

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Washington Young Lawyers Committee

Washington Young Lawyers Committee Meeting I Virtual Only

Saturday, January 8, 2022 | 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Via [Zoom](#) | Meeting ID: 881 4852 8765 | Passcode: 281879 | Call-in: 888-788-0099

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome & Approval of November Meeting Minutes | Emily Ann Albrecht, WYLC Chair |
| 2. Non-Icebreaker Style Brief Introductions | Group Discussion |
| 3. Board of Governors Liaison Update | Jordan Couch, BOG Liaison |
| 4. WSBA Updates | Curtiss Melvin, Staff Liaison |
| 5. ABA Midyear Meeting Overview, Events, Details | Emily Ann Albrecht, et al. |
| 6. Project Lead Updates (If Any)/Revisiting Logistics | TBD/Group Discussion |
| 7. Roundtable Discussion: Kim K. Passed the Baby Bar! | Group Discussion ¹ |
| 8. Ideas for Virtual/Hybrid Engagement with Law Students | Group Discussion |
| 9. Ideas for [Legit Cool] Virtual/Hybrid WYLC Social Events | Group Discussion |
| 10. Feedback/Topic Ideas for Next Meeting Agenda | Group Discussion |
| 11. Closing Remarks & Adjournment | Emily Ann Albrecht |

2021 - 2022 WYLC Meeting Schedule

November 13, 2021	Meeting: 12:00 pm	Virtual
January 8, 2022	Meeting: 12:00 pm	Virtual
March 12, 2022	Meeting: 12:00 pm	Virtual/WSBA
May 14, 2022	Meeting: 12:00 pm	Virtual
July 16, 2022	Meeting: 12:00 pm	Virtual/Tacoma, WA
September 10, 2022	Meeting: 12:00 pm	Virtual

¹ Yes, we are seriously going to talk about this. Keep an open mind. Very interested to hear everyone's thoughts on this and related topics. Also an easy way to see if folks ever really review the Meeting Agenda in advance. 😊

Note: Discussion and action may be taken on any item on the agenda. The time and order of agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the committee chair.

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Saturday, November 13, 2021 | 12:47 p.m. – 4:07 p.m.
DRAFT Meeting Minutes

WYLC Members Present In-Person or Phone: Emily Albrecht, Brian Neuharth, Chelsie Elliott, William Beck, Cody Branstetter, Victoria Williamson, Esther Hyun, Zachary Bryant,

WYLC Members Absent: Aaron Haynes, Alyssa Nevala (excused), Brandon Holt, Laura King, Marye Scott, Riley Moos, Zachary Davison

Board of Governors: Jordan Couch (joined at 1:55 p.m.; left at 2:33 p.m.)

WSBA Staff: Julianne Unite, Curtiss Melvin

Public: Alex Askerov, Adrian Chan (joined at 12:45 p.m.; left at 1:12 p.m.), Ritu Jain (joined at 2:15 p.m.)

Welcome and Approval of September 2021 Meeting Minutes

WYLC Chair Emily Albrecht called the meeting to order at 12:45pm. Emily welcomed everyone. Upon motion by WYLC Past Chair Brian Neuharth and seconded by WYLC Member Cody Branstetter, the WYLC voted unanimously (8-0-0) to approve the September 2021 meeting minutes.

Introductions

Emily opened introductions by asking members to introduce themselves with name, location, type of law they practice, and position on WYLC, and asked, 'Why they decided to join the WYLC?'

An introduction to the WSBA

Julianne Unite gave the introduction of WSBA per the power point presentation.

Public Records and Open Meeting Policy

Julianne Unite gave presentation on Public Records and Open Meeting policy per the power point presentation.

Emily recessed the meeting for break at 1:30 p.m.

Emily called the meeting back to order at 1:46 p.m.

WYLC Roles and Responsibilities

Emily Albrecht and Curtiss Melvin gave presentation on WYLC Roles and Responsibilities per the power point presentation. Emily asked for members to describe what piqued their interest to join WYLC and goals for upcoming year.

