



WSBASections

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SUBJECT: Report on WSBA Sections Activity FY13

*"Sections shall carry on the work of the Bar, each within the jurisdiction defined in its bylaws."
(WSBA Bylaws XI.(A))*

Summary of WSBA Sections for FY13 (October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013)

The WSBA's 27 sections are established to provide a forum for those members of the WSBA who wish to pursue shared specialized interests. Section membership is voluntary. In general, the WSBA sections are successful in carrying out the work of the Bar and helping to meet the WSBA mission of serving the public and the members of the Bar. Sections provide a number of valuable benefits, including but not limited to:

- high quality continuing legal education (CLE) seminars,
- professional networking opportunities,
- review and participation in legislative and/or rules processes,
- referral and discussion list serves,
- newsletters and legal publications,
- law student scholarships,
- grants to community organizations.

The WSBA bylaws and policies provide sections with the latitude to create their own bylaws and to then prioritize their activities and budgets accordingly. Sections rely on member dues, CLE registration revenue, and publication royalties to fund their activities. The membership year is October 1 through September 30 of the following year. In addition to active members of the WSBA, the majority of sections have a "subscriber" category which includes inactive attorneys and non-attorneys. Law students, also identified as subscriber members, may join any section for a reduced membership dues amount.

Sections by the Numbers

16,192 section memberships --approx. 56% King County; 45% young lawyers (RSD, Oct 2013)

9,899 individuals who hold at least one section membership (RSD, Oct 2013)

378 section executive committee members across all 27 sections (hand count, Oct 2013)

70 section-sponsored educational programs: CLE seminars (49) and mini-CLE's (21) (CLE MASCAL, Oct 2013)

27 varieties of bylaws, budgets, work plans, member offerings, election cycles, CLE traditions, special projects, and meeting structures

\$70,500 approximate total amount distributed by sections for awards, grants and/or scholarships

\$38,000 average fund balance of sections at end of FY13; Range: \$5,000 - \$97,000. (Finance, Oct 2013)

\$18,638.41 average FY14 budgeted expenditures across all sections. Range: \$2,275 - \$53,975. (Finance, Oct 2013)

\$29 average dues amount to join a section in FY13 (range \$20-\$40).

\$30 average dues amount to join a section in FY14 (range \$20-\$40). \$17.75 per member charge.

Note: law student rate is equal to the per member charge.

Sections Team: Internal Goals & Highlights

The “Sections Team” is made up of three full-time WSBA staff dedicated to the success and support of the WSBA sections via close partnership with the Executive Committees. The Team includes two liaisons and the administrative assistant. The Senior Section Leaders Liaison acts as manager/supervisor for the group. In addition, several other staff members throughout WSBA are called upon for section-related support at different times, including financial/accounting staff, CLE staff, legislative staff, and communications staff.

The Sections Team focuses all activities towards the following goals:

1. **Create Active & Sustainable Sections:** As our core service, we provide the tools and resources that result in 27 active, engaged and sustainable sections which are of value to their members.
2. **Support Pipeline of Future Leaders:** We not only support the current Executive Committees but also support programming between the sections and WYLC and NLE in order to increase awareness in the new lawyer community and build a pipeline of future leaders.
3. **Strengthen & Maintain WSBA Capacity:** We are expanding and improving our collaborations between the sections and other WSBA program areas (e.g., NLE, Communications, LAP/LOMAP, CLE, etc); collecting additional data to evaluate section success; and making improvements to the policies, documentation and tools necessary for efficient support of the sections.

