WSBA**Sections**

Annual Report 2012- 2013

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1. **Please describe your section's highlights and accomplishments during 2012-2013:**
   - ***Member outreach events***
     - A representative of the Health Law Section Executive Committee participated in Open Section Night.
     - The Section hosted Networking Socials at The Wild Ginger and Century Square following its educational offerings.
     - The Section sponsored formation of sub-section on Health Professional Licensing which includes attorneys from law firms and the various licensing agencies whose goal is to increase dialogue on process issues.
     - A sub-committee of the Section successfully submitted several articles to the WSBA Blog on health law related issues.
   - ***Educational events***
     - The Health Law Section co-sponsored with the WSBA on March 22 a Mini-CLE on the Washington Healthcare Exchange that was attended by approximately 75 attorneys.
     - The Section presented its annual day long CLE, Critical Issues in Healthcare. This program was attended by approximately 110 attorneys, including on-line participants.
   - ***Legislative participation***
     - This year the Section received an orientation on the WSBA legislation participation process and formed a sub-committee that was active in monitoring Washington State health care legislation.
   - ***A special recognition of section and/or section member(s)***
     - Thanks to Martin Ziontz and Greg Montgomery, immediate past chairs, for providing continuity and guidance. The Section also thanks 2012-2013 Chair, John Pierce, for his leadership and guidance, especially towards member outreach. The Section thanks Joanie Doherty for the past two years of service to the Section as secretary and treasurer.

2. **Please summarize your section's current member benefits:**
    - ***Members***
        - The Section maintains a members only list serve and an informational website
    - ***New member outreach, including to young lawyers, new admittees and law students.***
        - Tuition to the annual CLE was waived for law students.

3. **Please describe your section's current partnerships with other entities:**
    - ***Collaborations on programs or CLEs with another section, committee, or entity.***
        - A Mini-CLE on the Washington Healthcare Exchanges was co-sponsored with the WSBA

4. **Please describe your section's priorities for the upcoming membership year 2013-2014, including any goals for expansion, educational priorities, member benefits, and/or public benefits:**
    - ***Expansion***

      - Increase activity in Eastern Washington by presenting a live educational CLE, possibly through partnering with the local Bar or other organization.

      - Continue partnership with the Oregon Bar Health Law Section on a Speaker Exchange program.

      - Initiate outreach to SU, UW and Gonzaga law students interested in Health Law
    - ***Educational priorities***

      - Continue Annual CLE program
    - ***Member benefits***

      - Increase blog submissions

      - Update website and add content

      - Monitor and communicate healthcare legislative activities

5. **Please describe the ways in which your section's activities have supported and/or will support the WSBA's Guiding Principles, which are to advance and promote:**
    - *Access to the justice system.*
    - *Diversity, equality, and cultural understanding throughout the legal community.*
    - *The public's understanding of the rule of law and its confidence in the legal system.*
    - *A fair and impartial judiciary.*
    - *The ethics, civility, professionalism, and competency of the bar.*

6. **Please describe your Executive Committee's relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.**
    - ***Quality of WSBA staff support/services provided to section***
        - Support and guidance from the WSBA support staff contributed to the Section's successful year and their commitment and professionalism are very much appreciated
        - Several Executive Committee members participated in educational offerings focused on developing Section Leadership presented by WSBA support staff
    - ***Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison.***
        - The Health Law Section extends special thanks to its BOG liaison, Judy Massong, for her contribution to revitalizing the Section and providing ongoing support and encouragement.

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