WSBA**Sections**

Annual Report 2012- 2013

(October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013)

Deadline: October 4, 2013

Section: **Intellectual Property**
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Section position: **Chair**
Date submitted: **October 4, 2013**

Thank you for completing your section's annual report. Please feel free to add to the topics below as appropriate for your section.

1. **Please describe your section's highlights and accomplishments during 2012-2013:**
   Possible categories to consider:
   - *Member outreach events – e.g., member forums, receptions and law student activities*
   - *Educational events and products, including CLE seminar; midyear or annual conferences; brown bag sessions; newsletters; etc.*
   - *Legislative participation*
   - *Scholarship and/or grant programs*
   - *Pro bono, access to justice and/or civil legal services activities*
   - *A special recognition of section and/or section member(s)*

2. **Please summarize your section's current member benefits:**
   For example:
   - *Members-only list serve, website, newsletter, publications, etc.*
   - *New member outreach, including to young lawyers, new admittees and law students.*

3. **Please describe your section's current partnerships with other entities:**
   For example:
   - *WYLC liaison assigned to section.*
   - *Collaborations on programs or CLEs with another section, committee, or entity.*
   - *Collaboration with WSBA New Lawyer Education program.*

4. **Please describe your section's priorities for the upcoming membership year 2013-2014, including any goals for expansion, educational priorities, member benefits, and/or public benefits:**

5. **Please describe the ways in which your section's activities have supported and/or will support the WSBA's Guiding Principles, which are to advance and promote:**
    - *Access to the justice system.*
    - *Diversity, equality, and cultural understanding throughout the legal community.*
    - *The public's understanding of the rule of law and its confidence in the legal system.*
    - *A fair and impartial judiciary.*
    - *The ethics, civility, professionalism, and competency of the bar.*

6. **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.*
    - *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison.*
    - *Ways the WSBA can better serve section needs.*

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

Note: Annual Reports will be shared with the WSBA Executive Director, the WSBA Board of Governors 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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Email to: RaeLani Valaile, WSBA Sections Administrative Assistant, raelaniv@wsba.org.

Thank You!

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   The Intellectual Property Section was pleased to again participate in outreach events with area law schools, various Meet & Greets with other Sections (including "Open Section Night") and within the IP community. The IP Section sponsored a Licensing Executive Society event as a way to benefit members and cross-market the Section to a related professional organization. The IP Section also continued its CLE tradition with the sponsorship of the following CLEs: The America Invents Act, the Inland Empire Intellectual Property Institute, the Annual Intellectual Property Institute, the Intellectual Property fundamentals "IP for the Rest of Us," and the European Patent Office forum.

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   The Intellectual Property Section offers its list-serve for member use, new and existing member outreach and networking opportunities, academic community services and events, and extensive CLE programming.

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   The Intellectual Property Section works with its liaisons and collaborates with other Sections and related professional organizations. The IP Section would also like to participate in the New Lawyer Education Program.

4. **Please describe your section's priorities for the upcoming membership year 2013-2014, including any goals for expansion, educational priorities, member benefits, and/or public benefits:**

   The Intellectual Property Section would like to continue its CLE programming for the upcoming membership year, including its offerings across the state. The IP Section plans to continue its

law school outreach programs and scholarship funding. The IP Section in particular plans to focus on more partnerships with other WSBA sections and professional organizations to cross-market and provide networking opportunities for IP Section members.

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The Intellectual Property Section participated in a pro bono efforts with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the UW Law School. The IP Section contributes to the WSBA's efforts with young lawyers through its outreach and the competency of the bar through its CLE programming.

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The Intellectual Property Section has a beneficial and collaborative rapport with the WSBA staff and Board of Governors. The quality of services provided by the WSBA staff and Board of Governors is good.