WSBA MISSION STATEMENT

The Washington State Bar Association’s mission is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.
MISSION FOCUS AREAS

- Ensuring Competent and Qualified Legal Professionals
  - Cradle to Grave
  - Regulation and Assistance
- Promoting the Role of Legal Professionals in Society
  - Service
  - Professionalism

WHAT DOES THE BAR DO?

THREE LICENSE TYPES

- Lawyers
- Limited Practice Officers (LPOs)
- Limited License Legal Technicians (LLLTs)
THE WASHINGTON STATE BAR IS...

40,300* WSBA Members (Lawyers, LLLTs, LPOs)

33,500* Active Lawyers

1,000* Limited Practice Officers

41* Limited License Legal Technicians

*2019 approximate

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
GR 12.2 Washington State Bar Association Purposes

Rule 12.2(a)(7): “[T]he Washington State Bar Association strives to ... [a]dminister ... discipline of its members in a manner that protects the public and respects the rights of the ... member.”
**RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

**WSBA OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL**
- Answers public inquiries and informally resolves disputes
- Receives, reviews, and may investigate grievances
- Recommends disciplinary action or dismissal
- Diverts grievances involving less serious misconduct
- Recommends disability proceedings
- Presents cases to discipline-system adjudicators

**DISCIPLINE SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

**WSBA Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC)**
- Receives, reviews, and may investigate grievances
- Recommends disciplinary action or dismissal
- Presents cases at hearing and on appeal

**Hearing Officers**
- Conduct public disciplinary hearings and other proceedings
- Adjudicate stipulations to admonition and reprimand

**Disciplinary Board**
- Reviews ODC recommendations and dismissals
- Reviews hearing records and stipulations

**Washington Supreme Court**
- Has exclusive authority over system
- Conducts appellate review
- Orders suspensions, disbarments, interim suspensions & reciprocal discipline