



Paula Littlewood
Executive Director
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Paula Littlewood has been the Executive Director of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) since 2007. She originally joined the WSBA staff as deputy director in September 2003. In that capacity, she assisted in all aspects of staff and budget management, program development, and supervision of administrative operations, and also served as the interim director of finance and administration for one year.

Littlewood received her J.D. with honors from the University of Washington School of Law in 1997. While at law school, she also served as editor-in-chief of the Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal. She has also earned a master's degree in international studies, focusing on U.S.-Asian relations and studying Mandarin Chinese. She received her bachelor's degree magna cum laude in political science and history at Claremont McKenna College.

After receiving her law degree, Littlewood served as an assistant dean at the University of Washington School of Law for close to five years. In this capacity she worked on raising funds for the law school's new home, William H. Gates Hall, and was also responsible for the budget and other internal operations as well as media and government relations for the School. Her earlier work experience includes service as a congressional intern at the U.S. House of Representatives, and later as a research assistant for the British Parliament's House of Commons. She has worked as a finance director, field coordinator, and campaign coordinator for various political campaigns.

Littlewood's overseas experience in Asia includes two years teaching English in Taiwan, and extensive travel in China and Southeast Asia.

In addition to her full-time position as Executive Director of the WSBA, she currently serves as President of the University of Washington School of Law Alumni Association Board, and serves as a board member of the Downtown Seattle YMCA, the National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) Program Committee, and the International Institute of Law Association Executives (IILACE) Program Committee. She was recently appointed by the President of the American Bar Association (ABA) to the ABA's Task Force on the Future of Legal Education.