Key highlights in our work with sections during FY13 included:

- Provided individualized support to Executive Committees, including but not limited to: design & implementation of member surveys; preparation of materials for leadership retreats; event planning; and financial and data analysis.
- Led extensive “section membership campaign” which included online campaign tracking, a new ‘Join a Section’ page and targeted electronic marketing. The outreach campaign also included a new section membership renewal ad featured on the WSBA homepage, social media, *NWLawyer* and the WSBA blog *NWSidebar*.
- Successfully transitioned team from the Education and Professional Development Department to the new Advancement Department.
- Increased communication between sections staff & CLE staff for Section-sponsored CLE’s, resulting in increased integration into WSBA calendars and improvements to section “mini-CLE” process.
- Implemented formal feedback from immediate past chairs of sections via online survey.
- Improved list serve service, including automatic subscription of members and reduction of bounce-backs/failures.

- Completed successful budgeting process which included intensive review of budget histories and extensive follow-up with sections before budgets were submitted to the Budget & Audit Committee.
- Hosted two partnership meetings with section leaders (Fall & Spring leaders meetings) and collaborated on one CLE-hosted meeting.
- Worked closely with the Washington Young Lawyers Committee to host their “Open Sections Night” networking event which provided an opportunity for young lawyers to mingle with Section Executive Committee members and learn about section benefits.
- Engaged in ongoing collaboration with Legislative, Communications, and Finance staff to update materials and processes related to sections.
- Maintained online “Section Leaders Toolbox”, including new tools & resources to help section leaders implement their activities (e.g, workplan templates, meeting tools, membership data FAQ, etc.)

WSBA 2012-2013 Section Annual Reports (see full reports in Appendix)

Per the WSBA Bylaws, each of the WSBA Sections is required to submit an annual report on section activities and priorities to the WSBA Executive Director. The information below includes a summary of section vitals and highlights taken from the sections’ annual report or internal records. Please refer to the Appendix to review each annual report in full.

<p>Administrative Law <i>Membership size: 208 members (Sept 2013)</i> <i>Total budgeted expenditures: \$23,380 (FY13) \$23,402.50 (FY14)</i> <i>Dues: \$25 (FY13) \$25 (FY14)</i></p> <p><i>Highlights:</i> Member Education & Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Government Agencies and HIPPA: Being a Covered Entity or Business Associate – What’s Up With That?</u> CLE. (September 2013) Topics included: what agencies may be covered entities or business associates, why it matters, areas of risk, and lessons learned. • Published 3 newsletters quarterly. <p>Legislative Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and referred legislative proposals including both House and Senate companion bills.
<p>Alternative Dispute Resolution: <i>Membership size: 372 members (Sept 2013)</i> <i>Total budgeted expenditures: \$37,743.50 (FY13) \$29,743.50 (FY14)</i> <i>Dues: \$35 (FY13) \$35 (FY14)</i></p> <p><i>Highlights:</i> Member Education & Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>20th Annual Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference.</u> (March 2013) Co-sponsored and provided leadership in planning and organizing this nationally-recognized conference on ADR held at the UW School of Law. Several Section members were presenters over the two-day conference. • <u>De-escalating Intense Emotions: The Secrets of a Hostage Negotiator.</u> CLE. (June 2013) A panel

of three lawyers, all experienced with high conflict cases discussed how de-escalating techniques can be used in litigation, counseling and mediation environments.

- Section Annual Meeting (September 2013) “A Litigator’s Perspective: Real World Lessons Learned From Early Mediation.”
- Effective Use of Mediation in Land Use and Environmental Disputes. CLE. (November 2013) Seminar sharing effective tools and techniques used by mediators and practitioners who have successfully used mediation in their cases. *Presented in Partnership with the Environmental and Land Use Law Section*

Legislative Work

- Supported the following legislative amendments, including:
 - Statutes of limitation in arbitration (HB 1065)
 - Early family mediation (HB 1353)
 - Uniform Collaborative Law Act and Rules
 - Incorporation of UMA in Fairness Foreclosure Act
- Involved in the examination of a proposal for legislation relating to apologies to victims of airline disasters.
- Sponsors forum discussions on current legislative issues. Forum discussion topics over the past year include:
 - Uniform Collaborative Law Act and Rules
 - New International Commercial Arbitration Act (Scheduled for October 23, 2013)

