

Limited Practice Board Volunteer Position Description

A Limited Practice Officer (LPO) has a limited license to practice law that permits the LPO to select, prepare, and complete legal documents pertaining to the closing of real property and personal property transactions.

Position overview: The Limited Practice Board is responsible for developing and recommending to the Washington Supreme Court general policy and requirements for the LPO license. The board works with exam writing experts to write and grade the LPO practice area examination, develops and approves forms for use by LPOs, and plays a role in the LPO discipline system. The board members act as ambassadors of the LPO license for the broader legal profession and the public. All board members must sign a confidentiality agreement. Appointment is for a 3-year term.

Time commitment: The Limited Practice Board meets as a whole four to six times a year for approximately three hours. Meetings are held in WSBA's office in Seattle. In-person attendance is strongly encouraged; conference call and remote video options are available.

Requirements: Applicants must be active WSBA members or business representatives of one of the following industries: escrow, lending, title insurance, and real estate.

Preferred qualifications and skills: Experience in the real estate, mortgage, title and escrow industries.

Benefits: Board members provide a valuable public service role by overseeing the Limited Practice Officer license, as well as its rules and regulations.

Reimbursement policy: This is an unpaid volunteer position. Reasonable expenses incurred in relation to the Board's work including travel to and from meetings will be reimbursed per the WSBA Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Selection and appointment process: Candidates are vetted by the LP Board, which provides its recommendations to the WSBA Board of Governors for its information, and to the Supreme Court which makes the appointments.

For further information: See www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Committees-Boards-and-Other-Groups/limited-practice-board.

How to apply: See instructions at www.wsba.org/joincommittee. Questions about the application? Email barleaders@wsba.org.