



## WSBA Section Annual Report for 2011-2012

(Period of October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012)

### SECTIONS



**Section:** International Practice Section  
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*Note.* If possible, please limit your report to one page. The following outline is provided as an example of possible areas to address; however, feel free to modify as appropriate for your section.

#### 1. Section highlights and accomplishments in 2011-2012.

- IPS had approximately 5 mini CLEs for a total of 7.5 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.
- IPS held four major events in the 2010-2011 year: Foreign Lawyers' Reception, a Holiday Member Mixer, Law Student Reception, and Annual General Meeting.
- At the request of Governor Gregoire and the Washington Department of Commerce, Governor Gregoire distributed a Korean version of the fifth edition of the Section's *Doing Business in Washington* publication during a trade delegation to Korea and the English version to India. The publication is available for purchase from WSBA publishing.
- With the WSBA, we co-sponsored the "Doing Business in Asia" CLE.

#### 2. Section priorities, including new goals, for upcoming membership year 2012-2013.

- IPS's priorities for the current year are to maintain the quality of the existing programs and attempt to expand the scope of some of our CLE events to areas outside of Seattle.

#### 3. Current benefits for section members.

- **Our monthly mini-CLEs at no cost to Section members.**
- **Our blog ([www.globalgavelnews.org](http://www.globalgavelnews.org)), quarterly online newsletter, *The Global Gavel*, and *Linked-In group*:** For the past four years (and counting), these venues of communication offer an exciting variety of articles, news, and events related to the international practice of law. (Newsletter Editors in Chief: KoKo Huang and Selina Koonar. Blog Webmaster: Selina Koonar. Linked-In Moderator: Selina Koonar).

- **Stimulating Annual Events/New Member Outreach:** Our partnership with the WYLD and our Student Liaison Coordinator (“SLC”) (Nathan Viavant) reaches out to young and aspiring lawyers and law students. Our annual Foreign Lawyers Reception and Mentorship Program (Co-Chairs Jonathan Lloyd, Anamaria Turlea, and KoKo Huang) – which took place this past November – enables outreach to foreign lawyers and Washington law students with an international focus who study law in Washington State. We had our second holiday member mixer (Chair Krista Wittman) that provided members to network in a festive atmosphere. This past April was our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Student Reception (Co-Chairs Max Yoshimura and Matthew Dresden) to introduce students interested in international law to Washington practitioners. We had our Annual General Meeting once again on Lakes Union and Washington aboard the chartered *MV Seeker*.

**4. Section community involvement and special financial designations.**

- **Our Annual Huneke Award:** This year’s award, valued at \$1000, went to our SLC and SU law student Amanda Banik.

**5. Section activities supporting issues and principles of diversity in the legal profession.**

- **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.

**6. Collaboration/partnerships with other sections and bar-affiliated groups. *For example:***

- We work with many organizations, such as the WYLD, the Trade Development Alliance, and other bar associations’ international practice sections.
- **2011-2012 Sponsors:** Williams Kastner and Jackson Lewis. We also wish to thank our event sponsors, Schwabe Williams & Wyatt and Davis Wright Tremaine.

**7. Section relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors. *For example:***

- IPS appreciates Paris Seabrook’s desire and ability to interface and assist with Section needs.
- Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison. We wish to get our BOG liaison more involved in our section, as well as to have more influence at the BOG level.
- Ways the WSBA can better serve section needs.

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

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*Thank You!*