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Retired teachers are used as substitutes. Retired lawyers are sent to the trash heap.

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PLEASE have a “retired” status!

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My name is Bonnie Lee Dowd, WSBA No. 16757, current status is Inactive.

I am also a member of the Virginia State Bar Association, where my status became Retired, as I requested when I turned 72. Along with that status, I pay no dues, but still receive the always excellent VSBA magazine.

Retired better describes my status than does Inactive. I suggest that the WSBA review how the VSBA handles Retired and other status categories, and make parallel changes.

Thank you,
Bonnie Lee Dowd

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From: [Pesik, Edward \(OAH\)](#)
To: [Carolyn MacGregor](#)
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Subject: [External]RE: [section-leaders] Your Feedback Needed on WSBA License Status Options
Date: Friday, March 22, 2024 9:18:38 AM
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Thank you, Carolyn. I just submitted my response to this survey. I know that I wish there was another level of Bar membership available to account for those of us who remain active in the Bar, but don't have a full time job . . . this is particularly acute for part time administrative law judges like me. I was a judicial member from, I think, 2004 thru 2017, which was the year I officially retired. But although I started working as a part time ALJ in 2019, I've had to maintain "Active" status, because current Bar rules do now allow part time judges to maintain judicial status unless "full time."

Take care,

Ed

From: Carolyn MacGregor <Carolynm@wsba.org>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 9:00 AM
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Subject: [section-leaders] Your Feedback Needed on WSBA License Status Options

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Hello Section Leaders,
Please see the message below and consider providing feedback through the survey link.
Section chairs, would you please share with your section members via the section list serve?
Thank you!

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I agree that the current designation of voluntary resignation carries a negative connotation.

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I would like to see a 'retired' status. I would anticipate no dues and no CLE requirements for this status.

When I retired from work, I did not feel comfortable with the 'voluntarily resigned' status because it implies 'in lieu of discipline' which is not what I want to convey.

Thank you.

From: [James Krueger](#)
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Retired status should include the right to perform limited work such as volunteering to a nonprofit organization or pro bono engagements.

Thank you

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It is my understanding that my status is Honorable Member of the Bar, having retired after 50 years in good standing. I presume the issue for this working group is for those retiring or voluntarily leaving with less than 50 years.

William F. Nelson
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Hello

I'm a retired Bar member and would like to stay updated on the status nomenclature issue.

Thanks.

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First of all implies forced to resign it is insulting to those who paid dues for 40 years also those who retire still have the same knowledge the only difference is the greedy bar isn't collecting money
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Dear Work Group,

Thank you for asking for suggestions on what we should be called. I am 79 years old and retired from my firm around 2009. But I maintained my license. I went on “inactive” status a few years ago when I stopped completing the CLE requirements. I agree with a designation, “retired-inactive,” which best explains my current status. One might have a designation of “retired-active”, which could mean, though generally retired, is licensed and could practice.

The term “inactive” currently also covers those who are not retired but maintain an “inactive” license, maybe taking a hiatus for one reason or another. My recollection is that currently there is a separate retired status that means one can voluntarily practice for certain organizations. I am on several boards but not in the categories covered by the voluntary practice organizations. I stopped giving any legal advice to the boards I’m on (which I previously did while I was retired but licensed) as soon as I became inactive. I do give limited advice to close friends and family with a warning that I am not licensed and may not be up on the latest law, and offer suggestions for referrals to various attorneys.

Hope this helps. Judy

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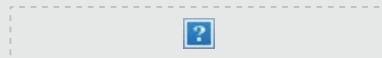
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Several of my law school classmate friends (UW 1965) retired very close to having 50 years of active membership. They were not proactive in researching their options and went inactive only to learn later of the honorary status. No excuse and one had even been on the Board of Governors. Would there be any way to communicate these options to members of the bar at 40 and /or 45 years of active membership The ceremony ,lunch and certificate are very meaningful and it is too bad for anyone qualified to miss it. Alan Kane (Honorary Member)

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I recently relinquished my active license in favor of inactive status, primarily as a means to avoid CLE requirements. After practicing for over 44 years, I did not consider it necessary for my personal well being to remain a "real" lawyer if I was no longer going to be in the game. However, I was certainly proud of that distinction during my career.

Having said that, I would appreciate the ability to represent family members on minor matters if I could do so under an inactive status designation, as well as participate in Bar activities on an occasional basis. That would be a nice way to "fade away," as they say.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Very truly yours,

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I have been on inactive status for a number years. I feel that an inactive classification is lacking in both professional status and dignity after practicing law in Washington State for more than twenty+ years.

I pay annual dues of \$200 for this inactive privilege but receive absolutely nothing in return. It is my feeling that those of us "retired attorneys" should have full WSBA membership free and be identified as "retired" rather than "inactive". Inactive sounds like a punishment rather than a category of those in good standing.

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Retired Status.

This choice seems much more appropriate and dignified.

I am “inactive” after 45 years active practice.

Marilyn Paja

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I would very much like a different status from voluntarily resigned or inactive. Voluntarily resigned could include someone who had issues and resigned as well as someone leaving the industry or retiring. I have been a licensee for 33 years and presently on inactive status until I decide that I'm fully retiring and not returning to the industry. Rwtirwd or Emeritus status would appreciated.

Nancy Hirai
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From: [Thurman Lowans](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
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Subject: [External]Retirement as an Honorable Choice
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Attachments: [Bar Letter of Retirement.pdf](#)

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I note with amusement the Bar's current effort to examine prospects for some type of honorable Retirement for its members. Following my retirement from the Kitsap County Superior Court I wrote Judge Paul Bastine and each sitting member of the Board of Governors regarding this topic. I have attached a copy of the letter. When the Bar failed to do anything I filled out the Bar's resignation paperwork a few years ago. I struck through the word Resignation and wrote in Retirement. Disappointingly, all I received back from WSBA was a computer generated one line email confirming receipt of my Form. It didn't acknowledge or thank me for my decades of service to the Profession and to the Public.

Candidly, the WSBA can and should do better.
Good Luck.

Thurman W. Lowans
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November 9, 2017

Judge Paul Bastine, Retired
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Re: Words Matter: Retire -vs- Resign

Dear Judge Bastine:

I have sent this letter to each member of the Board of Governors, but I am informed by Judge Tollefson that it is the Practice of Law Board to whom I should be addressing my comments. If you remember me from the Family and Juvenile Law Committee days, I am hardly shy. I hope my remarks find a receptive ear.

After 40+ years in our Profession, I have retired from the Bench and have no wish to return to the practice of law. I am writing to protest the limited options that I either become “inactive” at an annual cost of \$200, or resign. 42 years ago this month I was admitted the Bar of the State of Washington. After 19 years of practice in both the Navy JAG Corps and private practice, I served the next 22+ years as Commissioner on the Bench of the Kitsap County Superior Court. I formally retired from the Superior Court Bench, and yet I am unable to retire from my professional relationship with the Washington State Bar Association. Rather than retire with dignity, I must resign.

I no longer wish to practice, have no disability and do not wish to continue payment of \$200 per year to receive the Bar News. My only remaining option is Resignation, which is both disquieting and distasteful. “Disquieting” because it does not reflect the nature of my decision. I am not turning my back on an honorable profession to which I have dedicated over 4 decades of my Life. “Distasteful” because the vehicle of “Resignation” is the same option used by dishonorable attorneys who seek an “Out” in lieu of disbarment. The form for “Resignation” draws no distinction between one who has served honorably and one who had brought shame and dishonor upon our Profession.

At best, the term “Resignation” is a neutral term which includes concepts of voluntarily giving up, surrendering and passive submission. These are not positive attributes and most certainly do not reflect my decision to retire. Looking back at my professional work over the past 4 decades, I take pride in the impact I have had on the lives of literally tens of thousands of people, including not only litigants but also young attorneys, Judges and Commissioners in their professional growth at the Bar. My decision to retire from the Legal Profession is not one based on giving up, surrender or passive submission. Rather, I am beginning a new chapter in my Life, one with the perspective of honorable service as a member of an Honorable Profession.

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to have served as an attorney and counselor at law, and to have served as a Superior Court Commissioner. Rather than “Resignation”, Bar Associations in some States afford their members a more dignified and honorable option, that of “Retirement”. Words matter in our Profession. They must be chosen carefully as Words have both meaning and consequence. I would most strongly urge that such an option be afforded retiring members of the WSBA . The Bar Association sets the Rules through which one obtains the honor and privilege to practice Law. You need to do a much better job in fashioning options for retiring with dignity from our Profession. Create a different form to be used by those whose years have accumulated with honor while their hair has greyed, thinned and maybe even departed. Let us Retire with dignity.

Very truly yours,

Thurman W. Lowans

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, too, am uncomfortable with the options regarding my bar membership. I am 76 and have been retired from my primary work for 3+ years. I volunteered at Juvenile Court as a mentor for participants in Youth Court. I have also had four cases as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for foster children which I would like to do again. My usual answer to friends who ask for legal advise is "get a lawyer". I do try to explain why if they think they can proceed without legal help. I was always very careful of my legal obligations when I worked as a Deputy Prosecutor. I have great respect for the law and legal work. I also feel that "resigned" as a status is not particularly admirable.

The committee is welcome to contact me. I am a retired Deputy Sheriff and retired Deputy Prosecutor. If I can help with this issue of "what do you call an old lawyer who who still wants to help"? please contact me via mail, email, text, or call.

Thank you,
Kathy Collings
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From: [curt.coynelegal.com](mailto:curt@coynelegal.com)
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Hi , I have retired recently effective Feb 1st, 2024 and granted “ Honorary Status for 50 + years of membership. Attached is my Email of 1/26/24 to this work group, where I wonder if some designation other than Honorary might be created so I can continue service as a MAR arbitrator (ie like a retired judge remains a qualified arbitrator. MAR state Rule SCCAR 3.1 states I need to be a “member in good standing “ of our bar to serve as a MAR Arbitrator. . As an” Honorary Status” member of the bar, am I in “ good standing” so I can continue to serve as a MAR Arbitrator? If so, great. If not , is there some other status category (that can be created) that will enable me to me a member in” good standing”, so I could accept my next appointment as Arbitrator (it would be Arbitration 162 for me). Can I served on Bar Committees still? Thanks,Curt

Curtis J. Coyne

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Subject: Member Status Work Group.

On Member Status Work Group. The Board also established a Member Status Work Group. This work group is being formed in response to requests from members who are retiring or otherwise leaving the legal profession and want a license status other than “voluntarily resigned.” The requests are usually for something akin to a “retired” status that carries no annual fees but may, among other things, allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities and/or maintain an inactive license and/or give legal advice just to family and friends

Hi Kari,

I just went on Honorary Bar status after 54 years of practice. I think us gifted and talented retirees should have the right to remain as MAR arbitrators post retirement from active bar memberships. I have served as a MAR Arbitrator, over 160 times and am willing to continue this on Honorary Status. It seems a shame to bar me for this service. MAR state and county panels require bar membership, so technically I am barred from continuing as MAR arbiter when I surrender bar membership. Retired judges have this right to do MAR arbitration post retirement. How about me too. See if you can get this done for us. It is a shame to lose a cadre of experienced MAR arbiters under current rules, so get the bar to change the rules. Thanks,

Curtis J. Coyne

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SCCAR 3.1

QUALIFICATIONS

Unless otherwise ordered or stipulated, an arbitrator must **be a member in good standing** of the Washington State Bar Association who has been admitted to the Bar for a minimum of 5 years, or who is a retired judge. The parties may stipulate to a nonlawyer arbitrator.

Unless waived pursuant to RCW 7.06.040(2)(b), a person may not serve as an arbitrator

unless the person has completed a minimum of three credits of Washington State Bar Approved

continuing legal education credits on the professional and ethical considerations for serving as an

arbitrator. A person serving as an arbitrator must file a declaration or affidavit stating or

certifying to the appointing court that the person is in compliance with qualifications described in

RCW 7.06.040. The court is authorized to remove an individual from a list of qualified

arbitrators for good cause.

[Adopted effective July 1, 1980; Amended effective September 1, 2008; December 3, 2019.]

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The current system does not work. I just this year went from active to inactive. I would favor retired status with the ability to provide limited legal assistance and advice. After 48 years of active service I and similar lawyers need change. Thomas Cochran WSBA 5910.

From: [Ron Zinter](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
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I am recommending that the designation "Attorney Emeritus" be adopted to replace "Inactive" for retired attorneys. It is certainly more fitting for those that have been active members for many years and have chosen to retire.

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I just completed your survey which seemed pretty useless to me. I am a member of both the California and Washington state bar associations. "Retired" is my preferred characterization.

I am 70 years old, a third generation lawyer, and practiced for 31 years. During that time, I am of record before nine different Superior Courts, the Washington State Supreme Court, two out of three of its Appellate Courts, two different US Circuit Courts in two different states, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and am a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

The California State Bar recently advised me that as a retired member over 70 years old, dues are now waived for that Bar. Why doesn't Washington do the same out of respect?

Why is the Washington State Bar even considering allowing the practice of law without having to take a bar exam? That is an insult to all of us who had to do so as all of our predecessors had to, and will only diminish the quality of the Bar. Taking the bar exam is a rite of passage which tests the commitment of the applicant, more than testing actual legal knowledge in the real world, which is actually more important. That knowledge can only be gained by actual practice, but passing the bar exam is a matter of pride no less than any other traditional rite of passage. Are you planning on giving the new admit-tees a certificate from the State Supreme Court stating they didn't pass the bar but were admitted anyway?

For what it is worth, those are my thoughts.

Ronald L. Weiss, Esq.

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I agree that “retired status” is more dignified than “voluntarily resigned” which implies there may have been pressure to do so.

Hollis Hill, King County Superior Court, retired

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To Whom It May Concern:

For attorneys retired from active practice it is my view that the status should be “retired”. For attorneys retired from active practice who want to provide pro bono services through a QLSP it is my view that the status should be “retired providing pro bono services”.

For those retired attorneys who provide pro bono services I do not believe they should be charged a license fee regardless of the number of hours they contribute during the calendar year. My reason for this suggestion is that there is a great need, especially in rural areas for legal services for poor people.

Some attorneys retire to pursue other fields or have been moved due to disciplinary action. In both cases they have retired from the practice of law and in most cases both can reenter the practice. I do not believe an attorney should be stigmatized by the designation “voluntarily resigned”. A designation which can communicate actionable behavior.

I think it would be a mistake to sanction retired attorneys providing legal services to family and friends. As a retired attorney I have a tail from the Errors and Omissions Insurance carrier I was with while active. That tail does not extend to legal work after retirement without the insurance carrier’s permission. As a QSLP has Errors and Omission coverage my insurance carrier granted written permission for me to do pro bono work. Work I have done now since my retirement in 2020. It is doubtful that a retired attorney will either ask or notify his/her E & O carrier when he/she does work for a family member or a friend. As retired attorneys are not required to maintain their CLEs I can easily see a retired attorney performing legal services, a mistake being made and the family member or friend having no viable recourse.

Thank you for taking the time to read the above and for addressing the status issue. In summary I believe an attorney who retires should have the status of “retired” and an attorney who has retired but does pro bono work should have the status of “retired providing pro bono services”.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best,
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From: [Monty Cobb](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]Supplemental thought
Date: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:16:27 AM

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So after I submitted my survey I had a an additional thought: the federal system has a “senior judge” status and why couldn’t we model something along those lines (without the pay and benefits of course). Something like this:

Senior State (or District) Court Judge

Eligibility: 1) Minimum Service of 6 years on the bench

2) Eligible for or currently collecting PERS/JRS (55 yoa and 20 yrs service or age 65 regardless of service years)

Authority: 1) Pro Bono for QLSP or small local 501 C3 non-profits (some sensible definition of small, local – I don’t suggest this should extend to things like the Allen Foundation etc)

2) Available to sit as a pro tem commissioner/judge with compensation but capped in hours or cases

3) Available for appointment to conflict cases (through local PD offices or for dependency/guardianship etc) again on a time or case count capped basis

3) Authority to provide legal advice/representation to immediate family consistent with the rules applicable to active judicial officers

So this has been a train-of-thought thing and there are lots of details that would need to be worked out. What are the caps/time limits? How does this fit in with current PERS rules on work if the particular service is compensated? Can you hold this status until you pass away or is it limited in time or age? What are the malpractice insurance and IOLTA ramifications if any?

To give you a little more for context for part of my suggestion, prior to taking the bench I and another now-deceased attorney did a fair amount of free work for our local community club (a 501 C3 with several embedded sub groups and affiliated but semi-independent 501 C3s) that does community events, education, music scholarship, reduced cost senior lunches etc. There is nothing short of active status that would allow me to do that after leaving the bench. Also, serving a 3 person and 1 commissioner bench it can be very difficult to cover dockets when one or more of us is out for training, vacation or illness. For myself, I do not plan on actively practicing law after retiring from the bench (hopefully after one more term) but I would like the ability to be helpful if need or opportunity arises. It seems that maintaining active status to assist in limited circumstances is like keeping a full-sized fire engine in your yard in case you get a grease flare-up in your BBQ, quite a status symbol but not really practical.

Monty Cobb
Mason County Superior Court

From: [Vicki Hogan](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]WS A License Status Options
Date: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:27:35 AM
Importance: High

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To Whom It May Concern:

This correspondence is sent in response to your March 22, 2024 notice re current license status options. The current license status options do not meet the needs of the membership or give the honor and respect to departing members to which they are entitled by an organization that holds itself out fbo 'the membership'. I will address my specific license status scenario to illustrate my concerns.

I was an active member of the WSBA beginning in 1981. Bar license # 11568. When I became a judge in 1993, my status was changed to reflect Judicial. Upon retirement from the Pierce County Superior Court in December 2016, I became 'inactive'. After 7 years of payments to maintain the 'inactive' status, I elected not to maintain the status. Payment was not submitted in February to the WSBA.

In March, I received a notification that I would be **SUSPENDED FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW** by the Washington State Supreme Court. The optics on this notification are offensive to my over 40 years of WSBA membership in three status categories. More importantly, with 40+ years of service, this is not how I would like my WSBA filed closed; by a suspension from the practice of law by the Washington State Supreme Court. The personnel at the WSBA with whom I was able to speak were not helpful. They demonstrated no understanding of the import of the WSBA directive to suspend me as a member. It was very concerning on their lack of insight that this is akin to a discipline notice in an employee personnel file for employees such as themselves with the WSBA.

I was given the option to voluntarily resign which is equally disappointing and concerning. It also demonstrates equally bad 'optics' for myself but also for the WSBA, an organization that professes to

support, respect and address issues for its membership. This is hardly the optics being advanced by my personal scenario above. It shows little respect to members and does not honor the dignity of retirement after my long career within the WSBA.

Other more inclusive options should be provided to a member, whether lengthy service, or shorter service (absent disciplinary pending matters), than what is currently available. It should NOT be a designation of suspension from the practice of law or voluntary resignation. Other options should be provided.

Thank you.

Judge Vicki L. Hogan, retired
WSBA #11568

From: [Sue Serko](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]Feedback on "status"
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 1:19:23 PM

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As a 42 (almost) year member of the WSBA, I agree with many others of my age who are offended by the terms "voluntarily resigned" or "inactive" when we decide to give up our license. These terms do not give the respect due the service(s) performed for the public for many years. It almost implies some wrongdoing on the member's part. The term "retired" supports what in fact has actually happened: a member is giving up the practice after what is probably much thought & consideration of the costs and time necessary to maintain the license. Not an easy decision!

In addition to adding a status term, I strongly recommend that it come with perks such as are described in the notice soliciting feedback: ability to participate in WSBA activities, volunteer & maintain an inactive license. Although I currently have an active license and work as a part time mediator with Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service, after retirement from the Superior Court bench, I will likely retire fully in the next few years and would love to have some of the benefits that I enjoyed as a practicing attorney and judge.