WYLC Member Zac Bryant said out of law school, he was a transplant and NW felt cliquish. Getting involved was a way to deal with that and address student debt issues. When he first graduated out of law school job opportunities were in a dire situation. Rep for NW Region.

Brian said he is past chair and before that he was heading debt task force. Financial Focus CLE—need to pick topic in January to deliver in August. Has been on hiatus for a couple years so it's worth revisiting as new updates have happened. Possible event in February with American Bar Association (ABA) Midyear meeting and would like to make that happen.

Cody was in similar position. From Missouri, law school in Texas, and moved to PNW. Reached out to look for resources to get involved with WSBA and legal community and heard crickets so he kept researching for opportunities. This seemed like good way to get involved and offer ways to support new/young lawyers to come in. Greater Olympia Region.

WYLC Member Victoria Williamson is the King County representative and has programming and fundraising experience pre-law and wants to put that experience to use to develop programming helpful to young lawyers. Great to partner with King County Bar Association (KCBA) for an event and get to know those folks. Thinking about programming/resources around remote work. Identifies as someone who wants to work remotely in perpetuity. Likes idea of student loan programming.

WYLC Member William Beck is an At-large member. Interest was sparked by interest in having a role in addressing some of the issues facing young attorneys in the state. As a rep graduating in 2020, face unique issues of entry into the profession e.g. job market impacted by COVID. Subject to diploma privilege. Wants active role in addressing those issues.

WYLC Member Chelsie Elliott is SW Region representative. When initially joined, recommended by boss at time who was part of Practice of Law Board as a way to get involved with the greater legal community. Great way to think about statewide issues/sometimes country wide issues. Goals were to look at student loans and make sure new lawyers get resources they need when coming out of law school.

WYLC Member Esther Hyun is Snohomish County Representative as past chair of Solo/GP Division Young Lawyers on ABA. Jordan recruited her and she thought it was a great way to get involved in local issues.

Board of Governors Liaisons Update

Board of Governor At-large (young lawyer) member Jordan Couch introduced himself as a previous Chair on WYLC and now as the Young Lawyer At-large member of Board of Governors. Governor Couch provided updates that the Board of Governors is looking again at the structure of the State Bar and lots of litigation going on right now regarding whether mandatory bar is constitutional. Meeting in December to talk about what that discussion would look like. Committee assignments right now. Potential topics include technology and student loans. Governor Couch will reach out as that comes up.

Washington State Young Lawyers Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Emily has been on WYLC for four years. Took a lot of time to have meaningful goals for her term. Personal interest is to raise awareness regarding mental health issues and make resources more available and known to new and young lawyers. Has been bingeing CLEs recently and a lot of good ABA CLEs on this topic. Another goal is to prioritize WYLC members interest and causes, and make them WYLC passions and make the most out of the WYLC members involvement.

Emily then transitioned into specific WYLC roles and responsibilities and talked about who is a “new and young lawyer” and how this topic is hotly debated nationwide.

Ritu Jain joined the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Governor Couch left the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

WYLC Goals and Projects

Emily presented goals for the fiscal year 2022 (Oct. 1, 2021-Sep. 30, 2022) WYLC:

- A main concern will be increasing participation and involvement of new/young lawyers with WYLC, also filling remaining vacant representative positions.
- Ensure that active members involved with WYLC get the most of their participation by maximizing the efficiency and meaningfulness of their time commitment.
- Increase WYLC presence within the larger ABA as a YLD affiliate.
- Reach out to law schools with opportunities for early participation of future new/young lawyers with WYLC.

Project Lead Presentations and Recruitment

- Recruitment tabled to January. Tentative Chairs and projects identified.
 - Awards – Aaron Haynes
 - Bylaws and Rules – Zach Davison
 - Debt/Student Loans – Brian and Zac B.
 - Outreach and Socials - Emily
 - Mentorship and Networking - Cody

Task for new project team chairs is to develop goals for each project team and be prepared to present those at January meeting.

