

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## SECTION ANNUAL REPORT – 2019

*Deadline: Friday, December 6, 2019*

*Email Annual Report to: [sections@wsba.org](mailto:sections@wsba.org)*

<b>Name of the Section:</b>	World Peace through Law Section	
<b>Chair:</b>	Regina Paulose	
<b>Section Information:</b>  <i>*To be completed by WSBA*</i>	Membership Size: <i>(As of December 15, 2019)</i>	120
	Staff Lead:	Patrick Mead
	BOG Liaison:	Kyle Sciuchetti
	FY19 revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2019</i>	\$5,395.11
	FY19 direct expenses (\$): <i>(As of September 30, 2019; does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$2,674.01
<b>Purpose:</b>	<p>The World Peace Through Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association seeks to promote the rule of law and peaceful resolution of disputes among states and to foster education on public international law and human rights. The Section provides a forum for ideas, offers continuing legal education programs, publishes a newsletter, engages in activities with governmental entities and non-governmental organizations who share an interest in world peace through law and undertakes such other service as may benefit the members, the legal profession and the public.</p>	
<b>2019 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produced 12 mini CLE’s for the entire year. Representing different topics and people.</li> <li>• Sponsored 1 CLE abroad in Ireland.</li> <li>• Produced 2 in person CLE’s – Seattle U and WSBA</li> <li>• Hosted teleconferences of non-attorney speakers</li> <li>• Created a partnership with Seattle U Law to produce a law review issue dedicated to the intersection of WPTL and the environment.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Created a book club which will launch in 2020</li> <li>Exploring avenues to partner with other sections including dinners</li> <li>Exploring avenues to create film festival/movie nights on human rights and peace issues</li> </ul>	
<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>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Member Benefit</b>
		Scholarships, donations, grants awarded
		Law school outreach events/benefits hosted
		Legislative bills reviewed/drafted
		Newsletters produced
	<b>12</b>	Mini-CLEs produced
	<b>1</b>	Co-sponsored half/day to multi-day CLEs with WSBA: International Law in Domestic Practice
		Receptions/forums hosted
	<b>1</b>	Awards given – WPTL award given to MELA section nominee.
	<b>1</b>	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits – January 2019 introduction to international law at UW.
<b>5</b>	Other (please describe): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communications and activities are on listserv.</li> <li>Full day CLE with Seattle U on Health and Human Rights.</li> <li>Sponsorship of Mass Atrocity CLE in Dublin.</li> <li>Human Rights Day – City of Seattle.</li> <li>Teleconferences with non-attorneys on human rights and peace issues.</li> </ul>	
<b>2020 Goals &amp; Priorities (Top 5)</b>	<b>1</b>	Increase participation of newly admitted or soon to be admitted lawyers
	<b>2</b>	Increase collaboration of section with other WSBA sections and minority bar membership organizations
	<b>3</b>	Increase section participation
	<b>4</b>	Increase community presence among non-lawyers

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<p><b>Please report how this section is addressing diversity:</b></p> <p>In our programming and efforts to reach across the communities, it is a constant focus of the leadership to commit to having diverse speakers present as part of our CLE's. Our section is proud to say that for 2020 all of our speakers represent different geographies and strike an important gender balance. In addition, this year we launched our human rights award which seeks to increase the visibility of human rights work accomplished in communities by minority bar associations.</p>		
<p><b>Please report how this section is addressing professionalism:</b>  <small>(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?)</small></p> <p>WPTL seeks to incorporate a critical element of ethics in all our programming where possible.</p>		
<p><b>Please report how this section is integrating new and young lawyers into its work:</b>  <small>(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?)</small></p> <p>The section seeks to find new ways to increase the voice of newly admitted attorneys and soon to be attorneys. We will be incorporating their voices into our April 2020 CLE on Cultural Heritage Protections and the Law and seek to partner with them in both law review publications as well as asking them to engage in the book club.</p>		
<p><b>Please describe your Executive Committee's relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.</b></p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Quality of WSBA staff support/services provided to Section Executive Committee</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 services to sections.</i></li> <li>• </li> </ul> <p>Our relationship with both entities can be described as dynamic. It is probably the best way to describe it considering we are constantly in touch with the WSBA staff about our programming and creating new programming. In addition the BOG, particularly Kyle S and President Rajeev R. have been amazing support and have heard us on the things that need to be changed.</p>		

**Note:** Annual Reports will be provided to the WSBA Executive Director, Board of Governors and 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 2020 BOG Meeting Materials.

**Return by December 6, 2019 to [sections@wsba.org](mailto:sections@wsba.org)**