Thank you for listening and soliciting feedback.
Sue Serko
WSBA# 12932

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Sue Serko

From: [Laurence Weatherly](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]ideas on new license status
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 9:42:38 AM

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Greetings: A retired status is a good idea. However, if the individual is going to be allowed to do anything defined as the practice of law, they should be active, not some lesser status. The option to have the "retired" status should be made available to all living voluntarily resigned former members who were in good standing when they took that status.

Thanks for asking for input... Laurence R. Weatherly, WSBA 5394, Honorary Member

From: [Frank Ladenburg](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]Retired Status
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 11:27:13 AM

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- Dear Committee Members , This is long overdue. Most members don't have any appreciation of this issue. When I see “ **voluntary resigned**”, The first thing that comes to my mind is “ **in lieu of disbarment.**” I know that's a different designation, but good grief, voluntarily resigned has a negative connotation. Changing it to simply “retired” with a status where you can do volunteer work or advise family members would be one whole heck of a lot better. I have a friend who just retired and he hated the “ Voluntary resigned “destination.
- Thanks for working this. I think it's an important issue that no one becomes aware of until close to retirement or at retirement. Sincerely, Frank B. Ladenburg # 5704

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From: [David Kenworthy](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]retired
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 6:02:03 PM

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voluntarily retired sounds you beat it out of town just ahead of the sheriff!
i took honorary status but assume you have to have fifty years to qualify.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dan Kyler](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]retirement categoriesx
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 11:33:16 AM

I plan on retiring at the end of this year. I think another category besides “inactive” or voluntary resignation is appropriate. I sit on several Trust Advisory Committees for disabled adults and I would like to continue to do so. I serve as an SGAL and would like to continue to do that. I serve as an arbitrator and want to continue to do so. I do not plan to have a IOLTA trust account unless I must by whatever category I will need to fit into. I am planning on carrying some type of ongoing professional liability insurance, but much reduced from my current limits of coverage. dan

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From: [Kerry Brink](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]Retiring attorneys
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 9:40:43 AM

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My bar membership number is 18247. I am still an active member of the bar, though I retired from my law firm last July. I have talked a couple of times about the “status change“ and have submitted my pro bono application. I have not yet received the information regarding the training I’m supposed to have in order to be able to pursue the pro bono designation.

What I learned the other night from talking with some of my friends who are Retired judges, and soon to be retired attorneys, is that the designations after our names on the list of bar members are the same for retired attorneys, as they are for attorneys that may have left the bar in lieu of being kicked off the bar. That seems ludicrous.

It seems as if a “retired“ designation should be an option. For those attorneys who have labored long and paid bar dues for many years and who loved the practice, it’s only seems correct, that at the very least, “retired” should be the epithet. Please consider a change in that designation.

Also, please process my “pro bono“ application.

Thank you so much,

Kerry Brink
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Frank Ladenburg](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]Voluntarily Resigned
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 11:51:01 AM

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I wrote earlier in favor of changing this to something like “ Retired “ with a designation for inactive status allowing volunteer work or advising family members. I mentioned that the first thing I think when I hear “voluntarily resigned” is “in lieu of disbarment or in lieu of disciplinary action. It Occurs to me the word “ voluntarily” implies that the person resigned before they could force the SOB out. Pardon my irreverence.

I hope you get this corrected and it is a good service for the Bar Association. Thank you.
Frank Ladenburg

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From: [Maxine Schmitz](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]Alternative Lawyer Status to Active or In-active
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024 1:04:59 PM

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At 75, I am still having trouble "retiring" from the practice of law.

I went inactive for one year and then requested reinstatement of my license.

I find it easy to get CLE credits as many are offered for free from the WSBA, local bar associations, law schools and/or with pro bono opportunities attached.

My current interests relate to family law and estate planning issues which is where I see a great need among my age-group and/or contacts and referrals for assistance.

I enjoy taking the time to help people, answering questions and making sure that what they decide is in their best interests. Because I know most of the people socially, we have already established a trust level and are able to discuss their issues/concerns freely. It isn't about making a lot of money or even any money, it is about making sure that their legal needs are met.

Everyone in my circle of friends, activities and acquaintances knows that I am an attorney specializing in elder law and estate planning issues. Even retired, I was still fielding questions and concerns. It was easier to get my license reinstated than to worry if I was practicing law without a license!

It would be nice if there was a Senior or Emeritus category where an attorney could feel comfortable taking on or even talking to people for specific purposes without feeling like they were in violation of practicing law without a license if they didn't have an active license.

That being said, WSBA bar dues are not outrageous which is why I returned to active status.

Maxine G Schmitz
WSBA #26328

From: [David J. Carlson](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]BAR RETIREMENT
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:31:55 PM

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Retired honorably, retired in good standing, retired inactive

From: [Dwyer, Stephen](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]how to designate retired members
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024 11:26:42 AM

I will be retiring from the court of appeals in 2025. At that time, I will have accrued over 30 years of judicial service. That followed active bar membership from Nov 1982 to Jan 1995. I do not intend to become an active lawyer after I retire. Nor do I intend to engage in any form of judging. But I do favor some designation of my status that does not list me as “voluntarily resigned,” which sounds like I got out of Dodge just ahead of the posse.

Best,
Stephen J. Dwyer
WSBA No. 12968

From: [John Bury](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]status designation
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:25:50 PM

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Hello

thanks for the opportunity to comment

Indeed, at age 66 I chose to go “inactive” and felt like I was demoted and abandoned.

Less than 2 years later, I applied to regain “Active” status in order to handle a certain matter.

I anticipate going Inactive again at year’s end. Having to reapply was also a little demeaning..

I recommend the term “Reserve” status like the military reserves connotation.

thanks again

John Bury

WSBA # 4949

From: [Susan Strachan](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Cc: [Sara Niegowski](#); [Jennifer Olegario](#)
Subject: FW: [External]FW: WSBA - Feedback requested on License Status Options
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024 9:41:30 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

From: Kit Kasner <director@tpcba.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 9:10 AM
To: Susan Strachan <susanst@wsba.org>
Subject: [External]FW: WSBA - Feedback requested on License Status Options

Susan,

Sending you a comment from one of our long time past members. See below.

Kit Kasner

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From: Greg Abel <gregabel@harbournet.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 8:22 AM
To: Kit Kasner <director@tpcba.com>
Cc: hoofndeel@gmail.com
Subject: RE: WSBA - Feedback requested on License Status Options

Kit

I appreciate this issue being addressed. I closed my practice after 48.5 years of practice with an unblemished record with the bar association. When I contacted the bar association this past January to inform them I was retiring the only status option was "resigned". To me this has a very negative connotation and does not truly reflect the status of lawyers who retire. I have heard many complaints by other lawyers who retire about this designation. Thank you again for addressing this issue.

From: Kit Kasner <director@tpcba.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 10:38 AM
To: Kit Kasner <director@tpcba.com>
Subject: FW: WSBA - Feedback requested on License Status Options

TPCBA Members,

The WSBA has requested that the announcement below be shared with our membership...

Dear County Bar Leaders,

WSBA appreciates member feedback by Friday, April 5, 2024. Thank you!

Your Feedback Needed on WSBA License Status Options

A Member Status Work Group was formed in response to requests from members who are retiring or otherwise leaving the legal profession and want a license status other than “voluntarily resigned” or inactive. The requests are usually for something like a “retired status” that, among other things, might allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, maintain an inactive license, or give legal advice to family and friends only. Some believe “voluntarily resigned” does not honor the dignity of retirement after a long career. One of the work group’s most important considerations will be member feedback. [Please take a few minutes to provide your thoughts about whether the current license status options meet your needs or not.](#) The survey will be open through Friday, April 5. The work group expects to make a recommendation to the Board of Governors by September. Send questions and get information by contacting memberstatusfeedback@wsba.org.



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From: [Joe Quaintance](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]Member Status Work Group email March 22, 2024
Date: Friday, March 29, 2024 1:05:27 PM

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I encourage the Bar to adopt the same rule as the California State Bar, which provides that an attorney on inactive status over the age of 70 years does not have to pay annual bar dues.

California State Bar Rule 2.16(F):
(F) Annual license fees are waived for licensees on inactive status who are 70 years of age on February 1.

Thank you for considering this provision.

Joe Quaintance
WSBN 8177

From: [Susan Troppmann](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Friday, March 29, 2024 9:16:39 AM

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Hi.

I received an email from the Spokane County Bar Association regarding a potential new status for retired lawyers. I retired about four years ago and would like to change my status from "voluntarily resigned" to "retired" if possible. Please advise if/when the WSBA adopts a retired status option, and if it will be available to previously retired/resigned members.

Thank you,

Susan Troppmann, WSBA #22235

From: [Alan McNeil](#)
To: [Member Status Feedback](#)
Subject: [External]Retirement status
Date: Friday, March 29, 2024 3:41:19 AM

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Sent from my iPhone. I recently retired after a few health issues and now regret my decision. I would greatly like to rejoin to be able to volunteer on a regular basis but there doesn't seem to be a road ahead for me. Help?

Member Status Comments

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From: Roger Lubovich <rlubovich@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2023 10:52 AM
To: Bar Leaders <BarLeaders@wsba.org>
Subject: [External]Retirement Status

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To WSBA Board,

I would like the Board to consider creating a Retirement Status for attorneys retiring from practice rather than staying active, going into inactive status, or resigning from membership. I am also a member of the Alaska Bar Association, and they have this option. I was able to go into retirement status when I retired and maintain my membership without resigning or going into inactive status. I don't pay any membership fees or have to take any CLE courses. I am not practicing law, but I am pleased to be able to maintain my membership with the bar using this option. Please consider this.

If I sent this to the wrong email, please forward it to the appropriate email. Thank you.

Roger Lubovich
206-842-4626 mobile

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From: Dan Clark <danc Clark@yaho o.com>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 5:05 PM
To: Renata Garcia <renatag@wsba.org>; Kari Petrasek <kari@petraseklaw.com>
Subject: [External]Some thoughts on the member status workgroup

Renata, & Kari,

Good afternoon,

I hope that your 2024 is going well so far. I had a question regarding the Honorary status. I would like to suggest that the work group look at a couple of things with this status option. I hope that the following will be well taken, as it's offered in good faith and in hope that it will at least start some discussion on these issues. I don't have a vote on this, but I would love to know your thoughts on the following suggestions:

1. I would strongly urge looking at reducing the 50 year minimum threshold for those that want to retire from WSBA but don't want to go inactive and/or resign, to be able to go with the Honorary status. There are a lot of people that I would believe would benefit from that, and if it was an option would rather have their status when they retire be "honorary" v. voluntarily resigned.

2. I would also really urge serious examination of looking at providing the Honorary status option regardless of minimum years of license for all past WSBA President's that retire. I really think it's a terrible look when we have a past WSBA President that resigns. I'm looking at Brad Furlong, and certainly I'm sure if Brad would have been given the option to go to Honorary status, which doesn't really do anything except allow someone to leave the profession, yet still honor their service to WSBA, I think that makes a lot of sense. We ask WSBA President's to do a ton of work on behalf of the association during their year as President, and typically most also serve as Governors on the BOG and then President-elect and immediate past. I think having the honorary option available to all past presidents when they wish to leave the practice of law, really makes sense and would cost WSBA nothing. It certainly would seem like a reasonable thing to at least explore. Having past WSBA Presidents voluntarily resign, doesn't give a good look for WSBA to our members and the public. Honorary seems like a lot more respectful and fitting status to at least offer each when they indicate they no longer wish to practice in active or judicial status.

Thank you so much for taking these suggestions into consideration. I really think at a minimum for past WSBA President's it makes a lot of sense to offer them the option of Honorary when they leave our profession. (So we're clear, I hope and plan to stay active status hopefully at least 50 plus years, so hopefully that wouldn't apply to me, at least in the next 30 plus years, and hopefully more.).

Thanks Renata, and Kari and I hope that you are well. I'm disappointed we didn't meet in person this weekend as I greatly enjoy seeing both of you and the rest of the ELT and BOG.

Respectfully,

Dan Clark

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From: Peter L. Fels <plfels@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 1:21 PM

To: Paris Eriksen <parise@wsba.org>

Subject: [External]Re: Apply to Serve as a Member of the New WSBA Member Status Workgroup

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Hello,

Thank you for sending this. I have no interest in applying, but do have a comment that I'd appreciate your passing on to whomever is appointed.

I retired in 2016 and applied for *emeritus* status so I could continue to volunteer for the Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program, which I had been doing already for a number of years. It was disappointing to learn I was required to pay \$300/year membership dues to be a volunteer. When the bar finally exempted people with more than 30 hours' volunteer time, that was nice, but I still don't know why anybody should have to pay even just to do one hour of volunteer time. During one year of the pandemic, CCVLP was mostly shut down so I was not able to meet the 30 hours threshold, and therefore I had to pay \$300 for the following year.

My suggestion is: make *emeritus* status free.

Thanks for your consideration.

Peter Fels

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From: Rusty McGuire <rmcguire@mdkjlaw.com>

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 11:41 AM

To: Julianne Unite <julianneu@wsba.org>

Cc: Abell, Hunter <HAbell@williamskastner.com>

Subject: [External]Bar Licensing

Julianne,

When we were on the Zoom for the meeting there was mention of some potential changes in bar licensing and someone mentioned Honorary Members. My inquiry is for a friend who is honorary in Iowa and licensed in Washington since 1981. WSBA says he can't be Honorary but since we have now allowed licensing reciprocity I thought it a good idea we allow reciprocity for folks moving here that are Honorary in other states. Can you get this to the powers that be so I can report back to the friend.

Rusty

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From: Rusty McGuire <rmcguire@mdkjlaw.com>

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 12:48 PM

To: Kari Petrasek <kari@petraseklaw.com>; Julianne Unite <julianneu@wsba.org>
Cc: Abell, Hunter <HAbell@williamskastner.com>
Subject: RE: [External]Bar Licensing

Another one that I saw recently was a disabled member seeking disability status and he was a little put off by the fact the decision came from the disciplinary board which seemed somewhat strange.

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From: curt coynelegal.com <curt@coynelegal.com>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 10:43 AM
To: Kari Petrasek <kari@petraseklaw.com>
Subject: Member Status Work Group.

On Member Status Work Group. The Board also established a Member Status Work Group. This work group is being formed in response to requests from members who are retiring or otherwise leaving the legal profession and want a license status other than “voluntarily resigned.” The requests are usually for something akin to a “retired” status that carries no annual fees but may, among other things, allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities and/or maintain an inactive license and/or give legal advice just to family and friends

Hi Kari,

I just went on Honorary Bar status after 54 years of practice. I think us gifted and talented retirees should have the right to remain as MAR arbitrators post retirement from active bar memberships. I have served as a MAR Arbitrator, over 160 times and am willing to continue this on Honorary Status. It seems a shame to bar me for this service. MAR state and county panels require bar membership, so technically I am barred from continuing as MAR arbiter when I surrender bar membership. Retired judges have this right to do MAR arbitration post retirement. How about me too. See if you can get this done for us. It is a shame to lose a cadre of experienced MAR arbiters under current rules, , so get the bar to change the rules. Thanks,

Curtis J. Coyne

Curtis J. Coyne, Arbitrator

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From: joanne and chris <abelgoelz99@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2024 12:30 PM

To: kevinfaybog@yahoo.com

Cc: Terran@wsba.org; Doug Ende <douge@wsba.org>; Renata Garcia <renatag@wsba.org>; Nicole Gustine <nicoleg@wsba.org>

Subject: [External]Member Status Work Group

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Dear Kevin,

I read in the latest BOG Digest about the proposal to create a new “retired” status, which, among other things, would allow participation in WSBA volunteer opportunities with no annual member fee. I’m writing to endorse this proposal wholeheartedly.

In 2022 I retired from the practice of law, having spent the last 25 years of my career with WSBA’s Office of Disciplinary Counsel. I immediately joined the Client Protection Board. I was excited to be able to lend my perspective gained from my many years in ODC to the mission of compensating clients harmed by lawyer dishonesty. I have not been disappointed — I find the work rewarding and fun. And last year, at the request of Doug Ende, I joined the Adjunct Disciplinary Counsel Panel so I could continue to share my knowledge and perspective to ODC.

The downside to this Bar work is that I must maintain an active license to practice. None of my other post-retirement activities requires an active license, and it seems perverse to have to pay full freight to volunteer at WSBA when there's a reduced fee option to volunteer with other groups. Each year I evaluate whether it makes financial sense to continue to pay hundreds of dollars for the privilege of volunteering for the Bar. As much as I find my Bar work satisfying, the requirement of paying for an active license will make me less inclined to continue my volunteer work going forward. I suspect that

the Bar is missing out on the valuable services of many other retired lawyers for this same reason.

Thanks for the BOG's consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Joanne Abelson (Bar No. 24877)

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From: Elizabeth Johnson <liz@ajelderlaw.com>

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 9:50 AM

To: fadewale@spokanecity.org <fadewale@spokanecity.org>, matthew@dresdenlaw.com <matthew@dresdenlaw.com>

Subject: WSBA - Member Engagement Council

Good Morning,

My name is Liz Johnson. I ran (unopposed) and became president-elect of the Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association for this year. I did not know I was going to run unopposed, so I did campaign. Now that I have won, several people I spoke to separately reached out to me and requested that I work on having a "retired status" with the bar. I explained that I'm the president-elect of TPCBA and not WSBA. However, their stories made me want to help with this issue. They explained how they had served for 30 or 40 years and having to "voluntarily resign" made it feel like they did something wrong. I can understand that, and I think it would be a nice way to honor the members of our community.

I also know that having dues is important and it might be nice to maintain our membership. My goal is to put forward a plan where bar members can have an Inactive or Active Retired status. It would state they cannot practice the law, and they would still have CLE requirements, which is good for us because we would get their membership dues (at a reduced rate), and they would continue to generate additional income through CLEs but they could not practice law. It might also streamline readmittance if someone was taking a break from the law. I'm thinking of military members who may have a temporary absence, but we could keep them on the books, keep them updated through their CLE requirements, and then streamline their readmittance. I do not know what it costs for registration management, but I'm hopeful we could have a discounted price, and again the main difference is, all the other requirements stick, they just can't practice law. They could, however, still help with committees, and they might feel more

welcomed and engaged if they were “retired” instead of “resigned”. I think we could get more talent pool if we had something a little less abrupt. I also think it could generate additional revenue for the bar which we could put towards engaging new members.

I talked to some people who have a California license, and there is some step-down program there where you can keep your bar license semi-inactive so you don’t have to retake the bar exam if you fully rejoin, and the rate is less than the usual rate. I know people who have kept that license for 20 years even though they have never gone back to California. I will do more research on this issue as well. I know there have probably been proposals in the past, and I became a lawyer in 2022, so I am not aware of previous discussions. I’d be happy to look over past proposals as well and see if I can put something together. If someone else is already working on this, I would love to participate.

