

WSBA Section Annual Report for 2011-2012

(Period of October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012)

Section: Creditor-Debtor Section

Submitted by: Gloria Z. Nagler

Section position: Chair of Executive Committee

Date submitted: September 7, 2012

1. Section highlights and accomplishments:

In December 2011, the Section presented a CLE seminar on Judgments/Collection in Seattle.

The Section co-sponsored the annual Northwest Bankruptcy Institute held in April of 2012, in Seattle, Washington.

In August of 2012, the Section co-sponsored, with WSBA, a CLE on Distressed Residential Real Estate Issues

The Section published an issue of its newsletter.

Two Executive Committee members served on the Hon. Karen Overstreet's committee to develop local rules for mediation in bankruptcy cases and assisted in organizing and participating in two seminars, in 2012, on mediation: one to train mediators, and the other was a seminar to introduce practitioners to the new program.

The Section has established a subcommittee to explore potential amendments to the attorneys' lien statute.

The Section has established another subcommittee to address collection attorneys' concerns that they are not sufficiently represented by our Section. We are currently working with the collection attorneys' representatives to resolve the issue and perhaps improve representation of all Section members.

We have also appointed a subcommittee to review and make recommendations concerning any changes to Washington's state receivership laws.

2. Section community involvement:

In the past year our Section paid over \$8,000.00 in grant money to various non-profit organizations that benefit consumers in financial distress.

3. Section priorities for the upcoming year:

For 2012-2013, the Section Executive Committee plans to continue its legislative review and perhaps proposal efforts, especially as to the state receivership statute; will be presenting a CLE on Liens on December 6, 2011 and will again co-sponsor the Northwest Bankruptcy Institute which will take place in Vancouver, Washington, in April of 2013. The Section is considering, also, whether to draft and propose amendments to the state attorneys' lien statute.

The Section continues to sponsor the Creditor-Debtor Listserv for our members, where all of us can exchange ideas and news in our field.

4. Section Meetings:

The Creditor-Debtor Section Executive Committee met over the last fiscal year on December 9, 2011, in Seattle, April 27, 2012, in Seattle, June 15, 2012, at Sun Mountain (Winthrop), and September 14, 2012, in Seattle.