

# **WSBA SECTION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006–2007**

## **Washington State Bar Association**

[ Period of October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007 ]

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**Section name: Indian Law Section**

**Submitted by: Kelly S. Croman, Chair**

**Term of office for section leadership: October 2006-September 2007**

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### **1. Section highlights and accomplishments for fiscal year 2007.**

- On May 4, the Section hosted its 19<sup>th</sup> annual CLE, "Current Trends, Legislative Updates and Resolving Issues". Senator Claudia Kauffman offered a keynote address, and topics covered a broad range of issues of interest to attorneys and judges working in Indian country and beyond.
- The Section hosted four mini-tele-CLEs throughout the year, on the topics of the Indian Claims Limitations Act, hydroelectric relicensing, cultural property law, and the Adam Walsh Act.
- The Section continued to team up with the Northwest Indian Bar Association to offer scholarships to Native law students. To date, the Indian Legal Scholars Program has donated nearly \$70,000 in scholarships to aspiring Native lawyers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.
- The Section has published three issues of the Indian Law Section Newsletter, in September, January, and June, and expects to publish a fourth this fall.

### **2. Current benefits for section members.**

- Benefits include: members-only list serve, website, quarterly newsletter, publications, annual CLE, mini-tele-CLEs.

### **3. Section community involvement & special financial designations.**

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### **4. Section priorities, including new goals, for upcoming fiscal year 2008.**

### **5. Diversity – ways the section is addressing now or intends to address.**

- Through the Indian Legal Scholars Program, the Section hopes to encourage and assist Native students to enter the legal profession.
- Through its annual and mini-tele-CLEs, the Section hopes to increase knowledge about and interest in Indian law among all attorneys in Washington.

### **6. Current relationship between the section and the WSBA.**

- The Section receives support from the WSBA in maintaining its website, contacting Section members, and organizing the annual CLE.

### **7. Additional information & comments.**