

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## WSBA ENTITY ANNUAL REPORT FORM

FY 2023: October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

*The mission of the Washington State Bar Association is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.*

**Instructions:** In accordance with the WSBA Bylaws, Committees, Other Bar Entities (excluding Regulatory Boards<sup>1</sup>), Councils, and Sections must submit an annual report to the Executive Director. The information below should reflect the activities and outcomes from the fiscal year FY2023 (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023). Information in the annual report will be provided to the Executive Director and Board of Governors, and may be published for other purposes, such as *Bar News*, volunteer recruitment messaging, and other WSBA activity-based reporting.

It is recommended that completion of the annual report be a collaborative effort with members of your entity, the BOG liaison, and the staff liaison.

**Submission Deadline is Friday, October 13:** please submit by emailing [barleaders@wsba.org](mailto:barleaders@wsba.org) or requesting that your staff liaison submit the report internally.

<b>Name of Entity:</b>	WSBA Criminal Law Section
<b>Entity Size:</b> <i>Total Number of Entity/Section Executive Committee Positions</i>	16
<b>Chair or Co-Chairs:</b>	Tracey Munger – Chair
<b>Staff Liaison:</b> <i>Include name, job title, and department if known</i>	Tracey Munger – Chair; Nicholas Holce – Secretary; Mark Vovos - Chair Elect
<b>Board of Governors Liaison(s):</b>	Bret Purtzer  Erik Kaeding
<b>Purpose of Entity:</b> <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
Providing a forum for the exchange of ideas in the areas of criminal law, correction, procedure, and evidence and to work with pending legislation and development of statutory enactments to improve and facilitate the administration of justice within the criminal arena.	
<b>Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:</b>	

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023 (FY23)

Comprehensive CLE's that address a wide variety of criminal law legal topics, providing perspectives on pending legislation that affects the practice of criminal law, providing outreach to the community to foster engagement and education,

**How does the entity's purpose help further the mission of the WSBA "to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice"?**

By fostering collaborative relationships between prosecutors and defense attorneys and creating a collegial environment for the growth of all members/ Additionally, legislative input is provided in a bi-partisan manner with the goal being the best interest of the profession as a whole.

**2022-2023 Entity Accomplishments:**

Criminal Justice Institute CLE, Caselaw update to members,

**Looking Ahead: 2023-2024 Top Goals & Priorities:**

<b>1</b>	Criminal Justice Institute CLE
<b>2</b>	Membership growth
<b>3</b>	Quarterly Newsletter
<b>4</b>	Law School Outreach
<b>5</b>	Charity Outreach - Children's book drive

**Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion:**

*How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in your decision-making? What have you done to promote a culture of inclusion within the board or committee? What has your committee/board done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession? Other?*

**The section maintains liaison with minority sections and groups within the WSBA and our membership is open to all practitioners interested in criminal law. The CJi includes a presentation on Racial Issues in the Courtroom and American Equity and Justice.**

**Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA.**

*For example:*

- *Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions*
- *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison(s)*
- *Ideas you have for ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.*

**WSBA staff has been helpful with coordinating and promoting the CJi and answering all other questions when needed. They bar has been extremely helpful when contacted.**

**SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2022-2023 member benefits:**

0	Newsletters/publications produced
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*For example:*

0	Mini-CLEs produced
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</li> <li>• 4 mini-CLEs produced</li> </ul>	1	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
	0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity
	1	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	?	Scholarships, Donations, & Grants
	0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	0	Other (please describe): Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2022-2023 legislative activity.</b>	2	Bills Reviewed
	?	Bills tracked
	1	Comments proposed
	0	Bills proposed/drafted
<b>Entity Detail Report: To Be Completed by WSBA Staff</b>		
<b>Number of Entity Members/Section Executive Committee Members:</b>		12
<b>Number of Section Members:</b> <i>As of September 1, 2023. Note: The Section Membership year runs on the calendar year.</i>		383
<b>Number of Applicants for FY24 Positions:</b> <i>October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024</i>		2
<b>Do you have vacant positions for the coming year, FY24?</b>		Yes - 4
<b>FY23 Budgeted Direct Expenses:</b> <i>As of September 30, 2023. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>		<b>\$42,885</b>
<b>FY23 Total Direct Expenses:</b> <i>Draft estimate as of Dec. 1, 2023 For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>		<b>\$7,548</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Supreme Court Boards (Access to Justice Board, Disciplinary Board, LLLT Board, Limited Practice Board, MCLE Board and Practice of Law Board) provide annual reports to WSBA to support its responsibility under [GR 12.3](#), to provide oversight and monitor compliance with applicable rules and orders. Boards have the option to use the WSBA template or to share their annual reports to the Washington Supreme Court.