

Elder Law Section

The **ELDER LAW SECTION** seeks to improve understanding by members of the Washington State Bar Association of matters related to the representation of elderly citizens, recognizing that these individuals have unique legal needs and may be isolated, ill, or vulnerable to undue influence or exploitation. Issues commonly discussed relate to retirement and estate planning; powers of attorney, guardianship and other forms of substitute decision making; private and public long-term care and other healthcare financing; and abuse of vulnerable individuals.

SECTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS 10/1/22 – 9/30/23

2 CLEs Co-Sponsored with WSBA

8 Legislative Bills Tracked

\$30,000 in Scholarships Given

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 10/1/22 – 9/30/23

- Hosted regular CLE programs on issues impacting older adults.
- Monitored legislation impacting older adults; shared legislative information with members; and provided comment to the legislature when necessary.
- Maintained an active list serve for section members to collaborate and consult on elder law issues.
- Held monthly meetings for the executive committee that included the WSBA staff liaison and Board of Governors liaison.
- Sponsored a summer intern to provide legal assistance to low-income seniors at a nonprofit legal aid organization.

OUR MEMBERS:

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS as of 12/31/23 **604**

Young Lawyers 10.60%

MEMBER LOCATIONS

King County 39.07%

Peninsula & Southern WA 13.41%

Central & Eastern WA 3.48%

Northern WA 11.42%

EMPLOYMENT

Public Sector/Government 3.64%

In-House 1.99%

Solo 42.55%

Small Firm (2 – 10) 46.36%

Medium Firm (11 – 50) 9.60%

Large Firm (51+) 3.48%

SECTION FINANCIAL REVIEW

10/1/22 – 9/30/23

Dues \$35.00

Total Revenue (actual) \$32,643.38

Total Expenses (actual) \$42,665.45

Total Fund Balance (actual) \$100,442.88

EXPENSES (ACTUAL)

Member Benefits \$31,611.50 74.09%

Per-Member Charge \$10,831.49 25.39%

CLE-Related \$0.00 0.00%

Executive Committee \$222.46 0.52%