Sponsored Research and Reports

- Mediation Practices in Law – Survey of Northwest Mediators. Report.
- Using Mediation to Lower the Cost of Litigation – Task Force Recommendations. Research.
- What lawyers and mediators are really doing in various areas of law? Research.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Expanding CLE and outreach opportunities outside the Seattle-metropolitan area and to other bar groups within the WSBA.
- Continue to plan 4 educational/networking membership events per membership year.
- Continue to co-sponsor the Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference
- Revitalize the Media & Communications Committee to better use online resources for publishing content relevant to members/subscribers.

Animal Law:

Membership size: 105 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$4,810.50 (FY13) \$5475.00 (FY14)

Dues: \$25 (FY13) \$25 (FY14)

--- No Annual Report Submitted to Date ---

Antitrust, Consumer Protection and Unfair Business Practices:

Membership size: 227 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$5,750.00 (FY13) \$10,529.25 (FY14)

Dues: \$20 (FY13) \$20 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Participated at WSBA Young Lawyer Meet the Sections Event. This event allows for outreach to new members of WSBA to meet with Section leaders and learn about the activities of the Section and opportunities with WSBA-related involvement.
- Exclusive Dealing: The Current Law. CLE. (February 2013). A brief history on the evolution of exclusive dealing at the Supreme Court.
- The State Action Doctrine Clearly Articulated: FTC v. Phoebe Putney. CLE. (May 2013). Covered the history of the state action doctrine, what the Supreme Court said in its Phoebe Putney decision, and the opinion's ramifications.
- 30th Annual Antitrust Consumer Protection and Unfair Business Practices Seminar. CLE. (November 2013) Three keynote speakers and a networking reception for attendees following the CLE.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Continue providing CLE programs for all members.
- Provide monthly updates to members.

Business Law:

Membership size: 1,222 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$64,875.00 (FY13) \$76,162.50 (FY14)

Dues: \$25 (FY13) \$25 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- 2nd Annual Corporate Counsel and Business Law CLE and Networking Event. CLE. (September 2013)
- Around the World of Business Law: 80 Things Every Washington Lawyer Must Know. Mid-Year Meeting. (May 2013)
- 33rd Annual Northwest Securities Institute. CLE. (May 2013) Annual update on developments in securities laws was presented in cooperation with the Oregon State Bar Securities Regulation Section and the Northwest State-Federal-Provincial Securities Conference.
- New Business Lawyer Summit. "Advising the New Tech Startup." (April 2013)
- Meet The Regulators. CLE and reception. (November 2012) Staff from the Washington Securities Division discussed changes regarding investment advisor rules, mortgage broker-dealer rules, accredited investor rulemaking and other issues.

Legislative Work

- Brought forward HB1148 – Corporate Act, Dissenters' Rights which passed the House 97-0 and the Senate 48-0, and was signed into law by the Governor.
- Commented on 8 bills, reviewed 15 bills, and were referred 37 pieces of legislation for the 2013 Session.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Continue to focus on outreach to members; including members living in Eastern Washington.
- Work with WSBA YLC to increase participation by young business lawyers.
- Focus on being a valuable source of up-to-date information for practicing business attorneys.
- Aim to get additional members involved with the legislative process.

Civil Rights Law:

Membership size: 125 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$4,190.00 (FY13) \$6,386.50 (FY14)

Dues: \$30 (FY13) \$30 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Annual Meeting and CLE. (September 2013) Presentation of “Life in the U.S. and Washington State Prior to Passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;” Distinguished Service Award presented to Hon. Charles V. Johnson (Retired); Civil Leader Award presented to Washington United for Marriage.
- Major U.S. Supreme Court Civil Rights Case Review. CLE. (November 2012)
- Summer 2013 Newsletter. (August 2013) Included past year’s civil rights court decisions, an excerpt from Robin Lindley’s article, “Understanding the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” and a piece entitled, “The Right to Counsel 50 Years After *Gideon*.”
- University of Washington Law School’s Diversity Committee. Engaged in dialogue with law students on the practice of civil rights law; current issues in civil rights; preparing for a career as a civil rights attorney, and social justice and responsibilities of attorneys.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Publish semi-annual newsletter (Winter/Summer).
- Continue membership recruiting; including Open Sections Night in January.
- Section sponsored CLE to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Construction Law:

