives to incorporate members on the committee from a variety of professional backgrounds - from defense to prosecution, attorney general, civil legal aid and youth attorneys. The executive committee works together to promote good working relationships between the members, that in turn assists our work together in the broader justice system.

**Please report how this section is integrating new and young lawyers into its work:**

(How have you brought new and young lawyers into your decision making process? Has the section supported new and young lawyers by (for example) helping to find and prepare them for employment, assisting with debt management, building community, and providing leadership opportunities?)

The section has a young lawyer representative on the executive committee. There is more work needed to integrate our young lawyer representative into the activities of the section and to make the section's work relevant and meaningful to our YL Representative.

**Please describe your Executive Committee's relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.**

*For example:*

- *Quality of WSBA staff support/services provided to Section Executive Committee*
- *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison*

- *Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support services to sections.*

The WSBA's section liaison, Eelen Trang is invited to the monthly executive committee meetings, the annual meeting, and executive committee events, when they occur. Ms. Trang regularly attends section meetings. Ms. Trang has assisted the section with a wide variety of projects and has been very supportive to and helpful with section issues.

**Note:** Annual Reports will be provided to the WSBA Executive Director and Board of Governors and will be posted on your section's webpage. We encourage you to share the Annual Report with your BOG liaison and section membership.

Reports are scheduled to be included in the January 2021 BOG Meeting Materials.

**Return by December 4, 2020 to [eleent@wsba.org](mailto:eleent@wsba.org)**