I plan to attend WSBA board meetings coming up and I would like to help work on a proposal for this issue. If you can point me in the right direction, I thought your committee might be a good starting place. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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| ID | Are you aware of the different license status options currently available to members? | Do these options meet your needs? | What is missing from the current license status options? | Do you have any questions or suggestions about the different license status options available to members? |
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| 2 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 3 | Yes | No | retired status | create a retired status |
| 4 | Yes | No | A "retired status" that, among other things, might allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, and to give legal advice and assistance provided there is no remuneration to the retired attorney. | |
| 5 | Yes | No | "Retired Status" or some similar label that conveys "honorable discharge" from active practice. It could come with the limited ability to advise family and friends on a limited basis. | They are too limited at present. |
| 6 | No | Yes | | |
| 7 | Yes | No | I agree with those who are proponents of a "retired status" that, among other things, might allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, maintain an inactive license or give legal advice to family and friends only | See my answer to #3. |
| 8 | | No | A status that would allow for retired from a paid job but still able to provide advice to family and close friends. | |
| 9 | Yes | No | I'd like to see a pro bono status for those participating in the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts' pro bono program, not just the QSLP pro bono program. | |
| 10 | Yes | No | elder experienced lawyer practice and contribution (less than when active) | They assume a binary approach - the retired lawyer immediately returns to pre-law life |
| 11 | Yes | No | Retired | |
| 12 | Yes | No | A status that indicates retirement | A 'retired' option |

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| 13 | Yes | No | A dignified "Retired" status would make a lot of sense. | "Inactive" just sounds lazy. "Voluntarily Resigned" (as is used in California) sounds like you surrendered your license just in the nick of time before the feds broke down the door and locked you up. I think a "Retired" designation/status is long overdue. |
| 14 | No | No | An option for retired status for people who have practiced a number of years, left full time practice in good standing, and no longer practice full time but may still want to work pro bono or advise friends/family. | No, but people who were full time public defenders or prosecutors for more than five years should get a trophy or a cheap watch something. |
| 15 | Yes | No | Retired | Pro Bono and Retired status should be able to participate in board elections and serve on Board |
| 16 | Yes | Yes | | I hope to retire within the next decade but to me being a lawyer is baked into my being and while I may not practice actively, I would like to keep serving in some capacity. |
| 17 | Yes | No | A more appropriate senior status than "inactive" to honor long service | |
| 18 | No | Yes | | No |
| 19 | Yes | Yes | | Statuses meet my CURRENT needs, however I strongly support a "retired" status that is similar to the "honorary" or "pro bono" statuses. My former boss' WSBA page says, "voluntarily resigned," as though he left the profession in disgust, although he retired after a career dedicated to public service. |
| 20 | Yes | No | A reasonably priced active membership for middle income attorneys. | Yes, why is there not a reasonably priced active membership for middle income attorneys? |
| 21 | Yes | No | It would be nice to have an option between active and inactive that would be appropriate for people who are semi-retired, or for people who are only practicing law on an occasional basis, such as those who have moved into corporate roles that involve mostly non-legal duties. It might also be nice to have something similar to the "honorary" status for retirees. | The fee to retain "inactive" status seems very high, considering that they are not allowed to practice law at all. What is the justification for that fee being \$200 as compared to, for example, the judicial fee being only \$50. |

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| 22 | No | No | Retired Inactive for 65+ with no plans to reactivate (but could reactivate if necessary). Lower fee than Inactive. | Inactive implies the license could be reactivated; Retired inactive allows for the possibility of reactivation. |
| 23 | Yes | No | If a status existed that allows only pro bono practice through a service agency to indigent/low-income clients, I think more attorneys who are no longer practicing would be more likely to volunteer. | |
| 24 | Yes | No | Retired status. Also, an attorney shouldn't lose their license if they remain on inactive status more than a handful of years. I'm licensed in four states. Obviously I don't practice in all four (I've practiced in each while living in other states). I would be devastated to lose a license just because I'm inactive for more than a few years. This is the only state of my four that does this. (Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas). | Why is inactive status SO expensive? It should cost no more than the cost of the judicial status. |
| 25 | Yes | No | Inactive status is too burdensome to be useful | Review rules regarding inactive status and pro bono status to be meaningfully less administratively burdensome than just staying on active. |
| 26 | Yes | No | Retired, Pro Bono only | I'm an inactive member; I wanted to keep my license active, but my job doesn't pay for my license or my CLEs (as a legal degree is not required for what I do, although it's useful). The cost in both money and time to keep an active license was prohibitively expensive. I wish there was an alternative to going inactive, as retaking the bar after all this time is just not something I'm prepared to do, but I would occasionally like to help on pro bono cases. |
| 27 | Yes | Yes | | No but it upsets me that the WSBA is dropping the Bar and replacing it with unclear directives which will cost all of us more money. |
| 28 | Yes | No | retired with limited ability to practice law | |
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| 30 | Yes | Yes | | no |

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| 31 | No | Yes | | Retired |
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| 33 | Yes | No | There should be a "retired" option. | How do you justify charging a membership fee for inactive members when they get essentially nothing in return?! |
| 34 | Yes | No | honorary and pro bono are way too narrow -- many people want to retire but haven't been on active status for 50 years, and lots of people perform pro bono services through something other than a QLSP | need better, more reasonable options. Inactive status is also pretty darn expensive. |
| 35 | Yes | No | What is missing is what the State Bar of Montana offers, Senior Status membership. I converted my membership there just yesterday. It is for members who are age 70 or higher (regardless of how many years of Active or Judicial Status membership they may have), who are retired or semi-retired, and who no longer practice law, but who do not want to resign from membership. Senior Status members can not practice law, have or advise clients, or appear in court - but they have no CLE requirements and only pay \$50 in annual dues. | |
| 36 | Yes | No | I believe 40 years of WSBA membership should be plenty to retire as an Honorary member. | Same answer |
| 37 | Yes | No | Retired - after 39 years of practice, I would rather state retired than voluntarily resigned | |
| 38 | Yes | No | "Retired status" | No |
| 39 | Yes | No | A. Designation of a Retired status which reflects the years of practice and contribution to the profession | |
| 40 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 41 | Yes | Yes | | A retired status would be a good option in place of voluntarily resigned |

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| | | | Frankly, we've come to expect bad treatment from our own Association. Letting people in w/o taking the Bar Exam ? Come on. Where's your common sense ? Lost to political correctness ? |
| 42 | Yes | No | Retired - with the option to do pro bono. |
| 43 | Yes | Yes | |
| 44 | Yes | Yes | Drop the fee for an inactive license. |
| 45 | Yes | No | Retired or Active Limited to Pro Bono I like the idea that we should have a status other than Voluntarily Resigned. |
| 46 | Yes | No | Any designation that includes the word "Resigned" carries a somewhat subliminal negative connotation that the resignation was not entirely "voluntary." Sorry I don't have any good suggestions. |
| 47 | Yes | No | There should be a "retired" status option, instead of "voluntarily resigned," which carries a negative connotation. see answer to #3 |
| 48 | Yes | No | Emeritus or retired designation would be preferable to the current . Make "emeritus" status returnable to active status with an appropriate CLE requirement |
| 49 | Yes | No | Retired Status allowing pro bono or limited public service Keep the bar exam! |
| 50 | Yes | No | There's no category for emeritus, meaning honorably retired or semi retired and in my mind, this category should certainly qualify to be APR 6 assistant tutors. They have the time and know more about their area of practice than any tutor from a different area of focus could hope to gin-up on while actively practicing full time and supervising a Rule 6. It's a wealth of knowledge being thrown away. Emeritus (retired), Mentor (semi-retired), and Senior (30+ years of practice only required to take CLEs on new statutes and case law) |
| 51 | Yes | No | Something for taking a break for a while. Pro bono is an option but it was hard to find a QLSP to take me. Have more options than the current ones. I would like to hold on to my license but unsure if I'd practise anytime soon. The \$500 license fee per year has not benefited me much. |
| 52 | Yes | Yes | I think the retired status should be added. |
| 53 | | No | Too expensive for retirees. It's only \$15 in Hawaii. |

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| 54 | No | Yes | | There should be a retired from for income status but still voluntary status |
| 55 | Yes | No | retired but wish to give advice to family | should be more flexible in light of being flexible on not requiring the bar exam |
| 56 | Yes | No | Retirement | Other states have a no fee Retirement status |
| 57 | Yes | No | I am basically retired but my license is active. I did not want to go inactive or voluntarily resign. The terminology for "retired" attorneys is - well, offensive. In particular, the phrase voluntarily resigned has a negative connotation. | A limited ability to practice should be offered without having to annually pay a fair chunk of change to remain in active status. |
| 58 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 59 | Yes | No | I am retired from state service and working for a nonprofit that pays my bar dues. I am also chair of the board of bar examiners. When I retire from the nonprofit, I will be faced with paying active member dues solely to maintain my service on the board of bar examiners, which requires active membership. | |
| 60 | Yes | Yes | | Suggestions: lower bar fees for temporary inactive status which primarily affects women who take leave from the profession to raise children. The WSBA could also have more support for inactive members trying to get back into practice after a break from work. Again, this primarily affects women and at-home parents during a break from practice. |
| 61 | Yes | No | A category that allows a retired attorney to maintain some level of volunteer or informal activity (i.e., with regard to family and friends) and not "suffering from the ignominy" of "voluntarily resigning" as if after 47 years of respected work, we were required to resign. | Some other category to reflect the above concern. |
| 62 | Yes | No | Not sure if will be in practice long enough to be honorary | Retired one sounds good |

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| 63 | Yes | No | In my last year as an active lawyer, I was appointed to a board, which I had to leave when I became inactive. My expertise was valuable to the board and there seemed no reason why I should have to pay a full active license fee in order to serve the bar in an important way. | There should certainly be a status that allows someone who is not an active member to contribute expertise without having to pay extra for the "privilege". |
| 64 | Yes | No | License retention for limited purposes in retirement at significantly reduced bar dues | |
| 65 | No | No | Retired from active membership but not voluntarily resigned | "Lawyer emeritus" |
| 66 | Yes | No | There should be a status for low income attorneys (ie attorneys who are below poverty line or even median income), which allows them to maintain license while paying a lower fee. Also, might be nice to have a step in between active and inactive for attorneys who are not working as attorneys but want the ability to potentially transition back into law. \$458 is a reasonable rate for someone who is making a median income from the practice of law. However, it is a huge amount for someone who qualifies for Medicaid based on income level and/or who has not actively practiced law in years but wants to maintain the ability to help friends and family or potentially apply for jobs that require an active bar membership someday. | WSBA should do a better job of understanding economic diversity in the legal profession. I think it is reasonable to require more than \$458 from an attorney who is making over \$120,000 from the active practice of law. However, it is a very high rate for an attorney who is making \$60,000 and struggling to survive financially in WA state. In fact, the cost of the WA state bar license may be one of the reasons why many lawyers leave the profession, why so many nonprofit law jobs are unfilled, and why so many indigent clients are underserved and not represented. WSBA needs to recognize how economic disparity impacts bar members and create a reasonable pathway for low income members or new mothers who may be taking time off law for a few year. |
| 67 | Yes | No | Lawyers (like me) who have left private practice but who continue to do pro bono work, bar committees, serve as an arbitrator for the court system, or teach. The only compensated work on my list is serving as an arbitrator and that is nominal. | Expand the pro bono category to include services by court-annexed arbitrators and other legal work that is not compensated. |
| 68 | Yes | No | An option that would allow practice to only family members and/or friends. A reduction of the amount of fee to \$50. | |

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| 69 | Yes | No | As an early retired government attorney, I would like the option to hold my options open but the cost of an active membership is costly on my small income | |
| 70 | Yes | No | There should be room for Honorary members who have combined 50 Years in the bar not only from Washington but other states. Anyone barred in another state who comes here and can show he/she has been active in another state and this state for a combined 50 years should be eligible. Also, a person who submits an application for disability status should not have to file anything other than a letter from Doctor to be disabled. No person should have to share medical records to show disability. Disability should not be administered under Disciplinary counsel but should be reviewed by counsel that doesn't stigmatize the disabled. | See above. |
| 71 | Yes | No | Retired | |
| 72 | Yes | No | I am about to retire and would like to be designated "retired" rather than "resigned." | no |
| 73 | Yes | No | Retirement status/ a status that signifies one retired from this profession rather than "resigned". | |
| 74 | Yes | No | I have retired after a satisfying and successful 40-year career. I would like my status to reflect this accomplishment when I decide to become inactive. | Yes. In addition to inactive I think there should be a retired status for folks like me. |
| 75 | Yes | No | Retired | After being in the Bar for nearly 40 years it would be great if there was a Retired status. |
| 76 | No | No | Retired | |
| 77 | Yes | No | retired status similar to inactive with opportunity to go active if desired without other impediments | I believe if you are inactive you can return to active in 6 years without other qualifications. Correct? |
| 78 | Yes | Yes | | Members who want to participate after retirement can use the pro bono license designation. |

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| 79 | Yes | No | I endorse the talk about a retirement option that allows limited practice for friends and family and a reduced annual fee. CLE issues would have to be clarified. | |
| 80 | Yes | No | Retired status or something for people who leave the practice of law. There is a misconception by the public that if someone "voluntarily" gives up their bar number, it is because of some wrongdoing on their part. | See previous answer. |
| 81 | Yes | No | Retired Designation and/or Pro Tem Judge Designation | I am retired from government service, but working part time as a pro tem administrative law judge. Before I retired in 2017 I had been on judicial status since 2004 because I was a "full time" ALJ. But now that I'm part time (20 to 30 hrs/wk) I have to be in Active status to maintain my Bar membership. I am also the Chair of the Admin Law Section, so I stay busy, even tho' "retired". |
| 82 | Yes | No | Retired, medical leave/ sabbatical or part-time. (switching between active and inactive maybe for in-house counsel) , board member (maybe when lawyers dedicate their service to boards after retirement) | Yes would love to brainstorm ideas in focus group setting and I believe workgroup should try that so more voices are heard as the above suggestions are based on what I heard |
| 83 | Yes | No | A designation for retired members would be nice. The term "voluntarily resigned" seems to carry with it some stigma that it is related to a disciplinary action or threat. People leave the practice for all sorts of reasons (some of which we need to address collectively, because we are losing good lawyers). The designation "retired from practice" might cover both these losses and true retirees. | |
| 84 | No | No | Perhaps an alternative, quasi-active designation that allows retirees to participate in more activities than those listed in the table and pay a nominal annual fee, if necessary. | No |

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| | | | an option for retired lawyers to continue to volunteer and give legal advice to family and friends and volunteer for bar activities. It would be great to have retired members who can sit on Bar committees and offer their wealth of experience and institutional knowledge. | see above |
| 85 | Yes | No | | |
| 86 | Yes | No | Would like status that allows me to contribute my legal skills, even if in a limited way, for volunteer activities and to family. | |
| 87 | Yes | Yes | | The cost scheme makes absolutely no sense and should be income based. |
| 88 | No | No | Inactive-Retired | We should not be charging a licensing fee for folks who are inactive because they are retired. Also, "honorary" license sounds like it is a fake license (like how celebrities get "honorary degrees" from colleges or universities--the general public does not actually think the celebrity is now somehow on par with someone who actually went to school and studied for that degree. |
| 89 | Yes | Yes | | The option for retired status, as mentioned in the e-mail re responses, makes sense to me. |
| 90 | Yes | No | Retired, or Retired - Limited (some option to honor retirement and also allow option for retired lawyers to engage in a little bit of practice by choice) | |
| 91 | Yes | No | retired status | The license fee is too high |
| 92 | Yes | Yes | | I agree that retirees should have a different status than those currently provided. A lifetime of service as an attorney should be recognized in a more honorable way. |
| 93 | Yes | Yes | | |

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| | | | Why if you retire do you have to be completely "inactive", seems very black and white when there should be a better way for lawyers to retire without having to stay "of counsel" and fully "active" or have to go "inactive". |
| 94 | Yes | No | retired status or just retired |
| 95 | Yes | No | As I approach retirement, I would like a category that acknowledges my 40 years as a licensed attorney with no disciplinary actions, allows me to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, maintain an inactive license, and give legal advice to family and friends only. |
| 96 | No | Yes | No |
| 97 | No | Yes | N/A |
| 98 | Yes | No | Retired |
| 99 | No | Yes | The options meet my needs at this time, but I when I am closer to retirement I would be interested in something like a retired status. |
| 100 | Yes | No | An inactive status that would allow participation in bar activities and volunteer positions at a reduced fee |
| 101 | Yes | No | A retired status where we could pay reduced dues and still practice law pro bono and participate in bar |
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| 103 | Yes | Yes | I think adding an option for retired status with limited ability to work for friends and family is a great idea |
| 104 | No | No | Semi retired |

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| 105 | Yes | No | There should be a "retired" option that is available at a certain age (circa 65+) for people who are no longer practicing, regardless of how long they practiced. Or waive the \$200 fee for inactive members past that age. Voluntarily resigned sounds like they quit before they could be fired, or threw in the towel and abandoned the field. There is nothing wrong with wanting to retire and people who qualify for SSI shouldn't be paying for no reason. | I would lower the Honorary requirement significantly, to something like 25 or 30 years. That is certainly long enough to have shown a dedication to this field. 50 years requires a person to go straight from college to law school, get licensed immediately, and work until they are 75. This excludes people who took time off to parent, or who couldn't pursue education right away, etc. Also, inactive age 65+ should be free. |
| 106 | Yes | No | | A more dignified "retired status" that, among other things, might allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, maintain an inactive license, or give Pro Bono legal advice to family and friends only. |
| 107 | No | No | A retired option. It could look something like the military with a honorable discharge or dishonorable discharge. | I am deeply concerned about the new admission options. We should focus our efforts on raising up "historically marginalized groups", not lowering our standards for a full practice license. How will you protect and serve those of us who worked hard and sacrificed to pass the bar exam to earn admission? Will our license reflect that? |
| 108 | No | Yes | | No |
| 109 | Yes | No | Retiree status | No |
| 110 | Yes | No | Consultant or non-practicing academic. I'm a PhD student and would like to have the flexibility of maintaining membership since I might be asked to contribute to CLEs. | |
| 111 | Yes | No | Retired but not practicing and still having the ability to fully participate on bar committees and other volunteer activities. | See above |
| 112 | Yes | No | Recognition of a retired status | See above |

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| 113 | Yes | Yes | | I agree with the comments about adding a retiree status. It does not apply to me yet, but I can see the merit. |
| 114 | Yes | No | Out of state membership (like what Florida has). This allows for an easier adjustment of status should I move back into the state and wish to practice Washington law again. I am currently paying for a full membership as I wish the flexibility to return to practicing law in the PNW should my circumstances change. | When an attorney has multiple licenses but does not practice in the state, there should be an option to keep full bar membership with the option to easily adjust status if and when that member returns to practice in the state. |
| 115 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 116 | Yes | No | I'm currently an inactive status attorney. I would like to see some limited active status. For example, if a retiree wanted to volunteer in a particular area, he or she could do so if they were certified for that area with annual specific CLE training-of a limited number of hours. | |
| 117 | Yes | No | State/Government | Administrative agencies have attorneys that require a license but we do not fully practice the law. There should be something akin to judicial pricing for state government workers. |
| 118 | Yes | No | Emeritus type status with reduced fee that would enable the sporadic/occasional practice of law | Emeritus type status with reduced fee that would enable the sporadic/occasional practice of law |
| 119 | Yes | No | There ought to be something like "retired status." | My suggestion is to create something like retired status. |
| 120 | Yes | No | I am 76yo. My practice has slowed way down. But I do continue to advise a few clients, tho I no longer appear in court. | Reduced practice status |
| 121 | Yes | No | Lower rates for members in first 10 or so years of practice | Break private practitioner dues into three tranches: first 10 years, next 20 years and the 30 or over. 1st and 3d tranches should be higher. |

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| 122 | Yes | No | It would be good if the dues for "active" members who had practiced for 30 years or more were reduced. Currently insurance premiums, bar dues and modest rent surpass by far what an older active member can pay without going into savings from past years which are needed going forward. | |
| 123 | Yes | No | I feel there should be a category for retirees that costs less than inactive status. The benefit I would like to have from this membership status is to still receive communications from the bar association and keep abreast of bar news. I am in inactive status and am about to retire. Once I am on a fixed income in retirement, I will consider giving up my inactive status. If there is another category available, I will consider it. | |
| 124 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 125 | Yes | Yes | | No. Would be fine with a retired status for those who retire. |
| 126 | Yes | No | Licensed but not practicing law | |
| 127 | Yes | Yes | | Yes - would be nice to acknowledge "retired". |
| 128 | No | Yes | | |
| 129 | Yes | No | An actual retirement from practice status. The voluntary resignation status is an insult to those who retired while still in good status with the Bar. | Make retired from active practice a separate status from the voluntary resignation status. The latter has regularly applied to those who face disbarment, certainly does not fit those of us who have chosen to end our practice days for reasons far from the possibility of disbarment. |
| 130 | Yes | No | Retired status. Ability to continue participating in bar activities and possibly give legal advice to friends and family. | See above. |
| 131 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 132 | No | Yes | | Retired should be an option, same price as inactive |

