

# 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>	LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO MILITARY PERSONNEL (LAMP)
<b>Entity Size:</b> <i>Total Number of Entity/Section Executive Committee Positions</i>	9
<b>Chair or Co-Chairs:</b>	Paul Apple
<b>Staff Liaison:</b> <i>Include name, job title, and department if known</i>	Noah Baetge, WSBA Sections Program Coordinator.
<b>Board of Governors Liaison(s):</b>	Todd Bloom
<b>Purpose of Entity:</b> <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
LAMP addresses matters related to the rendition of appropriate and efficient legal service to members of the armed forces of the United States.	
<b>Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:</b>	
Promoting the objectives of the WSBA with respect to military affairs. Establishing liaison between the WSBA, the Armed Forces of the United States, and federal,	

state, and local government agencies involved in military and veteran affairs to better serve the legal needs of the servicemembers and their dependents. Providing information to licensed legal professionals, both active duty and reserve. Encouraging continuing legal education to foster the ability to provide legal representation to military personnel, veterans and their dependents within the state of Washington.

**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”?**

Washington State is home to a large military community that is continually seeking legal guidance on significant assortment of legal issues. This community is composed of Veterans, Active Duty and Reserve Servicemembers and their dependents.

**2022-2023 Entity Accomplishments:**

On September 15, 2023, the Chair and Vice Chair presented a WSBA CLE on LGBTQ legal issues.

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

<b>1</b>	Train up our cadre of LAMP lawyers to better serve our community of veterans, active duty & reservist servicemembers by providing CLEs on USSERA: SCRA and Veteran Affairs Certification.
<b>2</b>	To continue our liaison with the WA state attorney general’s office and their involvement with veteran’s affairs.
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**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?*

We are constantly recruiting new members from all fields within the legal world in Washington State. We look at inclusion and diversity not only within the confines of class, race and gender struggle but also as allowing new ideas that can benefit our veterans and military personnel

**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.*

Excellent. Very responsive.

<b>SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2022-2023 member benefits:</b>  <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</li> <li>• 4 mini-CLEs produced</li> </ul>	0	Newsletters/publications produced
	1	Mini-CLEs produced. On September 15, 2023, the Chair and Vice Chair presented a WSBA CLE on LGBTQ legal issues
	1	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA. On September 15, 2023, the Chair and Vice Chair presented a WSBA CLE on LGBTQ legal issues as part of the half-day CLE hosted by the WSBA LGBTQ Section
	0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non-WSBA</i> entity
	0	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	0	Scholarships, Donations, & Grants
	0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	N/A	Other (please describe): Click or tap here to enter text.
<b>SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2022-2023 legislative activity.</b>	6	Bills Reviewed
	6	Bills tracked
	0	Comments proposed
	0	Bills proposed/drafted
<b>Entity Detail &amp; Demographics Report: To Be Completed by WSBA Staff</b>		
<b>Number of Entity Members/Section Executive Committee Members:</b>		5
<b>Number of Section Members:</b> <i>As of September 1, 2023. Note: The Section Membership year runs on the calendar year.</i>		81
<b>Number of Applicants for FY24 Positions:</b> <i>October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024</i>		1
<b>Do you have vacant positions for the coming year, FY24?</b>		No
<b>FY23 Budgeted Direct Expenses:</b>		<b>\$4,293</b>

<i>As of September 30, 2023. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	
<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>\$1.348</b>

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<sup>i</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.