

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Advancement Department

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Functions:

- Continuing Legal Education
- Webcasting & Video Production Services
- New Member Programs and Education
- Practice Management Assistance
- Professional Responsibility Program (Ethics Line)
- Member Benefits Administration
- Member Wellness Program
- Mentorship
- Rural Practice Project
- Sections Administration

Committees, Board, Panels:

Committee on Professional Ethics – The Committee on Professional Ethics (CPE) issues advisory opinions to address recurring or emerging ethics issues facing WSBA members. The committee also plays a key role in reviewing and suggesting amendments to the RPC.

CLE Committee – Advises the WSBA CLE team on seminar topics, trends, and quality.

Small Town and Rural (STAR) - The STAR committee is committed to strengthen and support the practice of law in the rural communities throughout Washington state. Members of the STAR Committee work to ensure that the practice of law in rural communities is present, growing, and thriving.

Washington Young Lawyers Committee – Members of the Washington Young Lawyers Committee (WYLC) have a shared interest in programs, benefits, and issues facing new and young lawyers.

Section Executive Committees - Each WSBA Section is led by a group of volunteers who are elected to serve on the executive committee. The Advancement Department staff liaison to each of the section Executive Committees.

When will you hear from Advancement at BOG meetings?

- Proposed rules and recommendations from the above committees and boards
- Proposed Bylaw changes from Sections.
- Periodic reports regarding WSBA recent and current strategic goals, including progress toward provision of relevant and valuable resources to help all WSBA members achieve professional excellence and success, in service to their clients and public, and to champion justice.

- Requests or recommendations regarding significant changes to the direction or delivery of programs within the Department

What is the BOG's role in ensuring success of this work?

- Answer policy questions
- Help members understand the ways in which this work is a resource to them
- Provide strategic direction and clarity to the entities that support this work