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| | | | Option re fees to be waived if volunteering for legal non-profits where the non-profits report volunteer hours to the Bar; could be categorized as: Active and 501c3 Volunteer |
| 133 | No | No | Not enough options available. See below |
| 134 | Yes | No | Retired Temporary Sabbatical |
| 135 | Yes | No | no other categories between active and inactive |
| | | | There should be some ability to: 1) be active in setting the direction of the profession, and 2) limited ability to practice law in certain situations (that is represent family or LLC in legal matters). Note, while one can represent themselves, under Dutch Mill, they could not do their own work on a family LLC). |
| 136 | Yes | No | Not clear from the options, whether one must maintain active status and be board such as the Practice of Law Board, or take active role in BOG. |
| 137 | No | Yes | No |
| | | | It would be good to have a category with a respectful name for an attorney who is no longer practicing. "Voluntarily resigned" sounds like the attorney was forced out for some undisclosed reason. |
| 138 | No | No | Emeritus status; the State Bar of Texas grants emeritus status to all attorneys over age 70. Bar dues are waived. Emeritus attorneys can be active or inactive. |
| | | | (1) Retired Status; (2) Active License is too much to pay, especially considering the reduction in our profession's respectability with the new attorney licensing, which lowers the professional bar for all - we should have a way to mark us as an actual attorney who went to law school and passed the bar exam, too.. |
| 139 | Yes | No | |
| 140 | Yes | No | A "semi-active" option for late career "light" practice I support a "retired" or "semi-active" option |
| | | | Military spouse who is forced to leave and come back. Wish there was an option that would help the financial burden when orders take my husband, and therefore me elsewhere. |
| 141 | Yes | No | |
| | | | The options meet my needs at this time. However when it becomes time to retire it would be nice to have an option that reflects something like "retired in good standing" or something along those lines. |
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| 143 | Yes | Yes | |

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| 144 | Yes | No | There should be an honorary retired limited license that allows one to practice law for one's self and immediate family members. | See No. 3 |
| 145 | No | No | Too binary, you are either an active lawyer or not (which includes all the other categories). | Can you create a "retired" or "limited practice" status that allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, maintain an inactive license, or give legal advice to family and friends only? |
| 146 | Yes | No | Something that permits limited uncompensated practice in addition to pro-bono - family, etc. | |
| 147 | Yes | No | Retirement status | Add a retirement status |
| 148 | Yes | No | retired | |
| 149 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 150 | Yes | Yes | | People who complain about having to resign should get over it. This is a waste of time and money |
| 151 | Yes | No | The eligibility rules for judicial/adjudicative positions are not sufficient. I have served as a judicial officer and am now on an adjudicative board in Oregon. Public servants in these types of roles should be eligible for judicial membership, rather than being forced to pay 4x more to retain inactive status while serving the public. | Eliminate the requirement that judicial/adjudicative service must be in Washington to qualify for that status. |
| 152 | No | Yes | | |
| 153 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 154 | No | No | Retired status | I do not want to pay \$200/year but would prefer another option. I'm 53 and am in a different profession. I would welcome another option. |
| 155 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 156 | Yes | Yes | | Emeritus? Something that conveys the step back, but in a positive way. It's a good idea, and hopefully someone will come up with just the right title. |
| 157 | Yes | No | Opportunity for Honorary Status (50 years active) to provide legal advice to family and friends. | See above |

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| 158 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 159 | Yes | No | A status for attorneys who retired in good standing. | "Retired in good standing" which would allow the person to participate in volunteer activities. |
| 160 | Yes | No | A "retired " status | After practicing law for 30 years and paying for an inactive status for 16 years it is disappointing not to be acknowledged as a Retired Attorney. I am also licensed in California and have gone inactive there as well, but at least at age 70 California has waived any further dues requirement. This too should be considered. A Retired status conveys a more dignified position the Inactive. |
| 161 | Yes | No | Retired | |
| 162 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 163 | Yes | No | Retired with limited practice rights for family and friends. | Perhaps retired status after forty years od practice. |
| 164 | Yes | No | Retired | |
| 165 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 166 | Yes | Yes | | I am fine with inactive or retired and think any effort to come up with some other category will be confusing. |
| 167 | Yes | No | Retired status | My situation is not typical. I had brain surgery in 2020 that left me disabled after practicing law for 24 years. I do not want to "voluntarily resign," which feels like it doesn't recognize my years of practice, and means you may not be able to practice again without taking the bar. It would be better to have a retired status that is less money than inactive and recognizes a long career. |
| 168 | Yes | No | Retired | No |
| 169 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 170 | Yes | No | I hate "voluntary resignation". For all someone reading that knows, I could have resigned under pressure. I would really appreciate a "retired" option. | See above |
| 171 | Yes | No | Retirement | Retired member |

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| 172 | Yes | Yes | | Would be interested in a less expensive inactive option for people who after a certain number of consecutive inactive years would like to remain associated with the bar, but cannot justify \$200 annually to maintain inactive affiliation. |
| 173 | Yes | No | Clarity as to what a senior status lawyer can do, if anything. | As a senior status member with 5+ decades of experience I have been approached by family, friends, and charitable organizations asking me what I think about legal problems. If I answer them, without charging a fee, am I engaging in the unauthorized practice of law? Must I pretend that I have no thoughts or knowledge on the subject? |
| 174 | Yes | Yes | | Unrelated, maybe: If WSBA makes it easier, or gives alternatives, for new lawyers to practice law (which I'm fine with), maybe also make it easier for inactive members to practice again. I've hewed strictly to the no practice ethics for inactive members, but at times would like to have given innocuous legal advice. There might be a way to craft the system to lighten the re-entry process while maintaining protections against bad practice. |
| 175 | Yes | No | I have been out of state for 25 plus years but keep my inactive status since I passed the WA Bar Exam. There should be another less expensive option. My benefit? The occasional bar magazine. Thank you for considering. | See above please. |
| 176 | No | No | I can see no reason why it costs the Bar Assn anything close to \$200/year to administer an inactive license. Either reduce the fee back down, or increase the benefits. | |
| 177 | Yes | No | "Retired" | No |

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| | | | Provide an option for a retired license with a small to no CLE requirement, or one that would be met through the free lunchbox CLEs offered by WSBA. This license could allow a finite practice of law within defined boundaries. |
| 178 | Yes | No | Retired |
| 179 | Yes | No | Retired status |
| 180 | Yes | No | A retired status. |
| 181 | Yes | No | Something for people who have retired or don't plan to practice in Washington for a while. |
| 182 | Yes | No | Retired-limited license |
| 183 | Yes | No | Retired both for attorney and judicial. |
| 184 | Yes | No | An option for retired folks who don't want to opt for "inactive" or simply quit the bar |
| 185 | Yes | Yes | |
| 186 | Yes | Yes | |
| 187 | No | No | Retired status |
| 188 | Yes | No | Professionals retired: active: non-profits and community organizations. |
| 189 | Yes | No | A category of "Retired, not practicing" which is more accurate and respectful than "inactive" |
| 190 | Yes | No | Retired |
| 191 | Yes | Yes | |
| 192 | No | No | I think there should be an option other than voluntarily resigned. |
| | | | Inactive is too expensive. |
| | | | While I am satisfied with the current options, the idea of a "retired" status is appealing as long as you don't charge more than the current inactive fee. I am also inactive with the Texas Bar Association. There they do not charge any fee for lawyers over 75 years of age. |
| | | | Yes. Is there flexibility in retirement |
| | | | Inactive? I'm more active than when I retired. |
| | | | See above |

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| | | Should be an emeritus or similar status for lawyers over age 75 or who have been licensed for 50 years or more. | |
| 193 | Yes | No | Low or no fees for such a category. Why \$200 dues for inactive status? This is too high. |
| 194 | Yes | No | Retired bar member Keep the bar exam |
| 195 | Yes | No | Retired No |
| 196 | Yes | No | I agree that creating a retired status would be beneficial compared to only inactive or voluntarily resign. I also believe it would be kind to create a category for honorary after serving 25 or 30 years, or a combination of age and years served. 50 is excessive. I agree the retired category should allow participation in bar activities, pro bono volunteer work and assisting family and friends. |
| 197 | Yes | No | Emeritus status for retired lawyers and judges I do not understand the license fee structure for pro bono |
| 198 | No | Yes | |
| 199 | Yes | No | A "retired" status. The current option of "resigned" suggests a member left the profession due to an ethical violation. |
| 200 | Yes | No | Judicial status should be able to practice law. The act of decision making in legal matters is a form of practicing law so it does not make sense to have it restricted. Judicial status should be able to practice or at least practice pro bono. |
| 201 | Yes | No | Retired status; like the Oregon Bar has See above; having a retired status would be appropriate for some, including me |
| 202 | Yes | No | Would love to see a retired status option. |
| 203 | Yes | No | Would like something where one could advise family and friends while no longer actively practicing CA waives inactive fees for those over age 70; why can't WA do that? |
| 204 | Yes | Yes | How about just "Retired" with same fees and perks as inactive |
| 205 | Yes | No | I am on Inactive Status, which does not allow me to provide any legal advice or services, including Pro Bono service. The Pro Bono option is not adequate as I must work for a specific organization to provide such service. If I wanted to provide Pro Bono service to a not-for-profit organization, I cannot do so. |

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| 206 | Yes | No | Retired status | Would like to see new category of retired with no dues requirement. |
| 207 | Yes | No | Retired status | Add retired status |
| 208 | No | No | Retired | Retired inactive able to help pro bono and family |
| 209 | Yes | No | Retired | no |
| 210 | Yes | No | Less than fully active after a long illustrious career | I like the idea of something other than voluntarily retired. |
| | | | | I think the category of "retired status" is a good one. I chose "inactive" because I didn't want to resign completely. As far as I knew, I could still participate in Bar activities while inactive, but perhaps I was wrong about that. As a practical matter, due to malpractice insurance requirements, if one retires and is inactive, one cannot practice law, in any manner, even to give advice to family and friends, otherwise one jeopardizes one's tail coverage. According to my carrier, if I want to give legal advice in just one case I must pay the entire premium for the entire year. There is no coverage for a part-time lawyer. I am not willing to practice without malpractice insurance, so even if I were designated "retired status" and given the right to give limited legal advice it would not matter to me. Nevertheless, I do like the sound of "retired status" better than "inactive." |
| 211 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 212 | No | Yes | | Suggest a new category for retired practitioners. |
| | | | I'm retired and I'd like to give advice to family and friends - maybe allow for a limited number of hours of practice per year. I'd also like to do more pro bono work without having to be supervised by a qualified organization. I'd also like a limited exemption from malpractice liability for uncompensated pro bono work. | |
| 213 | Yes | No | | I like the idea of a "retired" status within the parameters set forth in my answer to 3 above. |
| 214 | Yes | No | Inactive can supervise Rule 9 interns | |

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| 215 | Yes | Yes | | no |
| 216 | No | No | I am 71 years old and my Texas inactive status doesn't require any payment once the lawyer reaches 70 years old. I don't want to resign from the WA Bar in order not to have to pay anything. | Create an inactive status that doesn't require payment after the lawyer reaches age 70. |
| 217 | Yes | No | Retired status. | |
| 218 | Yes | No | Retired in good standing and reduced fees! | |
| 219 | Yes | Yes | | I support the retired status category addition, agreeing it confers some honorary status. Perhaps limited practice in public service. |
| 220 | No | Yes | | |
| 221 | Yes | No | In California if an attorney is 70 or older the inactive fees are waived. I think this is appropriate since in Washington we pay a lot of money for basically no rights except for being able to reactivate a license. If there is going to be a payment required then there should be some limited practice rights as suggested. I had kept my license active for a number of years after retirement so that I could give legal advice to family and friends and be active in bar functions. I only recently went inactive since it was not worth it to stay active. | See 3 above |
| 222 | Yes | No | There is no no-cost or low-cost option for members who retired in good standing. "Voluntarily resigned" does not cut it; it implies we were about to become the subject of disciplinary proceedings. I would like to see a cheap/free option for "honorably retired members," which include an allowance for very limited pro bono advice/services to family members (and perhaps some other pro bono volunteering.) | I am glad you are studying this. I just retired at the end of last year, and temporarily chose "inactive status" because I do not want to re-take the Bar exam if I decide to ever come out of retirement, but the cost of that status does not make sense. |
| 223 | Yes | No | I recently retired and elected to pay for inactive status. I'd prefer an option for retired status. | |

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| 224 | No | No | Would be nice to have a limited practice option for retired attorneys | |
| 225 | Yes | No | Retired status | Retired status would be a good addition |
| 226 | No | Yes | | No, and thanks for the information |
| 227 | Yes | No | Retired status | Retired status |
| 228 | Yes | No | Giving limited legal advice while retired. | |
| 229 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 230 | No | No | Any kind of low-cost option to remain open to returning to active practice. | Why do I pay \$200 to be inactive? WSBA should justify that. Often inactive lawyers are those who can least afford it and who don't have an employer to cover their bar dues. |
| 231 | Yes | Yes | | It meets my needs now but I support the request for an additional option to respect a long career. |
| 232 | Yes | No | It's very expensive to be inactive for not much in return | If I were to return to practicing law I don't think I should be required to re-take the bar exam |
| 233 | Yes | No | Retired status | Offer a retiree option with free membership BEFORE age 75 as I think it is currently |
| 234 | Yes | No | WSBA should have a government attorney status option with lower bar dues and CLE requirements. WSBA's requirements are so expensive and onerous for those of us who don't have employers who will pay for CLE's. In addition, having to take CLE's that are completely irrelevant to my area of practice just to get hours (when my employer provides the ongoing specialized training I need) was a waste of time I cannot afford. As such, I opted to waive into another jurisdiction with better treatment of government lawyers and go inactive in WA State. I would have preferred to stay active in WA State, but do not feel seen under WSBA's current statuses and requirements. | |
| 235 | Yes | Yes | | "Retired" status would be OK but only if it allowed reinstatement to active under the bar rules and the fees were less than "inactive." |

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| 236 | Yes | No | A better and more affordable option for retired lawyers. | No |
| 237 | Yes | No | Dignity | Inactive retired preferred |
| 238 | Yes | No | The fee for maintaining an "inactive status" should be waived, at least for those of us above retirement age. See the California Bar, which waives the fee for those over the age of 70. | The fee for maintaining an "inactive status" should be waived, at least for those of us above retirement age. See the California Bar, which waives the fee for those over the age of 70. |
| 239 | Yes | Yes | | I've been inactive for years, so don't feel strongly about a "retired" option, but it does sound like a good idea. |
| 240 | Yes | No | Lower cost inactive fees. Why are members paying \$200 if they can't practice? Advise no charge or nominal charge (\$30). | No |
| 241 | Yes | No | a temporary pause of up to 12 mos with no fee. a retired / emeritus / honorably discharged designation for lawyers who have served at least 20 yrs with no issues / problems. can be used once every 5 years. a retired or | Active / Inactive seems too much like an on / off switch. there should be a spectrum. pro bono doesnt capture it. nonpracticing attorneys could almost be like campus resource officers who could explain more than a layman but their advice should be confirmed by an active, practicing attorney. Judges should pay full rates. the other member categories should get to participate in governance. someone who is truly inactive with no legal affiliation should only have a de minimus annual fee of \$50. the process of changing status takes too long and guidance not clear and readily available. |
| 242 | Yes | No | Retired in good standing | Retired in good standing |
| 243 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 244 | | No | Emeritus status; | Yes - I thought I was after 51 years "licensed" emeritus status. Having just checked the bar directory I see after all these years I do not "exist"! That is an affront |
| 245 | | No | I would like to offer advice and maybe services w/o pay as an inactive member. | See above |
| 246 | Yes | No | retired status | no |

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| 247 | Yes | No | Would like to volunteer without having to completely reinstate, take CLEs etc. Ironic that retired lawyers who passed the bar can't practice when the bar has decided the bar is no longer needed. | Agree there should be a "retired/inactive in good standing" status instead of "voluntarily resigned", or "inactive" which makes it sound like we were disciplined. |
| 248 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 249 | Yes | No | No bar dues for members over 70 (See, California rules). Limited practice licensing for retired members. | |
| 250 | No | No | The retired status should be a new option and an out-of-state option | The retired and out-of-state status should be an option |
| 251 | Yes | No | Ability to advise on a limited basis after retirement | |
| 252 | Yes | No | Limited ability to practice law for former clients, family and friends. | Limited practice as indicated in 3 above with a somewhat higher license fee. |
| 253 | Yes | Yes | | Retired status makes the most sense |
| 254 | Yes | No | It appears that resigning even voluntarily gives the appearance of impropriety. It would be much more honorable for long service to say "retired" or "retired status."" | If "retired status," should be no charge or minimal charge, not \$200. |
| 255 | Yes | No | A status as a lawyer not currently practicing. | Provide an ability to say you are a lawyer but not practicing. |
| 256 | Yes | No | I would like an option that does not say "inactive" but indicates I am not practicing in the State of Washington. I don't feel I should have to pay \$200 per month. At this point I am 65 years old. I practice in Oregon. I'm not ready to retire, but I wish there were another option. | No. |
| 257 | Yes | Yes | | The inactive license is too much money. In England, you can just not have the practicing certificate and it doesn't cost you anything. |
| 258 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 259 | Yes | No | Retiree limited practice | no |
| 260 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 261 | Yes | No | The ability to give pro bono legal advice as the need for it arises rather than QLSP | no |

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| 262 | Yes | Yes | No |
| | | I was an active member for almost 40 years and went to inactive status to eliminate the need to meet all of the requirements of an active member, including continuing legal ed requirements. I have a son in law who is a practicing member and would like to be in a position to help him when he needs help but I don't see the need to complete all the continuing ed every year. Most of the work I would be interested in doing (if any) would not be technical and would be work I could easily do with the help of a para legal. Some kind of emeritus status with limited practice authorization would be great. | No |
| 263 | Yes | No | No |
| 264 | Yes | No | Retired Status option missing |
| 265 | Yes | No | retired status add a status that has some flexibility |
| 266 | No | Yes | |
| 267 | Yes | No | Retiree status |
| 268 | Yes | No | Retired status Add retired status, and make address non-public like Oregon |
| 269 | Yes | No | something like a "retired status" that, among other things, might allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, maintain an inactive license, or give legal advice to family and friends only. bar news if requested |
| 270 | Yes | No | Retired |
| 271 | Yes | No | Active members should have fee scaling. Those who earn less than \$30,000, or some other amount, a year in fees from the practice of law should pay same dues as inactive. Members who pro See above. |
| 272 | Yes | No | Pro Tem Judge status for retired judges who don't want to practice law but are needed as pro tems Pro Tem Status or Retired Judge Status should be discount. |

