

Practice of Law Board Volunteer Position Description

The Practice of Law Board was created by the Supreme Court and is administered by the WSBA. GR 25 outlines the Board's responsibilities, which include to (1) educate the public about how to receive competent legal assistance; (2) recommend new avenues for persons not currently authorized to practice law to provide legal and law-related services; and (3) receive complaints that allege the unauthorized practice of law. The Board thus works to educate, innovate, and coordinate.

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 meetings for approximately 2-3 hours. The Practice of Law Board meets with the Supreme Court on an annual basis. As of 2022, the Board is meeting virtually only. When in-person meetings resume, Board meetings may be held at the WSBA offices in downtown Seattle. Meetings with the Supreme Court may be held at the Temple of Justice in Olympia.

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

Preferred qualifications and skills:

- Interest in access to justice and public education
- Interest in innovation
- Interest in working on collaborative, long-term projects

Benefits:

- Participating in work that might create something new
- Learning about ways other jurisdictions 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.