Membership size: 516 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$16,485.00 (FY13) \$15,355 (FY14)

Dues: \$25 (FY13) \$25 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Alaska Way Tunnel Fall Forum. (October 2012) Topic focused on program accomplishments, how WSDOT protected buildings during tunnel construction, and the project’s use of design-build contracting.
- Spring Forum in Yakima. CLE. (April 2013) Topics included: Construction 101, liens, ethical questions facing the typical practitioner, damages, and insurance.
- Preparation of Pattern Jury Instructions and Design-build Standard Form Contracts. Continued project. (On-going)

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Fall Forum. (October 2013) The New Husky Stadium: A Dawgs’ Eye View of the Project. Informative presentation in the field-level Touchdown Terrace. Topics included the project delivery method, the unique construction process, and how decisions were made to ensure timely completion.
- Spring Forum. (May 2014)
- Mid-Year CLE. (June 2014)
- Look for other forums in Vancouver, Tri Cities and other local areas to benefit members statewide.
- Include legislative suggestions to public construction retainage law.
- Continue work on model design-build form construction contract and construction-related pattern jury instructions.

Corporate Counsel:

Membership size: 851 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$30,050.00 (FY13) \$41,031.25 (FY14)

Dues: \$20 (FY13) \$20 (FY14)

*Highlights:***Member Education & Outreach**

- 2nd Annual Corporate Counsel and Business Law Section Eastern WA CLE and Networking Event. CLE. (September 2013) Part of the “Eastern Washington Outreach” effort.
- Quarterly Dinner (September 2013) Economic and legal variables that merchants and legal counsel consider.
- Corporate Counsel Practicing Art – Music, Pictures & Games. CLE. (May 2013) Tips, war stories, and a slide show that spotlighted the myriad legal and practical issues that happen in the art world and beyond.
- Internal Investigations – Small to Large, Domestic to International. CLE. (February 2013) Topics included: retention of outside counsel, structural issues, scope, privilege, and unique issues outside the United States.
- Ethics in the House: Professional Conduct in the Corporation. CLE. (November 2012) Latest developments focused on ethical issues for in-house counsel and business attorneys.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Eastern Washington Outreach. The Executive Committee has made it a priority to “do more with and do more for” Eastern Washington members and prospective members.
- Continue to grow through professional development activities and opportunities.

Creditor Debtor Rights:

Membership size: 709 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$25,800.00 (FY13) \$36,125.00 (FY14)

Dues: \$27.50 (FY13) \$27.50 (FY14)

*Highlights:***Member Education & Outreach**

- Fully funded budgeted grant amount of \$8,000. Grant recipients included: Snohomish County Legal Services, Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Legal Aid, NW Consumer Law Center, Chelan Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services, and Spokane County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Program.
- Annual Section Meeting. (September 2013) Web stream offered to members for the first time.
- 26th Annual Northwest Bankruptcy Institute. CLE. (April 2013) *Co-sponsored with the Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section*
- Litigation in the Other Court: Bankruptcy Litigation Skills and Techniques. CLE. (February 2013) Tips and techniques from experienced bankruptcy judges and attorneys.
- Liens: What You Need to Know Today. CLE. (December 2012) Discussion about the different types of liens and how to execute them properly.
- Bankruptcy for the New Lawyer: Your First Chapter 7 Case. CLE. (December 2012) Program for lawyers new to bankruptcy work.

