WSBA**Sections**

Annual Report 2012- 2013

(October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013)

Deadline: October 4, 2013

Section: Real Property, Probate and Trust
Submitted by: Karen Boxx
Section position: Chair
Date submitted: October 14, 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. **Section highlights and accomplishments in 2012-2013.**

   - CLEs: 19th Annual Fall Real Estate Conference; December Probate & Trust CLE; Spring Trust & Estate Litigation CLE; Spring Real Estate CLE; Annual Midyear Conference in Pasco. All were well attended and produced record revenues for the Section.
   - Publication of RPPT Newsletter in its new all-electronic form beginning with the Fall 2012 issue.
   - Participated in WYLD Open Sections Night.
   - Legislative Activities: Supported, opposed and provided comments on numerous bills this past session. Sponsored a bill revising the trust statutes. At the request of Rep. Jamie Pedersen, we continue to lead a task force to review and develop legislation based upon Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act.. Summaries of our 2012 legislative activities are available at www.wsbarppt.com.

2. **Please summarize your section's current member benefits:**

   - List serves – currently open to non-members, but archives are for members only.
   - Members only newsletter and members only section of website.
   - Opportunities to participate on Newsletter editorial board, legislative committees for both Probate & Trust and Real Property, and new Online Member Services, Technology and Communications committee.
   - Member discounts for section CLEs.
     - .

3. **Please describe your section's current partnerships with other entities:**

   - We had a WYLC liaison, Anna Cashman, who remains active in the section, and have chosen a new liaison for 2013.
   - Our listserves include active participants from other sections and the Bar in general.
   - We currently collaborate with the Elder Law Section on legislative projects.

- We have section members assisting with 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:

- Continue to provide high-quality CLEs, website and list serves.
- Actively participate in the 2014 legislative session, including support of Uniform Law bills that were revised for Washington by section legislative committees.
- Maintain current membership levels and develop outreach to younger/newer lawyers.
- Identify and track data points relating to member participation and the success of member outreach in order to improve member engagement in the Section
- Continue to develop website and other online communication resources and recruit broader involvement by members with these resources
- Support WSBA projects by recruiting Section volunteers when requested by WSBA, including revising pamphlets on various subjects related to real property, probate and trust.

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.*

The section provides financial support to the First Responders Will Clinic, which made legal assistance available to some who otherwise might not have been able to afford it. We have been participating in the revision of pamphlets on legal topics for the general public. We provide significant CLE programming that is aimed at all levels of experience.

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

Worked extensively with WSBA staff on CLEs, the Section midyear meeting, and the Section executive committee retreat.
WSBA staff regularly attend executive committee meetings.
One executive committee member attended nearly every BOG meeting this year.
Attended all WSBA Section leaders' meetings.

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.

Due date: October 4, 2013

Email to: RaeLani Valaile, WSBA Sections Administrative Assistant, raelaniv@wsba.org.

Thank You!