

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

STAR Council Seattle University HUB Program Liaison

Position Description

The Small Town and Rural (STAR) Council (formerly STAR Committee until Sep. 2024) was established by the Board of Governors with approval of its charter in April 2021. The STAR Council is committed to strengthening and supporting the practice of law in the rural communities throughout Washington state. The STAR Council furthers the WSBA mission to serve the public and the members of the Bar by providing focused attention on the unique needs of residents and members in rural areas.

Position overview: The STAR Council guides policy and program development, serve as ambassadors between the WSBA and these communities, explore and advocate for creative and innovative solutions that further the goals of strengthening and supporting the practice of law in rural communities. The three main focus areas of the Council are:

1. Community Education and Outreach
2. Pipeline and Placement Program(s)
3. Job Opportunities and Clearinghouse

See the [Council Charter](#) for more information.

Position expectations and time commitment: Given that the STAR Council is focused on and will largely be composed of rural practitioners, attendance at meetings is primarily and predominantly virtual. It is anticipated that Council meetings will be monthly for one hour, with the initial meeting of the year being two hours for an onboarding orientation. The liaison would be expected to attend meetings regularly and share information and perspectives from the Central Washington Hybrid Hub program and deliver relevant information about the work of the STAR Council back to colleagues in the HUB program. The liaison is not a member of the STAR Council and does not have voting authority.

Requirements: Must be a student enrolled in the Flex JD program at Seattle University School of Law, connected to Seattle University School of Law's Central Washington Hybrid Hub and / or HUB partner Heritage University, and have an interest in rural legal practice.

Preferred qualifications and skills: Interest in practicing law in Washington's rural communities.

Benefits:

- Develop and contribute to a deeper understanding of the unique needs, opportunities, and benefits of a rural practice
- Opportunity to explore creative solutions.
- Create connections, build relationships, and network with practitioners in Washington's rural communities as well as law students and members of the public.

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

Selection and appointment process: Please submit this [application form](#) by 5 p.m. on July 11, 2025. For questions, contact STAR Council Chair Kari Petrusek at barleaders@wsba.org.

