



WSBA CRIMINAL LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT – FY18

Name of the Section:	<i>Criminal Law Section</i>	
Chair:	<i>Kim Hunter</i>	
Section Information: <i>As of September 30, 2018</i> <i>*To be completed by WSBA*</i>	Membership Size:	447
	Staff Lead:	Patrick Mead
	BOG Liaison:	Kim Hunter
	FY18 revenue: \$	\$16,466.55 (as of August 31, 2018)
	FY18 direct expenses: \$ <i>(does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$7,647.43
Purpose:	<p>The Criminal Law Section seeks the participation of the Bar, including prosecutors and defense counsel, by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas in the areas of criminal law, correction, procedure, and evidence. The section works with pending legislation and development of statutory enactments to improve and facilitate the administration of justice within the criminal arena.</p> <p>With an equal number of defense and prosecuting attorney positions, the executive board champions the rights of both the accused and victims in the criminal justice system. Activities include publishing a newsletter, as well as assisting with the Criminal Law Institute.</p>	
2017-2018 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participated in the 2017-18 Legislative Process by taking a position on several bills 2. New Lawyer visits to Gonzaga and Seattle U – possibly UW 3. Host a member forum 4. Crim Law listserve 5. Mentor program for young lawyers 	

	6. Case Law Notebook distributed to all members 7. Search and Seizure Information given to all members	
Please quantify your section's current member benefits: <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	Quantity	Member Benefit
	\$1180	Scholarships, donations, grants awarded
	2019	Law school outreach events/benefits hosted
	9	Legislative bills reviewed/drafted
	1	Newsletters produced
	1	Mini-CLEs produced
	2 days	Co-sponsored half/day to multi-day CLEs with WSBA
	2019	Receptions/forums hosted
	2019	Awards given
	2019	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
2019	Mentor program	
2018-2019 Goals & Priorities (Top 5)	1	Improve member communication and outreach
	2	Member Benefit CLE
	3	Plan a successful CJ
	4	Young Lawyer Mentor program
	5	Meet with Judges to foster better interaction and understanding of criminal law
	6.	Continue to provide Case Law and Search and Seizure updates and information
Please report how this section is addressing diversity: (Are you using any of the tools provided by WSBA and if so, how? Have you sought out training or consultation from the Diversity Specialist? How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in your decision-making? What have you done to promote a culture of inclusion within the board or committee? What has your section done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession?) We have never had to “address it.” The practice of Criminal Law has always been an area of the Law with many individuals from many different backgrounds. Our section, by its very nature, has always had diversity.		

Please report how this section is addressing professionalism:

(Does the section’s work promote respect and civility within the legal community? Does it seek to improve relationships between and among lawyers, judges, staff and clients? Does it raise awareness about the causes and/or consequences of unprofessional behavior?)

The practice of Criminal Law is such that our members are in front of Judges, court staff and other lawyers. We represent both defense and prosecution. Our mission statement and goal is to promote positive working relationships between these two factions, so that we may improve the practice of Criminal Law. Professionalism is something foremost in our minds every day and discussed frequently at meetings.

Our Criminal Law Justice Institute frequently has topics that cover Ethics in the Courtroom and with “adversaries.” Professionalism within our practice and respect for the Judges.

Please report how this section is integrating new and young lawyers into its work:

(How have you brought new and young lawyers into your decision making process? Has the section supported new and young lawyers by (for example) helping to find and prepare them for employment, assisting with debt management, building community, and providing leadership opportunities?)

Mentoring, Providing assistance with cases, on the job experience

Please describe your Executive Committee’s relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.

For example:

- *Quality of WSBA staff support/services provided to Section Executive Committee*
- *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison*
- *Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support services to sections.*

Criminal Law Section has worked closely with WSBA staff in financials updates, creating the next year’s budget, and planning and implementing the Criminal Justice Institute. The treasurer has had a good experience connecting with the liaison, Julianne Unite and Paris Erickson, who has been very helpful. Sondra, Joel and Kevin are indispensable to our section.

Kim Hunter is on the Board, HOWEVER, the whole BoG needs to appreciate the sections more and work with them in a much more positive manner than in the past. The sections have the belief that the BoG just wants to regulate them and take money from them. This needs to be addressed.