



## WSBASections

### Annual Report 2011- 2012

(October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012)

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The Juvenile Law Section's 2012 annual meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2012 in Seattle. New officers will be elected to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee. Following the meeting, there will be a CLE presented titled "Leveling the Playing Field for Youth: Understanding and Using Data and Practitioner and Community Engagement to Address Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Youth-Serving Systems." The Section plans to award its second annual Outstanding Practitioner Award and Youth Law Bar Scholarship at the annual meeting on October 17, 2012.

During the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, the first annual Outstanding Practitioner Award went to Steve Hassett in the Attorney General's Office and the recipient of the Youth Law Bar Scholarship was Janet Gwilym from the University of Washington School of Law.

The subcommittees of the Section, including the Child Welfare Committee, Civil Legal Needs Committee and Juvenile Offender Committee, met regularly during the 2011-2012 Section Year and hosted (or jointly hosted) a number of mini-CLEs during the year.

The Executive Committee added a new position following the 2011 annual meeting and Cheryl Kleiman formally joined the Executive Committee as chair of the newly created Legislative Committee. Through the Legislative Committee, the Section continued its relationship with the University of Washington Law School's legislative policy clinic to review, comment, and support bills introduced in the 2012 session which impact juveniles in the offender and child welfare systems. During the 2012 legislative session, the Section referred 23 bills to the Child and Youth Legislative Advocacy Clinic for full analysis. Of the referred bills, 2 were related to child welfare/dependency, 18 related to juvenile offenders, 2 were miscellaneous, and 1 related to truancy. The Section supported five bills that passed the legislature: **ESB 6255** - An act relating to victims of human trafficking and promoting prostitution; amending RCW 9A.96.060; and adding a new section to chapter 9A.88 RCW; **SB 6157** - An act requiring juvenile detention intake standards for juveniles who are developmentally disabled; **SB 6240** - An act modifying provisions relating to orders of disposition for juveniles; **SSB 6494** - An act relating to improving truancy procedures by changing the applicability of mandatory truancy petition filing provisions to children under seventeen years of age, requiring initial petitions to contain information about the child's academic status, prohibiting issuance of a bench warrant at an initial truancy status hearing, and modifying school district reporting requirements after the court assumes jurisdiction in a truancy case; and **SHB 1775** - An act relating to juvenile restorative justice programs

The Executive Committee will hold its annual retreat in the next month or two. A work plan for the upcoming year will be developed at the retreat and provided to the Section members.