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| 273 | No | I am retired but have been hesitant to "resign" because (1) it limits future options and (2) it has negative connotations related to disciplinary action | \$200/year is a lot to pay to get emails. The fee should be lower |
| 274 | Yes | No | Ability to change status to "retired." |
| 275 | Yes | No | attorney emeritus |
| 276 | Yes | No | I agree that the categories of older attorneys who decide to go temporarily to Inactive or Resigned do not provide adequate designations. |
| 277 | Yes | No | The ability to give general advice to a friend or family member. People know I practiced law for years in many capacities and still seek some friendly advice. They are not looking for the answer for specific litigation questions, but more along the line of "Do I have a case that might prevail?" If I think they might and suggest that they get a lawyer qualified in the area, I don't want to be reported for unlicensed practice because the active lawyer does not agree with me. |
| 278 | Yes | Yes | I am also a member of the California Bar and they have the equivalent of honorary membership beginning at 70. \$200 per year is a lot of money just to keep the title of attorney after a lifetime of work. |
| 279 | Yes | No | Retired and/or some option to do limited legal work for non-profits/family. |
| 280 | Yes | No | I was laid off and ended up putting my license inactive because unemployment in WA doesn't pay much when you live in Seattle (in house counsel). Now I've got a job and trying to get my license reactivated is a ridiculous process and I was only inactive for two months. Had I had any clue what it really meant to inactive my license, I wouldn't have done it. But there are no options for people who recently got laid off in Seattle, you have a LOT of in house counsel with a very high cost of living. |
| 281 | Yes | No | Retired status |
| | | | Honorary should be reduced to 30 years (no more than 40 years). |
| | | | Allow an option for people who lost their jobs. When I looked at the lower price options, I didn't qualify because I made too much money last year, but I was only getting \$4k on unemployment a month and my mortgage was \$5k so higher license fees weren't an option in this job market. |
| | | | I would prefer retired to inactive. Also, please keep contact information private for those not licensed to practice law. |

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| | | | I am a retired judge and elected to go on inactive status. I am currently working very part time as an inquest administrator. I believe a designation such as retired status might more accurately reflect my situation. It felt like a pretty big jump to go from an active judicial status to inactive. | I agree that an option for retired status would be helpful |
| 282 | Yes | No | | |
| 283 | Yes | No | Being able to volunteer as a lawyer. | No |
| 284 | Yes | No | Retired status | |
| 285 | Yes | No | Retired status | Retired status that allows you to provide advice to family. |
| 286 | No | No | Retired option | Retired option |
| 287 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 288 | Yes | No | retired with ability to provide legal advice to family and friends | |
| 289 | Yes | No | | Cheaper fees for inactive members to hold names on a list. |
| 290 | Yes | No | | |
| 291 | Yes | No | I would like to be an honorary member. I was inactive in Washington State because I moved to California, but I have been actively practicing law for 50 years. | See above answer. |
| 292 | Yes | No | | A "Retired Status" is missing. |
| 293 | No | No | Retired judicial officer. My reading is that I can't pro tem unless I am an active member. | See above |
| 294 | Yes | No | Retired | Retired members should not provide legal advice to family members. Retired means retired. |
| 295 | Yes | No | Voluntary resignation has a negative connotation, as if the resignation was in lieu of discipline. A retired status would be appropriate, with no cost. | Add a retirement status and change voluntary resignation to reflect in lieu of discipline. P |
| 296 | Yes | No | A "retired" status allowing limited practice. | A "retired" status allowing limited practice. |
| 297 | Yes | No | | Inactive members should be considered for voting status. |
| 298 | No | No | options for long term members now retired | |
| 299 | Yes | Yes | | Pro bono is a good option for retired attorneys |

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| 300 | Yes | No | Retired status | Should recognize retired lawyers vice inactive |
| 301 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 302 | Yes | No | I would like a retirement option instead of being "inactive" or "voluntarily resign". Ideally this would allow continuing my connection to the legal community by volunteering, continuing to keep up with Bar news, and participating in Bar events. | Yes, a suggestion to add a category whereby a retiree can remain connected to the legal community and contribute after retirement. |
| 303 | Yes | No | Option to volunteer in a legal capacity, remain active in the community and acknowledged for once having been an active lawyer. | Should have a status that is not simply "voluntarily resigned" |
| 304 | Yes | No | retired status which would allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, and give legal advice to family and friends only | no |
| 305 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 306 | Yes | No | Private Corp Council and volunteer services. | It's silly to have your current options when most of us have vast current experience that can be used. |
| 307 | No | No | Emeritus. When I retired after more than 50 years of Bar membership, I was told I have emeritus status. Am I now an "honorary" member or "voluntarily retired." | See above. There should be some recognition of honorable service, especially after 50 years. |
| 308 | Yes | No | Inactive should not have to pay to be unemployed, whether by choice or circumstance. We are penalizing all lawyers who take time off from the profession from being caregivers for their families. | I was inactive when I was a career law clerk. I was employed in the legal profession but because I wasn't actively practicing law, I didn't need to be active. The government did not pay my annual fees or fund any CLE for me. I felt like a second class lawyer even though I was working in the judiciary. The judiciary position should apply to law clerks as well as judges. |
| 309 | Yes | No | Actively practices in other state | I have kept this license even though I moved to Alabama and am licensed here. Would prefer a section that more appropriate for that. |
| 310 | Yes | No | retired - no fee unless reactivate | |

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| 311 | Yes | No | <p>It was too difficult to fully retire so I chose inactive status. The hard part was because the information provided said that I would “no longer be an attorney.” I went to 4 years of undergraduate school, 3 years of law school, took the bar exam in two states, and practiced law for 36 years. I am an attorney whether or not I have an active law license. I certainly agree that WSBA needs a status for retired attorneys that acknowledges the licensee could still make valuable contributions. I had a hard time doing pro bono work due to work demands but now that I have time...too bad. I’m supposedly not an attorney any longer. I would so welcome a change to this situation.</p> | <p>I recommend a category that would permit retirees to at least provide pro bono services.</p> |
| 312 | Yes | No | <p>I practice in another state and no longer practice in Washington. I'd like another option that remains in good standing and doesn't involve paying fees indefinitely.</p> | <p>inactive due to relocation; \$0 fees</p> |
| 313 | Yes | No | <p>Inactive carries a negative connotation.</p> | <p>I would like a "retired" status</p> |
| 314 | Yes | No | <p>Retired is available in other Wa licensures. Inactive seems insulting.</p> | <p>Retired.</p> |
| 315 | Yes | No | <p>Other status such as retirement, teaching, etc.</p> | <p>No -they are very limited options and they are self-explanatory.</p> |
| 316 | Yes | No | <p>Ability to provide pro bono services to non-QLSP.</p> | <p>A Retired status would be nice. It sounds better than inactive</p> |
| 317 | Yes | No | <p>I agree with the statement in the email that just having inactive, pro bono and resigned does not really recognize being a retired lawyer. I have done the pro bono and inactive. This year I continued the inactive status because I could not give up my status 100% after working to achieve it. I would like there to be a retired status.. that might include inactive and pro bono.</p> | <p>No</p> |

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| 318 | Yes | No | I agree a "retired" status, which permitted practice for family members or for pro bono work would be helpful to me and benefit society.e | See above |
| 319 | Yes | No | Should have more comprehensive volunteer/pro bono status | Yes, expand or create pro bono/volunteer category |
| 320 | Yes | No | Retired | No |
| 321 | Yes | No | Limited practice option | No |
| 322 | Yes | No | I agree that a retired status should be offered. "Inactive" active status could be associated with the loss of job, a health crisis, or failure of a private practice. "Voluntary Resignation" implies wrongdoing. Most attorneys "retire" after a long and successful career, while still in good health, and may even plan on continued work, just not as an attorney. The current options seem outdated. | See above. |
| 323 | Yes | No | You need a Retired status that costs nothing and does not involve practicing law. Voluntary resignation has an in lieu of disbarment ring to it. | A \$200/yr fee to be inactive has a punitive money grubbing ring to it. |
| 324 | Yes | No | | |
| 325 | Yes | No | This covers it-something like a "retired status" that, among other things, might allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, maintain an inactive license, or give legal advice to family and friends only. Some believe "voluntarily resigned" does not honor the dignity of retirement after a long career | something like a "retired status" that, among other things, might allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, maintain an inactive license, or give legal advice to family and friends only. Some believe "voluntarily resigned" does not honor the dignity of retirement after a long career |
| 326 | Yes | No | Retired status | |
| 327 | Yes | No | Retired status | No |
| 328 | Yes | No | Prefer something between Inactive and resigned | |
| 329 | Yes | Yes | | Retired Inactive |
| 330 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 331 | Yes | No | retired status | change voluntarily resigned to retired status |
| 332 | Yes | Yes | | Inactive / Retired |

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| 333 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 334 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 335 | Yes | No | "RETIRED" STATUS | "RETIRED" STATUS |
| 336 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 337 | Yes | No | | |
| 338 | Yes | No | A senior status option that allows a limited practice for a reasonable, reduced annual fee. My last 2 years of active practice was pro bono work but not for organizations. The Washington Bar is far more concerned with attorneys under 30 than those of us over 60. | |
| 339 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 340 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 341 | No | Yes | | Consider a "Limited" category where the lawyer is limited to representing only the lawyer's family members (mom, dad, grandparents, the lawyer's spouse or domestic partner, the lawyer's children and grandchildren, and the spouses or domestic partners of the lawyer's children) |
| 342 | Yes | No | A retirement or retired option. Also, an automatic no fee option when you reach a certain age. I am licensed in California in addition to Washington and I no longer need to pay fees however am considered retired and not resigned. | No |
| 343 | Yes | No | Retired | |
| 344 | Yes | No | Retired or Emeritus. Or senior active | Add retired or emeritus with some privileges. Don't charge active practitioners full fees after 67 |
| 345 | No | No | Retired | |
| 346 | Yes | No | Should allow for those who have retired to continue to serve their community within the law. | I think adding a retired honorably or something with a similar connotation would be appropriate for attorneys and judges. |
| 347 | Yes | Yes | | No |

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| | | | Eliminate Inactive, fully merge into Pro Bono. Keep the door open for (particularly young) attorneys to continue to practice and benefit society. Pro Bono is also ideal for retired members, it is dignified and it is clear on what and why they are practicing despite not being active. |
| 348 | Yes | Yes | |
| 349 | Yes | Yes | None |
| | | | I am a U.K./English lawyer but have retained my WA license since 1999, but on inactive status since 2007 and the title and wording has often led to issues when researched as 'inactive' expressed I cannot practice law generally; I know this is the title to use and buried in the website there is a line about its use for my situation but the clarity of not practicing in WA, licensed but not practicing in WA should be more clear 'non-practicing in WA' or 'Active in another Jurisdiction' 'Licensed but Non-Practicing in WA' For my situation it can be confusing when researched. I don't want to cancel my license but this would make it easier — just an English Solicitor, no explanation needed. Thanks WA |
| 350 | Yes | No | An option describing a lawyer who is licensed and practicing outside WA |
| 351 | No | No | Inactive and out of state / country - shouldn't be obligated to have registered agebt |
| 352 | | No | retired from the practice of law |
| 353 | No | Yes | |
| 354 | No | No | Retired |
| 355 | Yes | No | should have retired status |
| 356 | Yes | No | Retired |
| 357 | Yes | No | An option indicating retirement from the profession. |
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| | | I am over the age of 70 and licensed in both California and Washington. My bar dues are waived due to my age in California, but not in Washington. I would like Washington to adopt the same rule. | |
| 359 | Yes | No | See above. |
| 360 | No | Yes | |
| 361 | Yes | Yes | The fee for inactive status is really high. What is the \$200 being applied to? |
| 362 | No | No | Shouldn't be required to have 50 years before being able to be retired and yet give legal advice to family/friends in non OSLP settings. Maybe 30 years is enough. See my response to question3 |
| 363 | No | No | Retired |
| 364 | Yes | No | After practicing law for 37 years I should have a limited ability to still practice as an inactive member. No. |
| 365 | Yes | No | Pro bono representation for non-QLSP organizations, limited scope representation with appropriate disclosures or insurance. Broader pro bono allowance, limited scope license to practice for particular purpose with appropriate disclosures or insurance. |
| 366 | Yes | Yes | I'd be thrilled if judicial status were extended to judges of other states. I'm a judge in OR and am licensed in OR, WA and CA. California has judicial status for judges of other states. OR does not have judicial status for any judges. Thanks for taking the survey. |
| 367 | No | Yes | Emeritus for retirees |
| 368 | Yes | Yes | |
| 369 | Yes | Yes | Current license options meet my needs, for now. I agree, "retired status" would be an appropriate option for later, if available. |
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| 371 | No | Yes | I would like to see an additional category "retired from the practice of law" or just "retired." |
| 372 | Yes | Yes | |

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| | | I would like to see a "retired" status. Also I would like to see that that pro bono status permits pro bono practice in other states as long as that is permitted by the local jurisdiction. More flexibility in in-state pro bono work would also be nice. Not every organization is a QLSP. | |
| 373 | Yes | No | |
| 374 | Yes | No | The term inactive is somewhat vague. Use of a term such as "retired status" would be an improvement over "inactive". |
| 375 | No | Yes | I have lived in California for most of my law practice, and joined the Bar here also. I retired four years ago and have not wished to practice law in any form. However, I'm still interested in certain subjects within nonprofit tax-exempt law, including the practice of "fiscal sponsorship," which I wrote a book about and maintain a blog at https://fiscalsponsorship.com . So I would enjoy being able to attend and even speak at national, state, and local bar association conferences. |
| 376 | Yes | No | Informal advice to family and friends could technically be viewed as the practice of law. |
| 377 | Yes | No | Retired, not practicing. I don't want to voluntarily resign, as that has the feeling that I have committed some violation of my oath as an attorney. I'd like the annual fee to be significantly reduced, something like \$50. Honorably retired, not eligible to practice law. |
| 378 | Yes | No | Retired |
| 379 | Yes | No | "retired, may practice part-time" and maybe something like "inactive but still licensed/active elsewhere" |
| 380 | Yes | Yes | |
| 381 | Yes | No | ability to practice in a limited way. e.g., family members, etc. inactive status is rather pointless. feels like paying for nothing. |
| 382 | Yes | Yes | Instead of Inactive, I would prefer Retired or an equivalent of that |
| 383 | Yes | Yes | No, I don't have |

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| 384 | Yes | No | Clarity | Retired |
| 385 | Yes | Yes | | Why are the inactive dues half the cost of active practice with the limited benefits of inactive? |
| 386 | Yes | Yes | | Although I went inactive when I retired after 27 years on the bench and 13 years as I trial lawyer, I expected to celebrate 50 years as a member of the WSBA in 2028. However, it sounds like I will not be able to under the current rules. Then why should I continue to pay to be inactive? |
| 387 | Yes | No | I think membership at \$200 is somewhat high, and will lead to more members simply resigning without a license. | All types of licensees should automatically receive copies of the Bar News. I have to specifically renew that subscription by emailing I want to receive the magazine every year. |
| 388 | Yes | No | | an inactive status with a reasonable fee. \$200 is excessive for simply maintaining a closed record |
| 389 | Yes | No | An appropriate status for someone who is retired and not practicing law but wishes to retain some kind of official status as a lawyer -- I was a lawyer for most of my life - still think of myself as a lawyer even though I do not actively practice law. But my license status basically suggests that I am NOT still a lawyer -- not a real member of the bar. I agree with the recommendation that there be some kind of inactive membership status | I like the idea of there being an inactive status that does not prohibit minimal casual advice and that still treats me as a member of the bar and a lawyer, even if inactive and retired. |
| 390 | Yes | No | Retired | Other states have a retired status and WA should as well. |
| 391 | Yes | No | Limited practice option for retirement | |
| 392 | Yes | No | Retired | No |
| 393 | Yes | No | A separate "retired" status. I retired recently, but did not want the status of "voluntarily resigned" as it often goes along with "in lieu of disbarment." I therefore chose to pay \$200 to maintain "inactive" status instead. | |

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| 394 | Yes | Yes | | no |
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| 396 | Yes | No | Retired Status | No |
| 397 | Yes | Yes | | |
| <p>This year, after four years of being retired while remaining on active status, I changed to inactive. I would have preferred an option like "retired" or other that would have allowed me limited ability to practice law, like advise family members. The other problem is that while I was retired but active, I maintained a post office box, which was a bother and also somewhat costly. I did so because as a former judicial officer, I did not want to make my home address publicly available. When I switched to inactive, I had to provide my home address. For personal safety reasons, I would like to see an option that allowed me to keep my home address not public.</p> | | | | |
| 398 | Yes | No | | Yes, see answer to question 3 regarding addresses. |
| 399 | No | Yes | | Add a retired category |
| 400 | No | No | Retired | |
| 401 | Yes | No | As honorary and after more than 50 years of practice, I should be able contribute to the community and have some personal satisfactlon professionally. | Allow some limited practice opportunities without fee or CLE reequirements. |
| 402 | Yes | No | the inactive fee should be lower. I have a Texas license on inactive status, the fee is \$50/year | lower the fees |
| 403 | Yes | No | \$200 for inactive should be enough. The 40 hours of pro bono service requirement is too much for people like myself unable to find work and experiencing severe economic hardship. | see above answer |
| 404 | Yes | No | I really appreciate the exploration of a retiree license. | |
| 405 | Yes | Yes | | |

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| 406 Yes | No | I actively practiced law for 50 years (with three bar memberships). When I retired, I received inactive status which seems to be somewhat | I agree that something like a “retired status” that, among other things, would allow the lawyer to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, is a good idea. |
| 407 Yes | No | I first joined the Bar in 1969 and maintained active membership for 48 years. I switched to inactive at that time because of the cost of active membership. I learned two years later when my 50 year membership was feted that I would continue to have to pay for inactive status while others in my 50 year class don't have to pay anymore. Five years later I continue to pay for inactive status but it is hard to justify the cost. I believe the option of retired status would better meet my needs and that of others because it recognized long service and does not put me in the same category of others with far fewer years who have chosen to go inactive for whatever reason. Also, the ability to assist family and friends with some matters would be helpful. Just because one is inactive shouldn't mean you can't help a family member. | See answer above. |
| 408 Yes | No | Retiree Status | Retiree's should not be required to pay active dues or change to the status of inactive. Neither category recognizes long years of practice. Retired attorneys should not have to pay for inactive status, as there is low likelihood they will seek to be active again. Also, retired attorneys should pay no fee or a lesser fee than those in inactive status. Retired attorneys should also be able to assist their family and friends to a limited degree with the legal questions they will inevitably ask you. |

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| 409 | Yes | No | Dropping (or significantly lowering) fee requirements for inactive status after member reaches certain age, such as 70 as in California. | See #3. Being retired and paying inactive status fees in several jurisdictions is not justifiable anymore, and I likely will drop membership in one or more bars. Washington's are high by comparison to several other jurisdictions. |
| 410 | No | No | I should be able to give legal advice to my family when I am retired. | |
| 411 | Yes | No | Mandatory designation of members admitted without passing any state's bar exam | Charge active members admitted without passing any state's bar exam more |
| 412 | No | No | information | no longer interested |
| 413 | Yes | No | Participate in bar activities, volunteer in clinics, possibly provide limited legal advice | NO |
| 414 | Yes | No | Retired Status | I would like to have my honorable service be recognized as other than "voluntarily resigned." |
| 415 | Yes | No | Voluntarily Resigned might be a pedophile avoiding disbarment proceedings--not honorable per se. Also, I would like to be able to provide pro bono consultations and referrals without charge. | Nothing I have read seems to fit my concerns. |
| 416 | Yes | Yes | | I like the suggestion of a "retired" status. |
| 417 | Yes | No | The actual designations offered do not honor my time as a practicing attorney and they do not allow the opportunity to volunteer, give legal advice to family members, or to participate in bar activities. | Something similar to an "honorable" discharge - "honorable"/voluntary inactive status or voluntary retirement status. Separate from those attorneys who have left practice temporarily or permanently due to disciplinary action. |
| 418 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 419 | Yes | No | I retired in 2021 and went inactive in 2022. It would be nice to have an alternative that denotes retired as opposed to simply quit. | A special category for retired attorneys |
| 420 | Yes | Yes | | No. |
| 421 | Yes | Yes | | Would like inactive to have option for retired status |
| 422 | Yes | Yes | | I like the idea of "retired status" |

423 Yes

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I am inactive, but often want to give legal advice to family and friends, not including active representation in a legal matter or drafting legal documents. I strongly support expanding the options available to me as an inactive member to officially, legally and ethically provide legal advice and consultations to family and friends. I have another question which I describe in #4 below.

