

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

## WSBA SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

**FY 2025: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025**

*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 Boards<sup>j</sup>), 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, 2024 – September 30, 2025. 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, October 17:** please submit by emailing to Carolyn MacGregor ([carolynm@wsba.org](mailto:carolynm@wsba.org)).

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| <b>Name of Section:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Litigation Section                                                     |
| <b>Chair or Co-Chairs:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Tiffany Wilke                                                          |
| <b>Staff Liaison:</b> (include name, job title, and department if known)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist, Advancement Department |
| <b>Board of Governors Liaison:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Allison Widney                                                         |
| <b>Purpose:</b><br><i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                        |
| <p>The purpose of the Section shall be to seek the participation of all interested members of the Bar, and of state and local bar associations, in order to benefit such members, their clients and the general public: a. b. c. d. e. 1.3 Limitations By providing the opportunity and forum for the interchange of ideas in the areas at trial advocacy, practice and procedure; By initiating and implementing common projects within said areas; By review of pending legislation and development of proposed statutory enactments to improve and facilitate the administration of justice; By assisting the courts in establishing rules and methods for the more certain and expeditious administration of justice; and By undertaking such other services as may be of benefit to the members, the legal profession and the public.</p> |                                                                        |
| <b>Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                        |

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| By conducting CLEs, encouraging mentor/mentee relationships, and hosting “litigation events” to encourage member participation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>How does the section’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”?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| The Litigation Section is focused on providing access to the justice system by way of education through CLEs, and access through mentor/mentee relationships.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Top 2024-2025 Section Accomplishments:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Scholarships to all three WA law schools                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Yearly judicial dinner with the WA Supreme Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Hosted CLEs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Hosted “fireside chat” with the Hon. Michelle Peterson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Next Fiscal Year: 2025-2026 Top SMART Goals &amp; Priorities:</b><br><i>Tip: SMART Goals are: Specific Measurable, Relevant and Time-Bound</i><br><a href="#">Use this worksheet</a> (under ‘Leadership’) to develop your SMART goals and then summarize below in 1-2 sentences.                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Resume mentor/mentee program with our mentors – goal is to encourage participation and place 1-3 mentees with mentors in our section. This is likely to be a goal that will last throughout all of 2025-2026. |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Another CLE for members and non-members alike which will involve speakers from both our section and from other firms and groups – this will likely take place virtually by October 2026.                      |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Plans for another 2026 judicial event with a judicial speaker for networking. Ideally, this will occur by summer 2026.                                                                                        |
| <b>Looking Ahead:</b> <i>Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | More engagement with our members and beyond by way of LinkedIn updates and social media.                                                                                                                      |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | A focus on generating revenue by way of CLEs.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Reviving the mentor/mentee programs.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion:</b><br><i>How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in 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 in the profession? Other?</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Sections

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| <p>Our section is comprised of a wide variety of demographics in the legal profession (gender, race, practice areas, ages) and we encourage active participation amongst all groups to host, engage, and otherwise lead section-related events.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                             |
| <p><b>Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA staff and leadership</b></p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions</i></li> <li>• <i>Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison</i></li> <li>• <i>Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.</i></li> </ul> |                                                                                             |
| <p>We really appreciate WSBA staff attending our meetings! You all are a great help when it comes to knowing specific bylaws and rules that we must abide by, which helps us plan our events and boost our engagement.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                             |
| <p><b>Please quantify your section's 2024-2025 member benefits:</b></p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</i></li> <li>• <i>4 mini-CLEs produced</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                             |
| Full-day CLE (September 2025)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 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. |
| Judicial networking event with Hon. Michelle Peterson; Judicial Dinner with WA Supreme Court                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted                                                       |
| Law school scholarships totaling \$6,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$ amount given through donations/scholarships/grants.                                      |
| WSBA Litigation Section Quarterly Newsletter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Newsletters/publications produced                                                           |
| Click or tap here to enter text.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mini-CLEs produced                                                                          |
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| Click or tap here to enter text.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Recognitions/Awards given                                                                   |
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| Click or tap here to enter text.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Other (please describe):                                                                    |
| Click or tap here to enter text.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Other (please describe):                                                                    |

## Sections

| SECTION DATA<br><i>To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team</i> |                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Section Membership Information:                              | 982                    | <b>Membership Size:</b><br><i>As of September 30, 2025.</i>                                                                                                                 |
|                                                              | \$29070.64             | <b>FY25 Revenue (\$):</b><br><i>As of September 30, 2025.</i>                                                                                                               |
|                                                              | \$6112.00              | <b>FY25 Direct Expenses (\$)</b><br><i>As of September 30, 2025.<br/>This does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>                                                       |
| Section Executive Committee Information:                     | 11 voting/0 non-voting | <b>Full Size of Executive Committee (per Section bylaws):</b><br><i>Include and specify voting and non-voting positions.</i>                                                |
|                                                              | 1                      | <b>Number of Vacancies for FY26:</b><br><i>The number of vacant positions as of October 1, 2025 (FY26).</i>                                                                 |
|                                                              | 5                      | <b>Number of Applicants for FY26 open positions:</b><br><i>Applications submitted in the Spring of 2025 for vacant positions and terms beginning October 1, 2025 (FY26)</i> |