Legislative Work

- Commenced a special task force to analyze and recommend changes to RCW 7.60. Ideally this would be ready for the 2015 legislative session as a Bar sponsored amendment.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Continue work on RCW 7.60.
- Increase fund amounts for grants to \$16,000
- Present more CLEs.
- Continue to co-sponsor the Northwest Bankruptcy Institute.
- Study issue of standing committees to assist the Executive Committee.

Criminal Law:

Membership size: 529 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$20,185.00 (FY13) \$20,618.75 (FY14)

Dues: \$30 (FY13) \$30 (FY14)

*Highlights:***Member Education & Outreach**

- 20th Annual Criminal Justice Institute. CLE. (September 2013) Comprehensive, two-day seminar with essential updates on legislation, evidence, search and seizure and more. Held at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Academy.

Legislative Work

- Legislative sub-committee reviewed proposed legislation related to criminal law. Because the section is comprised of both prosecutors and defense attorneys, a 75% majority is needed to take a position on a bill. Unfortunately, the 75% threshold was not met.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Member Benefit CLE. (October 2013) A “free” CLE for all members of the section held at Seattle University School of Law.
- Increase membership in the section, especially from rural areas.
- Distribute newsletter at least twice a year.
- Increase attendance at Executive Committee Board meetings

Elder Law:

Membership size: 634 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$37,793.75 (FY13) \$43,382.50 (FY14)

Dues: \$35 (FY13) \$35 (FY14)

*Highlights:***Member Education & Outreach**

- Hot Topics, Tips and Entertainment. (August 2013)
- Elder Law: Updates and Unique Circumstances. CLE. (March 2013)
- Peter Greenfield Senior Advocacy Internship. Honors the advocacy of Peter Greenfield on behalf of low-income seniors. *Presented in Partnership with the WSBA Foundation.*

Legislative Work

- Commented on a number of pieces of legislation including guardianships, trusts, and the POLST (Physician Ordered Life Sustaining Treatment).
- Circulated a memo regarding the implementation of the standby guardian legislation.
- Letter to Representative Jamie Pedersen in support of funding for the Office of Public Guardianship.
- Provided research and review of elder law related topics requested by Legislators.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Continue involvement in legislative policy issues related to elder law that are raised by Legislators or community leaders.
- Continue to educate the judiciary and the public with regard to important legal issues affecting disabled, elderly, and vulnerable individuals in Washington State.
- Publicize and implement the Peter Greenfield Senior Advocacy Internship for the summer of 2014.
- Improve our Section's website by ensuring that it is updated with relevant and interesting information.

Environmental and Land Use Law:

Membership size: 857 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$34,137.50 (FY13) \$34,637.50 (FY14)

Dues: \$35 (FY13) \$35 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Outreach & Education

- Midyear Meeting and Seminar. CLE. (May 2013) Topics included: state and national case law in environment and land use issues, the state of alternative energy research and usage, and practice tips for using environmental experts.
- Urban Zoning: Current Issues and Future Challenges. CLE. (March 2013)
- Case Studies in Legal Ethics from World War II: The Japanese Internment and the Ft. Lawton Court Martial. CLE. (December 2012) Discussed legal ethics surrounding two significant events during World War II: the Japanese internment camps and the Ft. Lawton court martial of a group of African-American soldiers for the murder of an Italian prisoner of war.

Goals & Priorities for 2013-2014

- Expand outreach to the law schools.
- Coordinate with KCBA to develop future programs.
- Plan a successful midyear conference for May 2014.
- Find a well-qualified editor for the Section newsletter.

Family Law:

Membership size: 1,288 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$57,210.00 (FY13) \$58,710.00 (FY14)

Dues: \$35 (FY13) \$35 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Annual Skills Training Institute. CLE. (April 2013) Covered practical aspects of preparing for a family law court case.
- Midyear. CLE. (June 2013) Topics included: technology and the law, do's and don'ts of parenting plan modifications, and the practical implications of the new plain language forms.