Here's a current situation my spouse and I are facing. We are involved in a post-construction contract dispute with our contractor. Small amount of money involved, but because of a very aggressive (and, in our view, inappropriate) posture on the part of contractor's attorney, we may be sued by him. Of course, as an inactive member of the Bar I am not barred from appearing Pro Se in such a suit. But I wonder if appearing Pro Se would limit my ability to represent myself vs. appearing as myself, Attorney at Law. Perhaps the answer to this is obvious, but this survey prompted my question about this situation in real time. Also, if, for example, an immediate family member were involved in litigation, as an Inactive Member would I be barred from sitting at counsel table with the family member and their active attorney to confer during trial? Perhaps these answers are obvious, but having been inactive now for about 6 years or so, I often wonder about what benefits and options are available to me as an "inactive" member. If this is the same as "voluntary resignation" which puts one in a non-member category, then what's the difference (and what am I getting for my \$200 dues per year)?

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| | | | For starters, one suggestion would be to lower the number of years of practice in the state of Washington to 10 years to qualify for Honorary status. Also, why can't the Inactive license status be less restrictive with respect to the ability to provide legal advice to family and friends, and to allow one to continue to participate in bar activities and contribute to the bar in retirement? The option "voluntarily resigned" does not accomplish any of the forgoing. Further, it seriously undervalues the wisdom and experience one has acquired after many years in the practice of law. |
| 424 | Yes | No | The ability to continue to participate in bar activities and contribute to the legal profession in some other meaningful way once retired, without having to maintain active status. Also, the ability to provide legal advice to family members and friends. |
| 425 | Yes | No | There should be a retired option. I will not practice law again in Washington or anywhere, but I would prefer an option of not resigning. |
| 426 | Yes | Yes | No |
| 427 | Yes | Yes | I like the idea of retired status |
| 428 | Yes | No | I would like a "retired" status rather than "inactive." |
| 429 | Yes | No | Assurance to say you are an attorney. |
| | | | Giving advice, direction where to obtain legal advice. |
| 430 | Yes | No | Something less than "inactive" but short of resigning completely. Retired status would be better with the option to become active again within 5 years without having to retake the bar exam. Let us retire with dignity and give us time to think about whether we want to completely stop. No fees, or very low fees in this status. |
| 431 | Yes | No | A category for retired attorneys who want to continue to practice in some form (alternative dispute resolution only, work part time or seasonally). Forcing someone to pay the full amount for active practice when they may be working part time is not fair and doesn't recognize the reality of retirement, especially when Judges pay hardly anything and make far more than many active practitioners. |

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| 432 | Yes | No | A status that recognizes, respects, and values the contributions to the legal field of an attorney that is in retirement. | An "emeritus" option is appropriate for those who have served long-term in the legal profession, for example, 10 consecutive years in the state. |
| 433 | No | No | Ability to provide general advice to family & close friends, with no compensation | What are the CLE requirements for each status? |
| 434 | Yes | No | I am currently inactive, but I would like to be able to help family members or friends with small legal matters | I would like a 'limited practice' option |
| 435 | Yes | No | Ability to volunteer while inactive | It would be nice to be able to volunteer pro bono for charities |
| 436 | Yes | No | Inactive doesn't really provide a title that feels adequate after a 30 plus year career. While pro Bono is somewhat more attractive, having to be attached to one specific organization is too restrictive | Pro Bono with the ability to work in multiple organizations would be better. A category for retired that isn't inactive would also be attractive. Emeritus or even retired would be better. I ended up inactive because the Bar didn't explain adequately what the Covid extensions meant. I didn't realize my reporting period had been shortened, and I could have been assisted and informed better. |
| 437 | Yes | No | the pro bono hours requirement for a no-cost license is too high. the shelter, my annual hours would be 15-20. In addition, I'm a judicial officer. Can I pro tem after retiring without paying a license fee? I will have given up my elected position. | Yes. See above. |
| 438 | No | Yes | | |
| 439 | Yes | No | Retired status and years of active membership | See above |
| 440 | Yes | Yes | | I went inactive and so it's accurate to say I'm "inactive". But, it was voluntary because I'm not practicing at the moment and my company would only cover the cost of inactive. So, it may not be clear that this was voluntary. |
| 441 | | No | agree with suggestion to have "retired status" | yes, the suggested retired status |
| 442 | No | No | Retired status. | |
| 443 | Yes | No | Retired Status | |
| 444 | Yes | No | Retired. | |

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| 445 | Yes | No | Inactive is FAR too expensive. | Lower the cost to be inactive. The WSBA provides literally nothing to inactive lawyers. |
| 446 | Yes | No | Inactive is FAR too expensive. | Lower the cost to be inactive. The WSBA provides literally nothing to inactive lawyers. |
| 447 | | No | more options for retired lawyers, such as retired status which permits consulting, pro bono, as well as ability to participate in free or reduced cost CLE's | See above |
| 448 | Yes | No | Retired | I have been on inactive status for several years and feel the fees should be lower. |
| 449 | No | No | Retirement options | |
| 450 | Yes | Yes | | While I may not personally use a retired status, I think it is important to have one for those that require it, as it is more appropriate in certain situations than inactive or voluntarily resigned. |
| 451 | Yes | No | Retired | Why does a switch from inactive to active status after 10 years require a retake of the bar exam if new prospective attorneys no longer have to take the bar exam? |
| 452 | Yes | No | Retired or part-time or out-of-state (dual licensed) active | Yes |
| 453 | Yes | No | Inactive without testing requirements | You should be able to go inactive, keep up your CLEs, and return to active without testing. We need a voluntary bar in this state. |
| 454 | Yes | No | Retired | |
| 455 | Yes | Yes | | Not at this time but eventually I may want to move back to active status or pro bono status from my current inactive status. |
| 456 | Yes | No | Limited practice options: friends/family, limit of 3-5 cases per year | |

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| 457 | Yes | No | A license status for retired members that would allow the practitioner to continue to participate in volunteer opportunities, provide legal advice to family & friends, or engage in other minimal practice activities that could be designated as in "senior" or "retired" status. Those designations are certainly more dignified than "voluntarily resigned" or "inactive" which have a connotation that the practitioner did something wrong at the end of his or her career. As a current judge, I would like the opportunity to hear a few cases in retirement which could be classified as being in "senior status," much like a retired federal judge. | None other than noted above. |
| 458 | No | No | Emeritus status to be able to provide legal advice pro bono and no fee | Yes, why does it take 50 years to achieve a no fee status where most of us will work for 25 years. Show lower that time to 25 years. |
| 459 | Yes | No | There should be a "voluntary retired." It is more descriptive than inactive. | |
| 460 | | Yes | | no |
| 461 | Yes | No | Retired | "Voluntarily resigned" also applies to those who resigned instead of being disbarred or facing other bar discipline. To be retired allows people to know that you no longer are practicing law without raising questions about the circumstances. |
| 462 | Yes | No | Retired | Inactive is too limiting for retired bar members (e.g., not allowing participation in bar activities, volunteer work). |
| 463 | Yes | Yes | | Inactive may be ok, but making volunteer opportunities relevant and available should be prioritized. |

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| 464 | Yes | No | The ability for a retiree to indefinitely be in inactive status (my understanding is that this is only permissible for a period of years). | Given the fact that new graduates are (apparently) going to get licensed without taking a bar exam, shouldn't retirees, who already passed the bar exam and who devoted decades to the profession (including MCLEs) be able to reactivate their licenses as desired without having to take any kind of test to do so? Why should a new graduate with zero experience be treated better than a retiree? |
| 465 | Yes | Yes | | These are fine - my status is inactive, as I am not practicing law - but I am working in a position that does require a J.D., and I am conducting legal analysis and education in my role- just not providing legal advice. My sense is that there are more roles like this than before. Not sure how to "honor" someone who is using her legal credentials but simply not practicing. In the end, it's fine if I am lumped in with members who no longer use their law degree and identify as "inactive." |
| 466 | No | No | I'd like to see more options for retired attorneys. I also did know about Inactive Status, but never knew there was a Pro Bono status. | Resigned is not the same as retired. Please distinguish. |
| 467 | Yes | No | A license that recognizes significant experience practicing law, but by someone who is not currently advising or representing clients due a change in career path. Also, the fee for inactive should be less than \$200. | I like the idea of creating differentiations between different types of inactive licenses. As long as the administrative support would not be significantly different, it seems reasonable to differentiate. For example, retired, mid-career, and early career inactive status. |
| 468 | Yes | Yes | | Fee waivers should be license status subject to documents |
| 469 | Yes | No | As in California, the license fee should be waived for inactive members over a certain age. | Waive the license fee for inactive members over the age of 65. |
| 470 | Yes | Yes | | |

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| 471 | Yes | No | Ability to provide legal services to family members. | Create a limited status that would allow an attorney to provide legal services to family members, to include parents, children (and other blood relatives, i.e. , siblings, grandchildren) and the spouses of blood relatives. |
| 472 | Yes | No | I would like to have a "Retired"-type status that allows me to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities. I agree that "Inactive" doesn't reflect the dignity of retirement, or acknowledge that retired attorneys can make positive contributions to the profession. | Please see my comments above. Thank you for your consideration. |
| 473 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 474 | Yes | Yes | | No. Inactive works for me as I voluntary left the legal field, and the country about 6 years ago, and kept the inactive status in case I do decide to practice in New Zealand at some point in the future. Although I could see how those with a lifetime of practice would want other options, maybe something like Emeritus would work? |
| 475 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 476 | Yes | No | I will be retiring at the end of this year and I do not want to voluntarily resign my license. | Could there be some option for members who are retiring that would designate them as such at a reduced cost? |
| 477 | Yes | No | Inactive license fee of \$200 seems to be high, a range of \$50 to \$100 fee seems more reasonable. | |
| 478 | Yes | No | retired status - less fees, able to do some pro bono | retired status - less fees, able to do some pro bono |
| 479 | Yes | No | The license fees for inactive lawyers should be much lower, considering they can't practice law and aren't receiving much, if anything from the bar association. | |
| 480 | Yes | Yes | | Like the teaser scenario described, I like the idea of a "retire from active practice" option. Thank you.e |
| 481 | No | No | there should definintely be one for retired attorneys | no |

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| 482 | Yes | No | I would like to be retired as opposed to having to pay to be inactive, but with the option to come back and practice later if so desired. | |
| 483 | Yes | No | Retired status and Retired Judicial status | |
| 484 | Yes | No | Lower costs all around and retired or semi-retired options. For a big firm WSBA dues are an easily absorbable cost of business. For a solo. retired, or semi-retired attorney, the current amounts are insane. For inactive, \$200 is a huge chunk of change for someone who has gone back to school or is raising a family, &c. WSBA keeps prioritizing clients over the members. This would not be needed if we disbarred the snakes. | As above, lower costs all around and retired or semi-retired options. Solo should be a considerably less expensive option than a big-city, big firm practitioner. There is a lot of economy of scale in larger cities and larger firms. These do not exist for many solo or semi-retired practitioners. I try to help people who can't afford the big city prices, but I have a very hard time when my insurance and bar dues are artificially inflated. I get nothing from WSBA. You only take. |
| 485 | Yes | No | something between inactive and active. allow some limited practice | no |
| 486 | Yes | Yes | | no |
| 487 | Yes | No | retired | Is there a less burdensome way to participate in the Bar without meeting full CLE requirements |
| 488 | Yes | No | Corporate counsel out of Washington jurisdiction | |
| 489 | Yes | Yes | | The "inactive" status \$200 fee that is paid annually feels like extortion to keep a license that can be reactivated. It would make more sense to have a one time inactive fee and a one time fee to return to active status. |
| 490 | Yes | No | I support adding 2 categories for retirees: one for a retired attorney and one for a retired judge. Both options should allow the retiree to participate in bar activities, volunteer opportunities, and even provide assistance to pro se litigants or to assist the court with guardianship needs. | I would call it Senior Status (or something similar). Senior Atty and/or Senior Judge - pay \$50 per year and allow your seniors to provide help with bar, bench, pro se, and other activities that add to the public good. They could even receive pay for some services, so long as it is understood that they are no longer practicing attorneys or judges.it is understood that |

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| 491 | Yes | No | The inactive open probably means one cannot practice law in WA, but having bar licenses in other states or DC allows the inactive member to practice law. | I like the idea about retired, but having been inactive because I'm licensed in DC, I would hesitate to practice in WA. I would like to be able to advise family. |
| 492 | Yes | No | a retirement option; many of us become judges toward the latter part of our career and thus only have 20-25 years in the judiciary as our last legal occupation before we retire; the "honorary" should be lowered to 20 yrs as a judge or at the very least have a "retired" option where we could continue to attend legal lunchbox, advise family members, etc | no other than as I noted above in my answer to #3 |
| 493 | Yes | No | A retirement category | Yes, a retirement category for those that have long practiced (in good standing) and would like a different category than "inactive." |
| 494 | Yes | Yes | | no |
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| 496 | Yes | Yes | | When I retire from practicing law how can my status be described? |
| 497 | | No | Retired | You make retired judges pay standard bar dues. Many want to pro temp but do not want to pay the fees. You should consider a different fee structure similar to the pro bono. |
| 498 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 499 | No | No | Retired (after long career 20 years but not 50 years) | Voluntarily Resigned sounds like you are avoiding a suspension and is demeaning to a 40+ Carter in law. |
| 500 | Yes | No | I would like to see a voluntarily retired (non-disciplinary) status added | No |
| 501 | Yes | No | Retired | There should be an option for someone not actively practicing who wants to maintain CLEs to be able to revert back to active status should they desire. |
| 502 | Yes | No | Allow to practice pro bono while not fully "active" | see answer to #3 above |
| 503 | Yes | No | Licensed but not currently practicing in the state (an option other states have) | I would like to see a middle ground for out of state lawyers who do not want to be entirely inactive. |

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| 504 | Yes | Yes | | I'm pondering retirement. If I retire and later change my mind, how hard is it to reverse the "inactive" designation? How long can I stay "inactive" before requesting active status again (without needing to re-take the bar exam)? |
| 505 | Yes | Yes | | A retired option with a limited ability to help friends and family for no fee would be nice. |
| 506 | Yes | No | There should be a retired status or something similar. | The license fee for inactive members seems rather high, given the many restrictions that come with this status. |
| 507 | Yes | Yes | | In favor of a retired status, please add. |
| 508 | No | No | Less expensive inactive status for individuals working in long-term careers adjacent to the legal profession which do not require an active license. | See above. |
| 509 | Yes | No | Retirement option | No |
| 510 | Yes | No | retired | no |
| 511 | Yes | Yes | | Yes, the options meet my needs now, but agreed - should add "retired". Would like to have that option when I do choose to retire. |
| 512 | Yes | No | It would be appreciated if there was a retired category, particularly one that allowed pro bono activities and the ability to represent oneself. | |
| 513 | Yes | No | a status that reflects retirement rather than simply "inactive" | would be appropriate to have a status that recognizes years of membership in the bar (for example, i served the legal community in Washington for 32 years) and it seems odd that i must pay \$200 per year for the simple ability to participate in bar related events |
| 514 | Yes | No | A lower cost inactive option | |

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| 515 | Yes | No | Retirement license options. Inactive is too restrictive unless you just want to be done with practicing. Voluntarily resigned flags a negative flavor as that is often the off-ramp for discipline issues and doesn't recognize the difference in a true retirement after a career. | Not for practicing members. As a judicial officer anticipating retirement after the next election cycle I would like a license option that allowed me to continue to provide legal advice/representation for family, do pro bono work (including for local non-profits that are not QLSP) and maybe sit as a pro tem judge on a limited basis or for conflict cases. None of the current (other than "active") license options would allow those activities in combination. I would also encourage the WSBA to think about including a retirement status which would allow for retired members to specifically help out with the current public defense crisis (which the new standards will exacerbate exponentially). |
| 516 | Yes | Yes | | The "retired" status is common in other jurisdictions where I am licensed. It provides clarity to the public who rely on seasoned attorneys to provide pro bono work. It is also respectful to attorneys who have long-served the bar and wish to provide pro-bono services during retirement. I encourage the WSBA to add this license category. |
| 517 | Yes | No | Would like to be able to advise family and friends on inactive status | |
| 518 | No | No | I am a public interest lawyer who holds licenses in New York, California, and Washington. The reason I keep my license inactive is purely due to cost. If there were a way for me to not face such an expense I would keep my license active. Also, I would want clarity that my work for my public interest organization, providing pro bono representation, would permit me to pursue the pro bono license status. | cost abatement is likely to be a reason for members to seek non-active license status options,hence more cost abatement arrangements should be an important priority. |
| 519 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 520 | Yes | No | Retired | Add Retired status |

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| 521 | Yes | No | I am retired and do not wish to practice law. I would like to be part of my profession even though not practicing. "Inactive" does not adequately address that. I would like a more respectful status, and a lower annual fee. | I suggest "retired" status or "senior" status with no or limited ability to practice. |
| 522 | No | Yes | | |
| 523 | Yes | Yes | | No. |
| 524 | Yes | No | I am retired but can't bring myself to give up my license so I've gone Inactive. Inactive is a pricey option for just keeping my license. It would be great to have a cheaper option that still allows for re-activation. | See above for an alternative option for retired and inactive practices |
| 525 | Yes | Yes | | When an attorney retires from active practice I think the designation should be "retired". If a retired attorney wishes to provide pro bono work through a QLSP, the designation should be "retired providing pro bono legal services". A retired attorney providing pro bono services should not be charged a license fee regardless of the number of hours she/he provides through the QLSP. |
| 526 | Yes | No | Would like to see more activities added to the inactive status including some limited practice. perhaps in conjunction with an active member. | |
| 527 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 528 | Yes | No | As an inactive attorney, I am not entitled to be a member of the Family Law section of the Bar. I am not interested in being a voting member of the Section or holding office but rather would appreciate the discount available to active Bar members who wish to attend the mid-year conference. | |
| 529 | Yes | Yes | | A retired status like the one proposed in Ms. MacGregor's email would be great. |

I do like the proposal for subcategory "retired status," under "inactive." After more than a decade of active practice status, I went "inactive" when I left practice for academia. I have since retired from academia, after 30 years of teaching, but enjoy keeping abreast of Washington Bar issues. I agree that the p "retired" status offers a measure of dignity to those of us in that subset of the current inactive status.

