

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:	Legal Assistance to Military Personnel Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Stephen Carpenter
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>	
To benefit members of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) and the general public by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing liaisons between the WSBA, the Armed Forces of the United States, and federal, state and local government agencies involved in military and veteran affairs. • Encouraging continuing legal education to assist legal representation of and advocacy for military personnel, veterans and their dependents within Washington State.• Providing information on matters affecting military licensed legal professionals, both active duty and reserve.• Promoting WSBA objectives with respect to military affairs by serving the needs of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and their dependents.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
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October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 (FY21)

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”?

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2020-2021 Entity Accomplishments:

- As advisory member of the AGO’s Military & Veteran Legal Assistance Committee, participated in providing guidance on training opportunities for volunteer attorneys representing veteran and active duty personnel in civilian courts. And assist the AG’s OMLVA help attorneys reach-out to veteran’s and active duty members.
- Organized, hosted, and participated in a mini-CLE training events for military and civilian attorneys (Pre-COVID-19 Lockdown).

Looking Ahead: 2021-2022 Top Goals & Priorities:

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| 1 | Continue to Assist the Washington State Attorney General’s Office Legal Assistance to Veteran’s and Military Personnel Division |
| 2 | Host no less than quarterly Mini-CLEs that have value to our members and, in general, help military and civilian attorneys provide legal services to military personnel, veterans, and their families. |
| 3 | Evaluate and implement training methods to improve accessibility for LAMP members/military attorneys throughout Washington state. |
| 4 | Develop LAMP priorities of mission and Coordinate with Local JAG Offices regarding Orientation Days (Recruitment) |
| 5 | Coordinate with Other Bar Sections, ABA and Law Schools (e.g., Solo Practice) |

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?

As stated in our 2021 Annual report, LAMP strives to increase women and minority participation in our section and particularly in leadership positions. The veteran and military population we advocate for is very diverse and includes people from all walks of life and sexual orientations coming from all parts of the 54 states and territories. Current and past executive board comprises members of historically disadvantaged groups, such veterans, women, non-Christian religious denominations, and non-white ethnicities.

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 leadership and administrative staff has actively supported LAMP efforts to provide legal assistance to our returning military personnel, veterans, and families impacted by the long war overseas.
- Despite the COVID-19 Lockdown, LAMP has actively coordinated/co-hosted several Mini-CLE events, whenever possible this past year, and provided salient comments to help WSBA understand our section membership goals and needs moving forward.

<p>SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2020-2021 member benefits:</p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; 4 mini-CLEs produced 	Chair's corner/social media	Newsletters/publications produced
	5	Mini-CLEs produced (Examining ZOOM Options / Several are accessible on the LAMP Website)
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
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	Click or tap here to enter text.	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	1	Recognitions/Awards given (Sharon Powell)
	Click or tap here to enter text.	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	3	Other (please describe): Created "Chair's Corner" on LAMP Website, and Created LAMP FaceBook page (Social media)

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

Size of Entity:	9 (including Young Lawyer Liaison)
Membership Size: (for Sections Only) <i>(As of September 30, 2021)</i>	78

Number of Applicants for FY22 Positions <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	3 (including Young Lawyer Liaison)
How many current volunteer position vacancies for this entity?	1
FY21 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2021</i>	\$1,905
Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2021. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	\$459

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.