Legislative Work

- Participated in extensive discussions involving important family law legislative proposals.
- Reviewed and commented on numerous pieces of legislation.
- Presented testimony at legislative hearings.
- Worked with House and Senate leadership and various stakeholder groups to consider a wide variety of potential changes to Washington family and juvenile law.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Ongoing efforts to support legislation and improve child support law in Washington.
- Continue efforts to prevent laws and rules that will negatively impact family law litigants and practitioners from passing.
- Increase member recruiting and retention efforts.

Health Law:

Membership size: 348 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$7,325.00 (FY13) \$16,842.75 (FY14)

Dues: \$20 (FY13) \$20 (FY14)

*Highlights:***Member Education & Outreach**

- Critical Issues in Healthcare. CLE. (June 2013) Topics included: healthcare regulations at the state legislature, an overview of the Affordable Care Act, and the risks associated with recent HITECH changes.
- Washington Healthcare Exchange. CLE. (March 2013) Topics included: an overview of the Affordable Care Act, changes for employers and individuals in 2014, and health care options for employers.
- Open Sections Night. (January 2013)

Legislative Work

- Established a sub-committee to monitor Washington State health care legislation.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Increase activity in Eastern Washington by presenting a live educational CLE.
- Continue partnership with the Oregon Bar Health Law Section on Speaker Exchange Program.
- Initiate outreach to Seattle University, University of Washington, and Gonzaga law students interested in health law.

Indian Law:

Membership size: 326 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$9,057.50 (FY13) \$10,357.50 (FY14)

Dues: \$25 (FY13) \$25 (FY14)

*Highlights:***Member Education & Outreach**

- Annual Meeting. (September 2013)
- 26th Annual Indian Law Symposium. (September 2013)
- Recent Developments in Tribal Law and New Indian Provisions in VAWA. (May 2013) Association annual fundraising dinner. *Coordinated with the Northwest Indian Bar Association.*
- Open Sections Night. (January 2013)
- Spring 2013 Newsletter. (April 2013)

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Address potential legislation in Congress and potential for involvement in pending legislation and policy issues.
- Analyze and review issues related to new BIA Leasing Regulations and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
- Develop and strengthen relationships with existing and/or new membership outside of

Western Washington.

Intellectual Property:

Membership size: 835 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$72,800.00 (FY13) \$64,900.00 (FY14)

Dues: \$25 (FY13) \$25 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- IP for the Rest of Us. CLE. (September 2013) An overview of the types of IP and key questions to ask clients.
- Licensing Executive Society. Reception. (May 2013)
- 18th Annual Intellectual Property Institute. CLE. (March 2013) Program about intellectual property issues. Concurrent sessions on patent law and copyright/trademark law issues.
- Open Sections Night. (January 2013)
- The America Invents Acts. (December 2012) Topics included: an overview of the American Invents Act, the New Patent World of Contested Proceedings, and Company Perspectives, Procedures, and Best Practices.
- Inland Empire Intellectual Property Institute. CLE. (October 2012)

Goals & Priorities for 2013-2014

- Continue CLE programming.
- Continue law school outreach and scholarship funding.
- Focus on partnerships with other WSBA sections and professional organizations to cross-market and provide networking opportunities for IP Section members.

International Practice:

Membership size: 282 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$15,437.50 (FY13) \$16,037.50 (FY14)

Dues: \$40 (FY13) \$40 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Eight (8) mini CLEs and one co-sponsored CLE for a total of 18.5 credits at no cost to Section members.
- Annual Meeting. (July 2013)
- Law Students Reception. (April 2013)
- Foreign Lawyers' Reception. (November 2012)
- Completed transition of Section blog, the Global Gavel, to a new WordPress website that offers significantly greater functionality and content to Section members.

Goals & Priorities for 2013-2014

- Maintain the quality of the existing programs.
- Expand the reach of CLE programs; include web streaming.
- Expand Section membership among in-house and government practitioners.
- Refocus annual holiday party and annual general meeting to better serve members' interests.
- Organize and co-host a half-day or full-day CLE program and associated social events.