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More options for retirees needed

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| 532 Yes | No | An Inactive Status that is longer than 5 years without risking having to retake the bar exam. | <p>I have retired due to side effects from cancer treatment impacting long-term fatigue but that same situation applies to others who either were originally licensed later in life and won't ever attain 50 years of practice or to individuals who take more than five years of a "mommy" or "daddy" track in life. Effectively the current policies are exclusionary to different life paths and older initial licensees. For example, I would prefer to remain on Inactive status longer than the allowed five years. Effectively, I am forced back on Active status at a much higher fee (with no income to offset that fee) even though not practicing because I would risk having to take the bar exam again to go active later in life. The only practice I envision happening later in life would be when my parents and husband pass away and I handle their probate (which was in my area of practice). Being able to go back active after a period of time longer than five years is what is missing. My Texas license allows for that and at a much lower annual price (\$50 instead of \$200). I would advocate for a lower priced Inactive status as well as no time limit. It is fine to require up to 45 hours of CLE before activating again and also a one-time administrative fee (reasonable amount) to go back Active. I stay current in my chosen fields of practice by reading bar news, etc. and CLE would be appropriate but a full bar exam not only not appropriate but likely at that future date also not feasible - and frankly not areas of practice that I would ever encounter again.</p> |
| 533 Yes | No | Retired and Semi-Retired | Is it possible to have a semi-retired status that would allow attorneys to be of counsel or does pro bono cover that? |
| 534 No | No | Option to provide limited legal advice but only minimal bar dues. | no |

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| 535 | Yes | No | There should be a dignified way to retire, other than "voluntarily resigned", which sounds like "quit before they fired me". Also, inactive members should be allowed to counsel family and friends on a non-paying basis. | |
| 536 | Yes | No | "Retired" status | Given that the Supreme Court will now let any joker get a law license, I'm not sure why you're spending any time on this. You all won't be happy until you've removed all dignity and seriousness from the practice. It's a shame. |
| 537 | Yes | No | Retired status | No |
| 538 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 539 | Yes | No | A status for retired attorney's who no longer practice but would like to remain active in the bar. | create a status for retired attorney's who no longer practice but would like to remain active in the bar that does not require a fee. |
| 540 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 541 | Yes | No | Unclear if "Inactive" would work for me; if it doesn't, something else might be useful. | I'm unclear if there is a different CLE requirement for inactive; whether I could continue to provide the "law-related services" I currently provide. |
| 542 | Yes | No | Some type of honorary status for retired or semi-retired members. | There should be another level for semi-retired or retired lawyers that dignify retirement. |
| 543 | Yes | No | inactive doesn't meet the needs of retired members who might need a very limited ability to practice for themselves or family members; honorary judicial requiring 50 years is not reasonable | I like the new proposal |
| 544 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 545 | Yes | Yes | | N/A |
| 546 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 547 | Yes | No | Retired | Those who retire from the practice of law should not be treated the same as someone who "resigns." |
| 548 | Yes | No | option for limited practice in retirement | retired rather than resigned |

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| 549 | No | No | retired or limited part time practice designation- voluntarily resigned sounds negative like the atty. did something wrong | Allow retired and part time practice with reduced fees but still CLE requirements- something like license still valid |
| 550 | Yes | No | Volunteering with nonprofits. Volunteering to work with students in moot courts and related educational activities. | The status options are not realistic for the skill level of a 'retiring' attorney. I'm not sure who drew them up but they were not talking with those of us who are still very active in our communities but treated like second class citizens by the Bar. |
| 551 | Yes | No | retired | |
| 552 | No | No | Simply "retired" instead of "inactive" | No |
| 553 | No | No | Retired | |
| 554 | Yes | No | It would be nice to have a "retired" option that allows for participation in WSBA events and committees. | |
| 555 | Yes | No | retired status | |
| 556 | Yes | No | "Retired," which means no longer working but able to provide minimal or personal legal services or volunteer services | |
| 557 | Yes | Yes | | Not specifically a licensing status option but specialty certification should be established. |
| 558 | Yes | No | A "Retired" status. Inactive could be for a variety of reasons, many of them negative. "Voluntarily resigned" definitely suggests resignation in lieu of an investigation or sanctions of some type. "Retired" is widely understood to mean just what it says, and does not suggest something more. | Yes. Use "retired" instead of, or in lieu of "inactive". I presume people could "unretire" just like they could go "active" again. |
| 559 | Yes | No | An "Inactive Attorney" should be able to run for/serve on the Board. Inactives pay license fees, and may become active again at a later date. | A "retired" option would be better than "resigned". "Resigned" sounds negative. |

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| | | | I like the idea of something like a retired status. I'm nowhere close that, but I could see the pain of just letting go, especially because I could see scenarios, like volunteer situation, where "a retired lawyer is better than no lawyer at all" or where they could continue contributing their wisdom. |
| 560 | No | Yes | |
| 561 | Yes | No | Retired but able to do limited practice |
| 562 | Yes | No | retired status with some ability to practice |
| 563 | Yes | No | retired should get bar news, should be able to practice in some limited capacity |
| 564 | Yes | No | Inability to provide legal advice to family/friends on a limited basis since "inactive status" prevents a bar member from doing so. WSBA has literally thousands of its members who are inactive. |
| | | | Tim Callahan |
| 565 | Yes | No | retirees who wish to offer limited services other than thru a QLSP - keeping CLE credits current - but who no longer maintain a practice |
| | | | Add "Retired" with little or no dues but ability to offer limited legal services pro bono other than thru a QLSP with requirement to keep CLE credits current |
| 566 | No | No | There isn't a category that recognizes some sort of retirement status that allow limited ability to practice. Perhaps in some specialized area of the law. |
| | | | Perhaps a Qualified retirement status which would allow ability for limited practice in predesignated areas of the law. This might allow limited CLE in this area. |
| 567 | No | Yes | |
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| 568 | Yes | No | Retired status with limited ability to provide advice to family members |
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| 569 | No | Yes | |
| | | | The "honorary" status seems very restricted. Why impose a requirement of 50 years of prior practice? There should be a "retired" option that is not so restrictive. |
| 570 | Yes | Yes | |
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| 571 | Yes | No | retired judges to act as pro tem |
| | | | Would be beneficial to have the ability of retired judges to have a status for the ability to serve in a limited capacity as a protem |

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| 572 | Yes | No | I am inactive after retirement. I practiced for 35 years. It would be nice to still be able to advise family and friends. They don't seem to understand when I just say 'I am basically no longer a lawyer...' | |
| 573 | No | Yes | | |
| 574 | Yes | No | I would like the ability to provide limited legal services to family and friends on a pro bono basis. | I am an honorary member having been a member of the Washington bar for over 50 years. I would like the ability to represent my daughter in a special education proceeding regarding one of her children and to a limited extent to other members of the family. |
| 575 | Yes | No | Active licensure after retirement. The ability to continue practice in federal court or other states. | Please see # 3 above. |
| 576 | Yes | Yes | | It would be nice to have a license option for lower income earners. |
| 577 | Yes | No | I went inactive after my cancer diagnosis. Now I am feeling better. I would very much like to have the ability to give back by providing volunteer / pro bono services, participate or serve on a bargaining , in addition to the ability to represent myself or family in case there is a need. | For people who are retired, perhaps the same opportunity as well. |
| 578 | Yes | No | "Retired" | |
| 579 | Yes | No | Retired; Ability to act as Judge Pro Tem | Create a retired status that allows retired judges to act as judge pro tem. |
| 580 | Yes | Yes | | No questions/suggestions. |
| 581 | Yes | No | Retired instead of voluntary resignation. The VR category sounds like you gave up your license to settle a misconduct issue with the WSBAp | Yes see above. |
| 582 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 583 | Yes | No | Senior status . Similar to Idaho's | Would be satisfactory. Totally inadequate without senior status. |

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| | | | | The method to charge back to active from inactive was not clearly defined on the WSBA website. I seem to remember that the materials seemed to say that taking the bar exam may be required. Also I spoke to someone at the bar who was quite helpful and provided information that I didn't see on the website about needing to keep up on CLE's and the free ones from the bar and about the approved pro bono list. I am sure there many other questions I will have in the future as I just retired but I may just never go back to practicing law. I do think the cost of inactive status is too high but I just wasn't ready to cut myself off from the emails from the bar etc. |
| 584 | Yes | No | I think those on the inactive status should be able to vote and serve on the board. | |
| 585 | Yes | No | A retired option | |
| 586 | Yes | Yes | | Expand the Honorary (and expand??) status to accommodate broader needs |
| 587 | Yes | No | Retired Status--probably similar to inactive | See above |
| 588 | Yes | No | The ability for retired members who do not wish to pay the full active fee or fulfill the CLE requirements to give informal advice to family and friends. | I like the suggestion of a retired status. There should be no fee or a much lower fee than now for the inactive status and for a new retired status. |
| 589 | Yes | No | An option that does not reflect the inference of disciplinary action (voluntary resigns) or Suspension By the Wa. State Supreme Court. | Retired; Retired with Honors; Retired with Honors in Good Standing' Retired in Good Standing. |
| 590 | Yes | No | retirement status | see above |
| 591 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 592 | Yes | Yes | | Do not charge so much for inactive status. \$200 is onerous for many of us. |
| 593 | Yes | No | Retired option | |
| 594 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 595 | Yes | No | The amount inactive pays. | Yes |
| 596 | Yes | No | Retired | No |

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| 597 | Yes | No | An opportunity for less than full licensure status that allows retired lawyers the opportunity to remain active on the bar and provide limited legal advice to family members. | I believe that Pro bono work is to be encouraged, whatever the amount. It should never cost money to volunteer and provide valuable legal services to the needy. |
| 598 | Yes | No | Retired (to distinguish from Voluntarily Resigned) | No |
| 599 | No | No | I do believe there should be a "retired" status. Voluntarily resigned could give the impression that someone resigned in lieu of discipline. | Add "retired" as an option. |
| 600 | Yes | Yes | | No. |
| 601 | Yes | No | Simply add a "retired" option. "Voluntarily Resigned" sounds like someone resigned in lieu of discipline. There should be a way to simply "retire" and not renew your bar license. | See above. |
| 602 | Yes | No | Retired and/or Emeritus | yes - please add Retired (not practicing any longer in any capacity) and/or Emeritus (no longer accepting financial compensation for legal services but still providing pro bono and informal advice) |
| 603 | Yes | No | Another category that would reflect retired with limited ability to practice and engage in volunteer opportunities. | Why charge an annual fee for inactive status? |
| 604 | No | Yes | | |
| 605 | Yes | No | An option for retired practitioners which recognizes their service to the profession and allows them to pay a smaller fee, and retain access to bar services and allows them to work in a more limited capacity than full practice. | |
| 606 | No | No | With the potential of retirement on the horizon, I believe that something reflecting that the attorney has retired would be appropriate. | see above |

Judicial and adjudicative bar fees should not be so reduced. There are many practicing young lawyers who make a fraction of the income but yet pay significantly more in bar dues than those who are able to afford such given their position and should at the very least be the same as those providing pro bono services. A retired status that allows those to participate in other activities would be a positive option to help those transition. Those who have been disciplined and elect to "voluntarily resign" in lieu of should not be permitted to maintain a retired status and benefits that come with that.

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| 607 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 608 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 609 | Yes | Yes | | The options before the recent announcement? Or since? |
| 610 | No | Yes | | Not at this time. I am not close to retirement. |
| 611 | Yes | No | Should be category for "Retired." | No |
| 612 | Yes | Yes | | These categories meet my current needs because I am practicing full-time. Whether they meet my future needs depends on the ease of moving between these categories. |
| 613 | Yes | No | Something that allows a little more latitude in helping family, and more flexible options for pro bono work. | I think I understand the current options. As things stand now, I would be able to remain "active", but I think our members deserve other options. |
| 614 | No | No | Ability to practice law after retirement for family or friends on a reduced WSBA license fee basis | Allow members retiring to practice law for family for friends on a pro bono basis for a reduced WSBA license fee. |
| 615 | Yes | No | Retirement status. | Establish a category more respectful to those attorneys that served and chose to retire. |
| 616 | No | Yes | | |
| 617 | Yes | Yes | | No, but a retired status would be nice, so long as it does not permit the practice of law. |
| 618 | Yes | Yes | | |

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| 619 | Yes | No | There should be a category for retired, semi-retired, or "of counsel," simply to indicate the actual status of the individual. | I think "of counsel" or "semi-retired" would need to carry the same responsibilities for CLE and general responsibilities of a practicing attorney if full practice. |
| 620 | Yes | No | An option for members, who retired from the bar in good standing. | We should have an option that says, "Retired Status". However, this option should only be available for those, who have practiced for at least 15-years and have voluntarily resigned. |
| 621 | Yes | No | we could/maybe should even do a retired active volunteer license like the meds do (see WAC 246-919-480) | In addition to a retired active volunteer status like I mention above (WAC 246-919-480), I like renaming the option for just plain retired and not practicing. Recently, I actually looked up what the current status meant, wondering if a lawyer I was looking up got in trouble and he didn't; he just had retired. |
| 622 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 623 | Yes | No | please include a retired choice | no |
| 624 | Yes | No | One that reflects retirement rather than resignation | retired option that allows me to participate on boards, etc. |
| 625 | Yes | No | A "retired" option or something similar | An option similar to the "honorary" status, but requiring 20-30 years of active membership, would be a helpful option. |
| 626 | No | Yes | | Didn't know about the pro bono option, that is great. I think the proposal of Retired Status or Retired w/Pro Bono would be good options. |
| 627 | Yes | No | | Retired judge status with ability for limited practice should be added |
| 628 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 629 | No | No | A "Retired" status | Add a "Retired" status |
| 630 | No | Yes | | |
| 631 | Yes | No | Retired /Former Judge | |
| 632 | Yes | No | a "retired" status as described in the opening statement. | I am on active status in WA and inactive status in another state, where after age 70 there is no fee to maintain that status. |
| 633 | Yes | No | Retired | Retired should be a status category |

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| 634 | Yes | No | "Retired Honorably" | No |
| | | | I am active now but heading towards either of council or retirement practice. I have heard the frustrations from others about the absence of other choices. I would like a status that would allow the opportunity to continue to participate in bar activities, volunteer activities or give legal advice to family members and friends. | |
| 635 | Yes | No | | See answer to #3. |
| | | | In February 2024, I sought to change my membership status to inactive due to disability, which would have waived the \$200 annual fee. However, I discovered that if I sought the status of inactive due to disability, the fact I was disabled would be a matter of public record (e.g., my disability status would be listed on my membership status on the WSBA web site. I viewed the WSBA as effectively requiring me to pay \$200 annually to the WSBA if I wished to have inactive status, but keep my disability status confidential. As a result, if I wished to keep my disability status private without being forced to pay \$200 annually, I saw no reasonable option available other than resigning my Bar membership, which I did in February 2024. While I have no objection to the Bar requiring documented proof of disability in order to go on inactive status without payment of the \$200 annual fee, I see NO valid reason an inactive member's disability status should be made public information, rather than kept confidential. Effectively, I see the WSBA as demanding an annual \$200 "hush money" payment to keep an attorney's disability confidential. This is outrageous.. Effectively, I | See my response to #3 above. I believe members who wish to go on inactive status due to a disability should know that the fact of their disability status will be kept confidential by the Bar at such |
| 636 | Yes | No | | |

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| 637 | Yes | No | Ability to offer pro bono services to clients outside of QLSPs after retirement. Perhaps a limited license option. | As I face retirement very soon, I would like to continue to assist parties, especially elderly and those in facilities, with their Wills, POAs, and Health Care Directives, without charge. |
| 638 | Yes | Yes | | no |
| 639 | No | Yes | | What if a retired attorney wants to do pro bono but not a QLSP |
| 640 | Yes | No | A category for lawyers who have retired (rather than moved or given up their practice) who want to remain active in the Bar. | For 99% of members, there are only two options available: Active or Inactive, which are like day and night. |
| 641 | Yes | No | There should be a "retired" option/inactive is too broad. | Although mid-career, I don't see myself taking advantage of either the honorary or pro bono license types. |
| 642 | No | Yes | | |
| 643 | Yes | No | ability to give unpaid advice to family and friends; ability to give pro bono advice | no |
| 644 | No | Yes | | No |
| 645 | Yes | Yes | | "Retired" should be listed for those who opt not to renew their licenses and are not surrendering a license to practice in another jurisdiction or in lieu of discipline. |
| 646 | Yes | No | The Inactive status has a time limit, right? I am a practicing attorney in another jurisdiction and would like to maintain by Washington license as long as I practice. I'm happy to meet the CLE requirements and appreciate the reduced fees. | An in-house option might also be a good to inactive. I am in-house at a company with a presence in Washington, but I physically practice in another jurisdiction. I'd like the option to be available to my client as needed, but as in-house counsel would not represent the company in Washington municipal and state courts. |
| 647 | Yes | No | Retired status | I understand the bar is considering adding a retired status that may allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, maintain an inactive license, or give legal advice to family and friends only. I support this option. |

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| 648 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 649 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 650 | Yes | Yes | | I believe 'voluntarily resigned' for those who retire from or otherwise leave practice in good standing should be changed. The phrase to a degree implies, in the business world, 'would be fired but was allowed to voluntarily resign'. Something more dignif |
| 651 | Yes | No | recognition of an honorably retired status | Yes. Add an honorably retired status category that does not require dues or CLEs. |
| 652 | No | No | Retired | How do we track the pro bono hours to see if we qualify for the pro bono license rate? |
| 653 | Yes | No | A retired lawyer should be listed as retired not resigned, it sounds bad as if they resigned to avoid getting kicked out. A retired lawyer should have a limited practice to family members and pro bono. | Do away with voluntarily retired and make new retired category. |
| 654 | Yes | No | Retired | |
| 655 | Yes | No | Retired | |
| 656 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 657 | No | Yes | | |
| 658 | Yes | No | retired. "voluntary resignation" does NOT meet the mark. | YES. You HUMILIATED my father by the way he was treated when he needed to resign at 85 years old. WHY? Just make a category so practicing attorneys can RETIRE without it looking like they escaped discipline by the skin of their teeth. |
| 659 | No | Yes | | Why do inactive members still need to pay a fee? California waives it after a certain age. I am 76. |
| 660 | Yes | No | Retired Status | |
| 661 | No | No | Retired category for those at least 65 who have practiced for at least 20 years. Other aspects same as honerary. | |

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| 662 | No | No | Not Practicing in WA State, but want to keep options open for future. (Switching between Inactive and Active was cumbersome previously.) | I think it would be difficult to police, but I don't really get my moneys worth because I don't practice in WA State - but it's my home state and I'm rettisent to give it up. I was Inactive before, and moved back during Covid - the process of going Active was trying and I maintain and active license now which I don't really use. |
| 663 | Yes | No | A retired option that allows for some ongoing bar activity and limited practice for family | See above |
| 664 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 665 | Yes | No | Mostly retired retired limited practice | |
| 666 | Yes | No | There is no retired status that permits me to represent or provide legal advice to family members. Inactive is not the same as retired. | Come up with a retired option. |
| 667 | Yes | No | First: WSBA needs have an "Emeritus Status", similar to Texas, for attorneys over the age of 70. Texas Attorneys 70 years of age or older are exempt from paying membership dues. But not exempt from CLE requirements. Second, WSBA needs Senior (over 65) attorneys that go on "Inactive" status with authority to provide "limited" legal "advice" to immediate family members (children, siblings, parents). "representation" while on inactive status would be limited to authorization pursuant to existing "Power of Attorney" rules. | As Attorneys reach senior (over 65) status, practice (and income) winds down, but the dues and CLE requirements stay the same, which has the effect of making a lot of senior attorneys opt for "Inactive" or "Voluntary Suspension" simply because maintaining any form of "active" status is cost and time prohibitive. Driving senior attorneys to drop out of the WSBA serves no ones interest. |

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| | | | I retired from public defense after 33+ years of service to Pierce County. I'm considering quitting the bar because I'm not interested in paying \$458 a year just to keep my options open. There should be another classification for people like myself who is just 61 years old and still has an interest in bar activities (county or state). There should be another category in case I wish to consider returning to the practice sometime in the future. I don't oppose continuing with keeping up with CLEs. |
| 668 | Yes | No | Retired Status |
| 669 | No | Yes | "Retired" should be added as an option |
| 670 | Yes | No | There should be a "Retired" status and/or an Honorary status after more than 35-40 years of practice. |
| 671 | Yes | No | After a 40-year career, I am now on inactive status. However I would like to be able to give legal advice to the small nonprofit organization on whose board I sit. No money changes hands, I just want to give advice on small matters without violating Bar rules. |
| | | | Add pro bono or unpaid community service as being permissible under inactive status. |
| 672 | Yes | Yes | As a retired judge, Of Counsel for a small firm and currently serving as a hearing examiner, the Active status does meet my needs. However, in the near future I will be retiring and at that time I would appreciate the opportunity to have a "Retired" status and the ability to continue to serve the public in ways that status would enable. Thank you. Judge Stephen R. Shelton Ret. |
| 673 | Yes | No | Ability to do limited pro bono / family services after retirement |
| 674 | No | No | RETIRED would be one and Retired with Limited Practice Rights as another |
| | | | Retired should be replace "voluntarily resigned" and "Retired with Limited Practice Rights" should be an option for like 10 year, promising to work not more than 15 hours per week, with reduced CLE and reduced license fees. |

