WSBA Section Annual Report for 2012-2013

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1. **Section highlights and accomplishments in 2012-2013.**
   - The IPS had eight (8) mini CLEs and one co-sponsored CLE for a total of 18.5 credits at no cost to Section members. The Section thanks all of our instructional and informative CLE speakers this year and our CLE Chair Shahzad Qadri.
   - The IPS held four major events in the 2012-2013 year: the Foreign Lawyers' Reception, a holiday member mixer, the Law Students Reception, and the Annual General Meeting.
   - The IPS expanded our CLE offerings this year, both by offering two mini-CLE programs in Bellevue, and by co-sponsoring a full-day WSBA CLE on international practice.
   - The IPS completed the transition of our blog, the Global Gavel, to a new WordPress website that offers significantly greater functionality and content to Section members, and includes a member directory.

2. **Current benefits for section members.**
   - **Our Monthly Mini-CLEs at no cost to Section members.**
   - **Content and communications through the Section listserv, *The Global Gavel* (www.globalgavelnews.org), and *IPS Linked-In Group*.** We are focusing the Section's communications with our members on these content streams, and are working on developing a regular stream of content, including articles, news, and events related to the international practice of law. (Global Gavel webmasters: Elly Baxter and Matthew Dresden).
   - **Annual Events/New Member Outreach:** Our partnership with the WYLD and our Student Liaison Ryan Castle connects the Section with young and aspiring lawyers and law students. Our holiday member mixer (Chair Krista Wittman) provided members an opportunity to network in a festive atmosphere. Our annual Foreign Lawyers Reception and Mentorship Program (Co-Chairs Jonathan Lloyd and Anamaria Turlea) – which took place in November 2012 – enables outreach to foreign lawyers and Washington law students with an international focus who study law in Washington State. This past April was our 8th Annual

Law Student Reception (Co-Chairs Matthew Dresden, Jim Clack, Bonnie Wasser and Monica Langfeldt) to introduce students interested in international law to Washington practitioners.

3. **Collaboration/partnerships with other sections and bar-affiliated groups.** *For example:*
   - We work with many organizations, such as the WYLC, the Trade Development Alliance, and other bar associations' international practice sections.
   - We are looking to organize and co-host a half-day or full-day CLE program in the spring of 2014, and are in the process of contacting other sections and bar-affiliated groups about potentially serving as co-sponsors.
   - We have recently appointed a new WYLC liaison, who will be actively participating in IPS executive committee meetings and Section events.

4. **Section priorities, including new goals, for upcoming membership year 2013-2014.**
   - IPS's priorities for the current year are to (i) maintain the quality of the existing programs; (ii) continue expanding the reach of our CLE programs, not only to in-person locations outside of Seattle, but also via web-streaming; (iii) expand Section membership among in-house and government practitioners; (iv) refocus our annual holiday party and annual general meeting to better serve members' interests; and (v) organize and co-host a half-day or full-day CLE program and associated social events.

5. **Section activities supporting the WSBA's Guiding Principles.**
   - **Our Section Mission:** The International Practice Section focuses on international practice, international law, immigration law, and any cross border transactions. As a result, it includes members who have a wide variety of backgrounds, from those simply intellectually interested to part-time practitioners, to full-time practitioners, to government, to business, to foreign lawyers, to academia.
   - **Annual Huneke Award**: The IPS continues to award our annual Huneke Award to a law student interested in international law. The 2012-2013 award, valued at $1000, went to our SLC and SU law student Ryan Castle.

6. **Section relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.** *For example:*
   - The IPS greatly appreciates the work that Paris Seabrook, Melina Matey and Stacey Holmes performed during the 2012-2013 Section year to interface and assist with Section needs.
   - We wish to get our BOG liaison more involved in our Section, as well as to have more influence at the BOG level.

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Thank You!