Juvenile Law:

Membership size: 162 members (Sept 2013)
Total budgeted expenditures: \$6,942.50 (FY13) \$7,565.00 (FY14)
Dues: \$30 (FY13) \$30 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Dependency and Child Welfare. CLE. (August 2013) Half-day program on important issues in dependency and child welfare law.
- Immigration and the Juvenile Courts. CLE. (June 2013) Topics included: immigration 101 for juvenile dependency court practitioners, special immigrant juvenile status, and immigration custody and enforcement issues relevant to children and youth.
- Leveling the Playing Field for Youth. CLE. (October 2012) Provided an overview of data related to multisystem involved youth.

Legislative Work

- Worked with University of Washington Law School's legislative policy clinic to review, comment, and support bills introduced in the 2012 session that impacted juveniles in the offender and child welfare systems.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- TBD at the 2013-2014 Executive Committee retreat.

Labor and Employment Law:

Membership size: 933 members (Sept 2013)
Total budgeted expenditures: \$42,537.50 (FY13) \$41,060.75 (FY14)
Dues: \$30 (FY13) \$30 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Took steps to reach out to practitioners east of the Cascades, and culminated a three-hour seminar and subsequent social event in Spokane.
- Sponsored three full-day CLE events and reception.
- Started a mentorship program that helps connect law students who are interested in specific areas of employment law with attorneys working in those areas.
- Awarded stipends to students from each of the three law schools in Washington – a total of \$9,000 in grants.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Continue to reach practitioners outside of Seattle, especially in Eastern Washington.
- Provide law students with mentorship opportunities.
- Work with law schools to provide \$9,000 in grants for summer internships.
- Explore ways to assist social justice and legal clinic programs.

Legal Assistance to Military Personnel (LAMP):

Membership size: 106 members (Sept 2013)
Total budgeted expenditures: \$3,702.50 (FY13) \$5,127.50 (FY14)
Dues: \$35 (FY13) \$35 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Veterans in Trouble: A Tailored Criminal Justice System. CLE. (September 2013)
- Local and State Resources for Veterans & the Military. CLE. (June 2013) Discussed the spearheading efforts aimed at assisting Veterans to reduce homelessness, deal with emergency medical costs, and decrease criminal justice system involvement.
- Veterans' Courts: A Systematic Approach to Social Justice. CLE. (March 2013) Guest speaker: the Honorable Michael Finkle.
- Admissions to Practice Rule 8(g) (APR 8(g)). CLE. (February 2013) For active duty JAG Attorneys who are specially admitted to the Bar to assist military personnel in local state courts.
- Open Sections Night. (January 2013)

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Continue outreach to active duty JAG offices throughout Washington.
- Offer Mini-CLEs quarterly.
- Continue partnerships with community and legal organizations, both state and national.

Litigation:

Membership size: 1,211 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$41,200.00 (FY13) \$43,898.00 (FY14)

Dues: \$30 (FY13) \$30 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Annual Meeting.
- Open Sections Night. (January 2013)
- Law school outreach events at Seattle University and the University of Washington.
- Provided \$750 moot court scholarships to all 3 law schools in Washington State.
- Produced 3 newsletters which addressed a specific topic of interest to litigators.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Increase outreach at Open Sections Night to obtain additional membership.
- Improve and promote the annual litigation CLE.
- Produce litigation section newsletters addressing topics of interest to litigators.

Real Property, Probate and Trust:

Membership size: 2,323 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$83,125.00 (FY13) \$86,025 (FY14)

Dues: \$25 (FY13) \$25 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Spring Real Estate. CLE. (April 2013)
- Annual Midyear Conference. CLE. (June 2013)
- 19th Annual Fall Real Estate Conference. (December 2012)
- December Probate & Trust. CLE. (December 2012)

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Provide high-quality CLEs, website, and list serves.
- Actively participate in the 2014 legislative session, including support of Uniform Law bills that were revised for Washington by section legislative committees.
- Identify and track data points relating to member participation and the success of member

outreach in order to improve member engagement in the Section.

