WSBA**Sections**

Annual Report 2012- 2013

(October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013)

Due: October 4, 2013

Section: **Indian Law Section**
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1. **Section highlights and accomplishments in 2012-2013.**

   - Conducted 25th Annual Indian Law Section CLE: *"Recent Developments in Tribal Law and New Indian Provisions in VAWA"*; May 23, 2013. Coordinated with the Northwest Indian Bar Association annual fundraising dinner and achieved great attendance for both events and raised record net profit for the Indian Law Section.
   - Hosted Indian Law Section holiday party in conjunction with the Northwest Indian Bar Association, at Foster Pepper in Seattle, WA; Thursday November 29, 2012. Members enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the season and network and donate toiletries for crisis shelters.
   - Coordinated with WYLD to attend the WYLD-WSBA Section open house event; January 23, 2013. Represented Indian Law Section to WYLD members and took opportunity to recruit potential members and raise awareness of Section activities.
   - Held Indian Law Section annual meeting following the 26th Annual Indian Law Symposium at University of Washington Law School on September 13, 2013.
   - Published a Spring 2013 edition of Indian Law Newsletter April 4, 2013.

2. **Section priorities, including new goals, for upcoming membership year 2012-2013.**

   - Address potential legislation in Congress and potential for involvement in pending legislation and policy issues (e.g. Carcieri Fix, budget sequestration impacts, etc.).
   - Analyze and review issues related to new BIA Leasing Regulations and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
   - Develop and strengthen relationship with existing and/or new membership outside of Western Washington.

3. **Current and new benefits for section membership.**

   - Members-only list serve.
   - Indian Law Newsletter.

- New member outreach and holiday party.

4. **Section community involvement and special financial designations.**

   - Financial designations for winter bar stipend for bar exam study.
   - Financial contribution to support conferences involving noteworthy speakers in Indian Law field, in conjunction with Northwest Indian Bar Association and county Indian Bar Associations.
   - Winter/holiday toiletry drive for urban shelters.

5. **Section activities supporting the WSBA Guiding Principles for 2013-2014 which are to advance and promote:**

   - Sponsoring students, without regard to background, for bar examination costs.

6. **Collaboration/partnerships with other sections, bar-affiliated groups, and/or groups in the legal community.**
   For example:

   - Collaborated with WYLD to attend WYLD-WSBA open night section.
   - Collaborated with NIBA bar dinner and holiday party.

7. **Section relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.**

   - Relationship with Indian Law Section liaison, is positive and characterized by open communication.

8. **Additional information, comments and suggestions.**

   - Indian Law Section held its annual meeting on September 12, 2013. The new Indian Law Section leadership looks forward to collaborating with its new and existing members to have a strong 2013-2014.

Note: Annual Reports will be shared with the WSBA Executive Director and posted on your section's webpage. We encourage you to share the Annual Report with your BOG liaison and the section membership.

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