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| 675 | Yes | | I can't imagine that very many people care about this issue. |
| 676 | Yes | No | Retired Status that permits giving legal advice to family and friends, and pro bono work, etc |
| 677 | Yes | No | Retired status |
| 678 | No | No | Retired |
| 679 | Yes | No | Retired status Retired status would be very helpful |
| 680 | Yes | No | I agree with the idea of a retirement status allowing representation of family members, participation in bar activities and even some pro bono, outside of the formal pro bono group. see above |
| 681 | Yes | Yes | I believe a "retired" designee is a good option and should be available. |
| 682 | Yes | Yes | A retired status would eliminate any questions about why the individual has voluntarily resigned. At a minimum, that would be a more respectful designation. It would also be helpful if there were a broader pro bono status to allow people to continue to help the non-profits organizations and boards they already volunteer for. |
| 683 | Yes | Yes | I do think "retired status" would be good that, among other things, might allow the practitioner to continue to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, maintain an inactive license, or give legal advice to family and friends only. |
| 684 | Yes | No | It would be nice to have a status for retired lawyers, other than "Inactive". The vast majority of retired attorneys would not have been members of the WSBA for 50 years before retiring. Please add a "Retired" license status with a fairly nominal annual fee. |
| 685 | Yes | Yes | Some type of limited license so that you are not considered "terminated" because you want to retire or do certain activities |

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| 686 | Yes | No | As a retired lawyer who was licensed for 43 years I would like to be able to give legal advice to family and friends. | As a retired lawyer who was licensed for 43 years I would like to be authorized to give advice to family and friends. |
| 687 | Yes | No | A status allowing for attorney status but limiting the scope of the practice of law. For instance, an owner of a private practice who does not directly do client work. | Why is the pro bono status limited to doing work for QLSP? That doesn't make sense. |
| 688 | Yes | No | "Retired" | I don't like the idea of retiring after a distinguished legal career only to have the same published status as a lawyer that voluntarily resigned in lieu of disbarment! |
| 689 | Yes | No | A more dignified status for those who retire from the practice of law, who have years (20+) of experience, and are still capable of providing legal advice in service of their local community, or family members. | Not at this time. |
| 690 | Yes | No | The judicial option is only allowed for Judges in Washington State I am a judge in Idaho at the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. \$200 is a bit steep for an inactive license. I would like to see the rule to apply for any judge who are members of the WSBA. are members of the | |
| 691 | Yes | No | An inactive status option that is easy to reverse to active status (I am inactive in CA and merely pay the difference to return to active status). WA makes it unclear whether a lawyer could be required to re-take the Bar exam to return to active status. | Could there be an emeritus or similar status that would require low or no Bar dues and allow an attorney to work pro or low bono? |
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| 693 | Yes | No | | I have practiced law since 1972, including eight years as a Judge Advocate in the Air Force prior to entering civil practice in Washington. I am on the verge of retiring from the firm of Randall Danskin, P.S., and I would very much appreciate something like a "retired status" that might allow me to participate in bar activities and volunteer opportunities, or give legal advice, limited to family and friends, while maintaining an inactive license. FYI, inactive attorneys in California who turn 70 do not pay licensing fees, beginning the following year.. |
| 694 | No | No | When I contacted the Bar, I was only told I could retire or renew my licence. Nothing else. | I think that the Bar could have been more helpful. Now that the Bar exam is no longer required, there should be some info regarding retirees and license reinstatement, too. |
| 695 | No | Yes | | I am in favor of a new designation for members who are retiring or otherwise leaving the legal profession and want a license status other than "voluntarily resigned" or inactive. I am in favor of "retired status." |
| 696 | Yes | No | Retired or some other status for not practicing | Retired should have no fee because we paid into the WSBA for our entire career. |
| 697 | No | Yes | | I agree that adding a retired tier makes sense and support that change |
| 698 | No | Yes | | |
| 699 | Yes | Yes | | I am in favor of adding an additional category for WSBA members who leave the legal profession and would like a license designation other than "voluntary resignation" or "inactive." |
| 700 | Yes | No | Something that allows me to be semi-retired while taking on casework for family, friends, pro bono that interest me and allow me to still function as an attorney. | No questions. I went inactive for one year and then returned to active because I was getting to many requests for legal assistance from friends and family. |

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| 701 | Yes | No | I do not like the all or nothing approach. If a member has many years of service and has reached a certain age, there should some intermediate status where they can still do a realiv's probate | no |
| 702 | Yes | No | retired | |
| 703 | No | No | While not currently applicable to me, I agree something such as "retired status" should be added. Also, the fees for inactive status or unreasonably high. | |
| 704 | No | No | retired, or also some sort of part time practice designation | |
| 705 | Yes | Yes | | I believe that a "retired" option makes sense |
| 706 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 707 | Yes | No | A retired status that provides for some participation in the bar and some legal advice - limited practice in areas such as charitable and non-profit volunteer activities | See 3 above |
| 708 | Yes | No | A status reflecting retirement that allows some level of participation in the bar and reduced services to family. | We should add the status I've mentioned above. |
| 709 | Yes | No | Retired. Still a productive Member of Society. Still able to amble up to a bar at Bar functions. Still able to tell the family members when they are not doing as they should and still able to respond to the neighbors' and shirt tail relatives' legal questions. | |
| 710 | No | Yes | | no |
| 711 | No | Yes | | |
| 712 | Yes | Yes | | There seems to be no justification for a license fee of \$200 for inactive status at 44% of the cost of active status merely to receive the bar news and participate in the Legal Lunchbox Series. Either the fee should be drastically reduced by at least half to match the benefits, or the benefits should be increased to match the fee. |
| 713 | Yes | No | Retired | |

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| | | I think there should be more options for attorneys who are mostly retired. I like the moniker of "retired status" or a similar term that gives a bit more flexibility and sounds more professional than "voluntarily resigned" or "inactive". I will be qualified for Honorary status this year but typically if a family member or friend asks me what I think about some legal issue I am apt to tell them what I think, which should be allowed in my opinion. | |
| 714 | Yes | No | Please refer to my prior answer. |
| 715 | Yes | Yes | While it is not necessary yet for me personally, I am of the opinion that a designation for retirees would be beneficial. |
| 716 | Yes | No | A "Retired" status option |
| 717 | Yes | No | Retired |
| 718 | Yes | Yes | |
| 719 | Yes | Yes | Allow for retired in addition to withdrawn status. |
| 720 | | No | Retired but does not want to give up my license in case a friend gets in trouble. Semi retired? |
| 721 | Yes | Yes | No |
| 722 | Yes | Yes | I am in favor of the additional "retired status" language. |
| 723 | No | Yes | The category names all seem fine to me. |
| 724 | No | No | Retired Status - Approved for volunteer and pro bono practice No |
| 725 | Yes | Yes | "Retired", which would limit the ability to practice law except for pro bono and volunteer activities, allow participation in Bar activities, and the Bar News upon request. |
| 726 | Yes | Yes | I like the idea of a "retired status" license. |
| 727 | Yes | Yes | |
| 728 | Yes | Yes | I would like to see "retired" as an option. |

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| 729 | Yes | No | Retired | Inactive status is vague and does not properly reflect the hard work of a lifetime. There should be a retired status. |
| 730 | Yes | No | A limited license for semi retired lawyers, allowing them to take 1-2 cases per year. | |
| 731 | Yes | No | Retired | no |
| 732 | Yes | No | Retired and/or Senior status | no. |
| 733 | No | No | I would like to be able to provide volunteer/pro bono services | |
| 734 | Yes | Yes | | I like the idea of the retirement option. |
| 735 | Yes | Yes | | An important consideration is whether CLE is required |
| 736 | No | No | | create a new category: retired emeritus |
| 737 | Yes | No | a retired status that does not cost as much | allow a retired status for a one-time nominal fee |
| 738 | Yes | No | Ability to continue to receive the bar news. Even though retired, I am still interested in what is happening with the bar. | Having had to resign to cease having to pay fees and CLEs, I can no longer call myself a lawyer, retired or otherwise. My friends still call me a lawyer and I find myself having to correct them and say I am not a lawyer and can't call myself that. |
| 739 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 740 | Yes | No | A "retired" status that allows volunteer activities with the Bar association and volunteer work with non profits, churches etc of which I am a member and people might look to me for guidance around legal issues but not necessarily legal representation. Retirement doesn't mean an end to thinking - about the law or related concerns. | No questions, but I think "practice law" is such an all encompassing concept that someone who has had an active license to "practice law" for many years might be very disinclined to give up that license because doing so feels as though you're suddenly not allowed to think or communicate "like a lawyer" anymore. |
| 741 | No | No | Advice to family & friends. Retired status and/or Honorably retired after practicing 50 years | |

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| 742 | Yes | No | more flexible volunteer policy for retired attorneys | I attained QLSP status right before the pandemic. However, once the pandemic hit, the organization could not support a remote volunteer. After a year of not being able to volunteer, I resigned, not wanting to pay the \$200 annual dues for something I couldn't do. So, I guess, I may have held on a bit longer if I hadn't have the dues to pay. |
| 743 | Yes | No | A "retired" designation. Also, if doing only pro bono there should be no dues and after 25 or more years of practice if only doing pro bono there should be no CLE requirement. | See above |
| 744 | Yes | Yes | | I have no opposition to a retired option. |
| 745 | Yes | No | I'm on inactive status and know what that meant when I did it and took an oath not to practice law which included giving legal advice. I warned my family that if they wanted any advice for me, they should get it before I went in active. I find it very inconvenient for the most part not to be able to give the most rudimentary suggestions to my family Regarding legal matters. I'm not talking about representing them in anyway, but only helping steer them in the right direction. It would be helpful if there was an exclusion to the inactive, limitation that permitted this kind of interaction with family members. | Bar should consider amending the definition of practice of law or the oath for inactive lawyers to allow for informal discussions with family members, particularly children and spouses, regarding legal matters. Presently. |
| 746 | Yes | No | Retired Status | Particularly the website indicates retired practitioners as having "voluntarily resigned." To the community, this has the appearance that the resignation may be due to pending discipline. Particularly as to practitioners who have represented the bar and clients honorably for an extended period it lacks the dignity which should be afforded to retired members. |
| 747 | Yes | Yes | | No |

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| 748 | Yes | No | retired status or status that reflects no new clients, just processing L&I pension clients money and collecting fees already earned | Is there an option for me that would allow me to continue to process my L&I clients's pension checks and collect my fees already earned other than "active status"? |
| 749 | No | Yes | | Add another category such as legisperitus emeritus for long-term (more than 40 years) attorneys who may want to continue practicing law on a limited basis, especially for community non-profits or in public service areas. |
| 750 | Yes | Yes | | I am an active member, therefore have no need for an additional status. However, I agree that "Retired" or "Retired-Inactive" should be an available option for our colleagues who contributed to our community. |
| 751 | Yes | No | Retired Judges who wish to continue to sit as a pro tem judge after retirement. | |
| 752 | Yes | No | There should be an "Inactive-Retired" option to honor members who have served. or "Inactive-Voluntary Leave" the voluntarily resigned has such a negative conotation. I also don't know why we don't want some of our retired members to volunteer on committees. | |
| 753 | No | No | Retiree status with limited ability to practice | add Retiree status |
| 754 | Yes | No | Retired | Voluntarily resigned may have meant doing so as to not get suspended or disbarred. |
| 755 | Yes | No | fee is too high for inactive | once you retire-it should show this |
| 756 | Yes | No | No current option for retirees who may wish to maintain inactive status while also being allowed to represent family members. | |
| 757 | Yes | No | A Retired Status | Colorado has a no fee inactive status for 65+. It would be nice for WSBA to offer something similar, or for your \$200 you might be able to remain on Boards, helping non-profits, doing education work etc. The pro bono does NOT seem to address this. |

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| 758 | Yes | No | Allow members to be inactive indefinitely or provide some other category that recognizes the long years of work and doesn't require them to give up what has been their lives. | |
| 759 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 760 | Yes | Yes | | I think it makes sense to have an option for retired lawyers to be able to practice law so they can volunteer while retired rather than paying the full fee to keep an active license |
| 761 | No | No | Retired or Honorary and not allowed to practice law if CLE requirements met | Suggestion: honorary or retired should get WSBA Bar News and to practice if meet 3 year CLE requirements |
| 762 | Yes | Yes | | No |
| 763 | Yes | No | A status that allows a retired lawyer to give advice to friends and family. | |
| 764 | Yes | No | retired status; ability to practice if admitted in another jurisdiction to practice in Wash pro hac vice | no |
| 765 | Yes | No | | |
| 766 | Yes | No | 1. Retired. 2. A distinction between lawyers that attended an accredited law school vs lawyers that did not attend an accredited law school. This distinction should be made known to the general public because there is no substitute for a formal law school education. | See my response to #3 above. |
| 767 | Yes | No | Retired option | Have a retired category with nominal dues of less than \$100 |

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| 768 | Yes | Yes | | <p>The current options meet my needs now, but when I retire, it would be nice to have a status option as suggested. There was no such retired option for my father after a 35-year legal career in another state and after not wanting to pay excessive dues was forced into "resigned" status. I agree that better options are necessary and desired and after paying a career's worth of bar dues, the annual dues should be around \$50.</p> |
| 769 | No | No | | <p>If someone retires, there should be no question they did so by choice. Designation of inactive or voluntarily resigned begs the question of whether discipline was involved and tarnishes one's exit from the practice. There should be another category such as "retired after x years of practice", etc.</p> |
| 770 | Yes | Yes | | |
| 771 | Yes | No | Retired status | <p>WSBA status listings for retired members should include "retired" to honor the dignity of retirement after a long career</p> |
| 772 | Yes | Yes | | <p>When I retired after 48 years of practice, my status was listed as "voluntarily resigned". I agree with the statement above that the phrase "voluntarily resigned" does not convey the dignity of retirement after a long career. Perhaps the simple accuracy of stating status as "retired" in a case like mine avoids the possible adverse implications of "voluntarily resigned". Also, please consider acknowledging the retirement of a member with a formal letter from the WSBA--the current practice of sending a rather curt email is disappointing at best. The decision to retire one's law license is serious and life changing--the WSBA's acknowledgement of it should reflect the gravity of the members decision and dignity of the member's service.</p> |

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| 773 | Yes | No | Retired status but still want some of the benefits and to serve on committees | |
| 774 | Yes | No | I would like to see a status reflecting a 'retired' status with the ability to practice on occasion without having to pay the full, out of control annual fee. | Not at this time. |
| 775 | Yes | No | I practiced law for close over 40 years. I have retired and at this point gone inactive. I agree that voluntarily resigned just sounds bad and I am not sure I want or need to continue with inactive status. | How about the military equivalent of honorable discharge? Honorable retirement or something like that? |
| 776 | Yes | No | I intend to continue with volunteer legal services after retiring from a very active trial practice. I currently assist two local non-profits with legal issues and serve as an adjunct discipline investigator. Maintaining a full active license, with the associated CLE requirements-- will impact my decision to continue to provide volunteer services. There is no benefit to continue with CLE requirements at this stage of my career-- over 34 years of the practice of law. The additional consideration is malpractice insurance. I am in favor of a new status for lawyers that have over 30 years of active practice -- eliminating the CLE requirement and reduce the cost of a license, so those lawyers that intend to perform "free" legal services can continue to do so. | See above -- remove the CLE requirement and reduce the license fee |
| 777 | Yes | No | Retired | Make one new one for retired individuals. |
| 778 | Yes | No | Retired status | NO |
| 779 | No | Yes | | Attorneys not practicing law do not need to be involved in the bar. We do not need to spend time or effort making retired attorneys feel good about themselves and those who are not in active practice should not have any voice or vote in current bar operations or policy. |

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| 780 | Yes | No | Emeritus (should encompass pro bono, or any retirement status, so as to encourage/make pro bono easy) | Emeritus ((should encompass pro bono, or any retirement status, so as to encourage/make pro bono easy) ; also the rule requiring retaking the bar exam after 10 years of inactive remains unnecessary and gender-biased. |
| 781 | Yes | No | A retirement option and/or informal practice with close familial relationships without the need for insurance. | See above |
| 782 | No | No | Semi-Retirement | Went through this in other professions. If you there is no opportunity for part time in retirement the profession loses valuable experience. |
| 783 | Yes | No | Being allowed to give legal advice though retired and not actively practicing. | Allow more practice to inactive status, change title |
| 784 | Yes | No | The ability to do some legal work for family. Everything must be linked to pro bono representation. | I like the idea of a retired status. |
| 785 | Yes | No | Retired status | n/a |
| 786 | Yes | No | There should be something for recently resigning or inactive that allows for broader pro bono or providing services for family/friends. I'm recently not practicing, and feel like given I am current on CLE just not paying to be active, there should be some status that feels more akin to my currency in practice. I am not sure what I am getting at this moment for my \$200 in fees and I'd like to do pro bono like easy legal clinics, without the admin required of the pro bono status and limited opportunities available through that. | |
| 787 | Yes | No | I like the suggestion of "retired status" or something like that, a category other than resigned or inactive. | See my answer to #3 |
| 788 | Yes | No | Voluntarily resigned attorney assisting lay persons with filling in forms accessed from the Washington State Courts website. | Maybe |

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| | | | There should be an easier option to return to active status from inactive rather than have to retake the bar, no matter how long the attorney has been inactive. This is the process in other states such as California. This is especially true now that new attorneys will not have to go to law school and pass the bar. |
| 789 | Yes | Yes | |
| 790 | Yes | Yes | No |
| 791 | Yes | No | Retired status A person who has practiced for a number of years and then retired is not the same as someone who has chosen to become inactive. |
| 792 | Yes | No | I would like to see the "Voluntary Resigned" option included. |
| 793 | Yes | No | Retired status |
| 794 | Yes | No | "Retired" Look at what the Washington Medical Commission offers its members who retire; the WSNA (Nurses) offers a similar retired license status. The medical community recognizes the dignity that their profession bestows upon a person and doesn't remove that when they retire. I think the bottom line is people don't expect to practice when they retire (excepting emergencies of course) but they would still like to be referred to as a Doctor or Lawyer. "Inactive" sounds like you're on sabbatical not retired. |
| 795 | Yes | No | Something more easily used in conversation than "voluntarily resigned." Represent family members. |
| 796 | No | No | A honorable medium for retired attorney's or others that still wish to contribute to the legal community Create a honorable medium for retired attorney's or others that still wish to contribute to the legal community |
| 797 | No | No | Retired After practicing law in this profession it seems harsh that the bar would require members in good standing to "voluntarily resign". This has a negative connotation to it and does not befit the service performed by members to the public, the bar and their clients. |

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| 798 | No | No | Retired | |
| 799 | Yes | No | Retired but with ability to provide legal services to other entities then the general public and Pro. | NNew category; generally retired, but available for pro bono, personal interest business, family and friends. |
| 800 | Yes | No | One of these options should say retired. Inactive should be used for someone who has moved to practice in another State, etc. | There should be a retired option |
| 801 | Yes | No | "Retired status" | I would like to have a "retired status" option. When retired three years ago, the only option available at that time was "inactive", which, I felt, did not appropriately reflect my retired status. |
| 802 | Yes | Yes | | none |
| 803 | Yes | No | As a retiree, I would like to occasionally take a pro bono case or assist in a workshop, but I had to pay for an "active" license just to leave that option open. So far I haven't used it, so especially feel like it was wasted money! | Just hoping for a change in the future! |
| 804 | Yes | No | Retired status | No |
| 805 | Yes | No | A reduced price that allows retired judges to serve as pro tem judges only | I would like the WSBA to create a license option for retired judges who are not practicing law but want to serve as needed as pro tem judges . |
| 806 | No | Yes | | |