



Paula Littlewood

WSBA Executive Director



[Paula Littlewood](#) joined the WSBA staff as deputy director in September 2003 and became the executive director in May 2007. She received a bachelor's degree magna cum laude in political science and history at Claremont McKenna College. She studied law at the University of Washington School of Law, where she also served as editor-in-chief of the Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal and received her J.D. with honors in 1997. She also earned a master's degree in international studies, focusing on U.S.-Asian relations and studying Mandarin Chinese.

Littlewood served as a congressional intern at the U.S. House of Representatives, and later as a research assistant for the English Parliament's House of Commons. She has worked as a finance director, field coordinator, and campaign coordinator for various political campaigns. She also taught English in Taiwan for two years and spent another 10 months traveling in China and Southeast Asia. After receiving her law degree, Littlewood served as an assistant dean at the University of Washington School of Law for close to five years. In this capacity she worked on raising funds for the law school's new home, William H. Gates Hall, and was also responsible for the budget and other internal operations as well as media and government relations for the School. In 2002, she accepted a position as assistant head of school of the Telluride Mountain School in Colorado.

In 2003, Littlewood joined the WSBA as deputy director, assisting in all aspects of staff and budget management, program development, and supervision of administrative operations. She also served as the interim director of finance and administration for one year.

In addition to her full-time position as Executive Director of the WSBA, she is a member of the Executive Committee of the University of Washington School of Law's Leadership Council; serves as Vice President of the International Institute of Law Association Executives (IILACE) Executive Committee and on its Program Committee; she is also a member of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS) Board, having served on its Foundations for Practice (a legal education enhancement initiative) oversight committee before joining the Board. She recently served on the American Bar Association's Commission on the Future of Legal Services, co-chairing its Regulatory Opportunities Subcommittee, and was a member of the ABA's Task Force on the Future of Legal Education.