- Develop website and other online communication resources and recruit broader involvement by members with these resources.

Senior Lawyers:

Membership size: 315 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$11,118.75 (FY13) \$10,573.00 (FY14)

Dues: \$25 (FY13) \$25 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Annual Meeting. CLE. (May 2013) Topics included: issues in funding for education under the state constitution, ethics of social media and the practice of law, and state and federal tax law changes.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Legal Issues (SOGILI):

Membership size: 92 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$3,820.00 (FY13) \$5,613.75 (FY14)

Dues: \$30 (FY13) \$30 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Employer-Employee Relations: How to Be Out in the Workplace. CLE. (August 2013) Panel presentation and discussion on best practice tips for both employers and employees who may be transitioning at work.
- Working with LGBTQ Clients: Best Practices. CLE. (February 2013) Panel presentation on best practice tips to meet the unique needs of clients who identify as LGBTQ.
- Annual Meeting. CLE. (December 2012) 2012 Elections and Referendum 74.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Hold 3 CLEs over the next year.
- Collaborate with QLaw to host a half-day seminar.
- Hold law school outreach events at the 3 state law schools in partnership with their LGBT student groups.
- Increase communication with section members.

Solo and Small Practice:

Membership size: 812 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$27,425.00 (FY13) \$30,700.00 (FY14)

Dues: \$35 (FY13) \$35 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Immigration Law for the Non-Immigration Lawyer. CLE. (September 2013) Entry-level introduction to U.S. immigration law for attorneys in other areas of practice.
- The Essential Toolkit for Solo and Small Practice. CLE. (January 2013) Topics included: modern payment methods and trust accounts, ethical challenges of sharing space with non-firm members, practical practice management.

- The Art, Science, and Ethics of the 21st Century Representation Agreement. CLE. (December 2013) Provided guidance on how to craft representation agreements to protect SSP practitioners and clients in the new unbundled, unplugged, virtual, and wireless era.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Increase brown-bag CLEs.
- Increase outreach efforts.
- Invite Section members to get involved with Executive Committee initiatives and projects.

Taxation:

Membership size: 643 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$34,630.00 (FY13) \$42,300.00 (FY14)

Dues: \$35 (FY13) \$35 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education & Outreach

- Annual Luncheon. (May 2013) Held at the Tower Club of the Columbia Center.
- Timely Topics in Taxation. CLE. (December 2012)
- Provided \$2,000 grants to the Low Income Taxpayer Clinics at the University of Washington School of Law and Gonzaga School.
- The Tax Section scholarship program is primarily funded through donations from firms and attorneys. During the Annual Luncheon, Liberty Upton received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Section.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Inform members of potential pro bono opportunities.
- Provide grants of \$2,000 to the Low Income Taxpayer Clinics at the University of Washington School of Law and Gonzaga School.
- Award a \$5,000 scholarship to a WA State resident LL.M. Taxation student.

World Peace Through Law:

Membership size: 171 members (Sept 2013)

Total budgeted expenditures: \$4,521.25 (FY13) \$5,292.50 (FY14)

Dues: \$30 (FY13) \$30 (FY14)

Highlights:

Member Education and Outreach

- Border Patrol Road Blocks. CLE. (August 2013) The practice of stopping Washington State residents at Border Patrol roadblocks up to 100 miles from the border, including the Pacific Coast, introduces legal, constitutional and practical issues.
- Litigating the Right to Peace. CLE. (June 2013) Program about the legal basis of a right to peace and its successful use in litigation.

Goals and Priorities for 2013-2014

- Continue working with Seattle University Law School to develop interesting and useful programs.
- Provide more frequent Mini-CLEs.