

Practice of Law Board Volunteer Position Description

The Practice of Law Board, which was created by the Supreme Court and is administered by the WSBA, works to discover innovative ways to make legal resources and services more accessible and user-friendly. It educates the public about how to receive competent legal assistance, considers new avenues for people not currently licensed to practice law to provide legal and law-related services, receives and reviews complaints alleging unauthorized practice of law, and refers nonfrivolous complaints to appropriate authorities.

Position overview: Members attend monthly meetings and actively contribute to the Board's ongoing work. Appointment is for a three-year term with eligibility to be reappointed for one additional three-year term.

Time commitment: Members are expected to attend monthly full-day meetings which require up to 3 days of preparation. One meeting is in Olympia; the rest are in WSBA's office in Seattle. Members may participate in meetings via conference call.

Requirements: Applicants must be active WSBA members or members of the public.

Preferred qualifications and skills:

- Interest in access to justice
- Interest in innovation
- Interest in working on collaborative projects
- Interest in working on long-term projects

Benefits:

- Participating in work that might create something new
- Learning about ways other states and countries are working to address these same issues
- Interacting with a dynamic, diverse group of people who "think outside the box"

Reimbursement policy: This is an unpaid volunteer position. Reasonable travel expenses may be reimbursed per the WSBA Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Selection and appointment process: Candidates are vetted by the Practice of Law Board. Recommendations are provided to the WSBA Board of Governors for its information, and to the Supreme Court which makes the appointments.

For further information: See www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Committees-Boards-and-Other-Groups/practice-of-law-board.

How to apply: See instructions at www.wsba.org/joincommittee. Questions about the application? Email barleaders@wsba.org.