



## WSBASections

### **Annual Report 2012- 2013**

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#### **1. Section highlights and accomplishments in 2012-2013.**

- On December 10, 2012, the Section held a CLE: "Timely Topics in Taxation." This event was well attended both in person and online.
- Throughout the year, the Section's committees have held a number of presentations on topics consistent with each committee's focus. These presentations are intended to provide information that is timely and helpful to practice tax law.
- On May 14, 2013, the Section held its Annual Luncheon at the Tower Club of the Columbia Center. The Annual Luncheon is the Section's most attended event and typically draws over one hundred members. It was the best attended event thus far.
- As part of the Annual Luncheon, the Section presented the Stouder Award to Richard G. Wood. This award is in memory of Roger L. Stouder who dedicated his career to his community, to performing the highest quality legal work and, above all, to professionalism.
- During the Annual Luncheon, the Section provided grants of \$2,000 each to the Low Income Taxpayer Clinics at the University of Washington School of Law and Gonzaga School.
- Also during the Annual Luncheon, Liberty Upton received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Section. The Tax Section scholarship program is primarily funded through donations from firms and attorneys. Thank you once again to the following firms and attorneys for their generous support of this program: Robert Boeshaar, Carney Badley Spellman P.S., Chicoine & Hallett, P.S., Deloitte LLP, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Cori Flanders & Microsoft, Garvey Schubert Barer, K&L Gates LLP, Lane Powell PC, Law Offices of Lora L Brown, LeSourd & Patten, P.S., Skagit Law Group PLLC, Randall Danskin, P.S., Law Offices of Jennifer A. Gellner, LL.M, LLC, and My Vo (2008 Scholarship recipient).

#### **2. Current and new benefits for section membership.**

- The Section's committees hold several meetings throughout the year. The meetings are free of charge to Section members. In the past, CLE credit was available for some of the presentations.
- The Section publishes a newsletter up to three times a year. The newsletters are a way for members to receive information regarding the Section's events and also include scholarly articles relevant to tax practice.

- The Section has a LinkedIn site where members can post and respond to comments/questions.
- The Section's committees hold Tax Court Judge receptions to allow the section members to interact with visiting United States Tax Court Judges.

**3. Collaboration/partnerships with other sections, bar-affiliated groups, and/or groups in the legal community.**

- The Section looks for opportunities to partner with other organizations, such as the WSCPA, where the constituents of both organizations may benefit from such partnership.
- The Section has a Young Lawyers Committee. As part of the chair's duties, he will interface with the WSBA WYLD.
- The Section remains open and welcomes corroboration with other sections and bar groups.

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

- As part of better communication with Section members, the Section plans to inform members of potential pro bono opportunities.
- The Section plans to provide grants of \$2,000 each to the Low Income Taxpayer Clinics at the University of Washington School of Law and Gonzaga School.
- The Section plans to award a \$5,000 scholarship to a WA State resident LL.M. Taxation student.

**5. Section's activities have supported the WSBA's Guiding Principles by:**

- The Section informs members of potential pro bono opportunities and encourages its members' involvement.

**6. Executive Committee's relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.**

- The Section's leadership intends to stay in close communication with the WSBA to ensure that each organization's expectations are met.
  - The Section's BOG liaison, Brian Kelly, attended the first meeting of the fiscal year and intends to stay in regular communication with the Section.
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