New Ideas for Next Meeting

Other Business

Brian discussed how the Iowa Young Lawyers Division (YLD) and Kyle McIntyre from the Law School Transparency (LST) project presented to WYLC last year. Panel discussion/dinner and keynote speaker and wants to do the same thing at ABA Midyear in Seattle. Need dinner sponsors, identify speakers, identify major data points, data for change. Topic on debt and diversity. Esther reported ABA GP Solo Young Lawyers group will be having a mixer/social event with ABA Midyear on Thursday, February 10 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Looking to share costs, need help finding location. Esther happy to be point person. Will most likely be on maternity leave. WSBA Solo and Small Practice Section may also be sponsoring. Emily volunteered to help.

- Upon motion by Esther and seconded by Emily, the WYLC unanimously (8-0-0) approved to sponsor \$500 social hour with ABA GP Solo Young Lawyers in February for food.
- Upon motion by Brian and seconded by Emily, the WYLC unanimously (8-0-0) approved to sponsor in name a panel discussion in February on debt/diversity with Iowa YLD) and the LST Project .
- Upon motion by Brian, seconded by Emily, and abstention by Cody, the WYLC by majority vote (7-0-1) approved to sponsor panel discussion on debt/diversity of \$500 for Iowa YLD and LST Project.
- Upon motion by and seconded by Zac B., the WYLC unanimously (8-0-0) approved to offer WSBA space if available to host the panel discussion event with Iowa YLD and LST Project.

Adjournment

Emily moved to adjourn, Esther seconded, unanimous approval (8-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

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WSBA ENTITY ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2022: October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

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

Instructions: In accordance with the WSBA Bylaws, Committees, Other Bar Entities (excluding Regulatory Boards¹), Councils, and Sections must submit an annual report to the Executive Director. The information below should reflect the activities and outcomes from the fiscal year October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. Information in the annual report will be provided to the Executive Director and Board of Governors, and may be published for other purposes, such as *Bar News*, volunteer recruitment messaging, and other WSBA activity-based reporting.

It is recommended that completion of the annual report be a collaborative effort with members of your entity, the BOG liaison, and staff liaison.

Submission Deadline is Friday, October 15: please submit by emailing barleaders@wsba.org or requesting that your staff liaison submit the report internally.

Name of Entity:	Washington Young Lawyers Committee
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Emily Albrecht
Staff Liaison: <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Curtiss Melvin
Board of Governors Liaison:	Jordan Couch
Purpose of Entity:	
1)	
<p>The Washington Young Lawyers Committee (WYLC) derives its authority from the WSBA Bylaws, WSBA Board of Governors (BOG) Committees and Boards Policy, and WYLC Appointment Policy. Per Section XII.A of the WSBA Bylaws, the WYLC’s purpose is to:</p> <p>1) encourage the interest and participation of new and young lawyers and law students in the activities of the WSBA;</p> <p>2) developing and conducting programs of interest and value to new and young lawyers consistent with the focus areas of public service and pro bono programs, transition to practice, and member outreach and leadership;</p> <p>3) and upholding and supporting the Guiding Principles of the WSBA.</p>	

Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:

This year’s focus on fulfilling the WYLC’s purpose involves five key areas:

1. Outreach and communication;
2. Debt;
3. Public Service and Leadership;
4. Access to justice and Rural Recruitment and Retention
5. ABA YLD Representation

The accomplishments and FY22 goals outlined in this document reflect how the work of the WYLC addresses these priorities and fulfills the purpose of the WYLC. These priorities are focused on the key areas identified in the November 2014 and June 2020 new lawyer surveys, July 25, 2015 Generative Discussion of the BOG with the WYLC for key issues facing new and young lawyers: Employment, Debt, Community, and Leadership. Project team members may involve constituents who are not members of the WYLC to help accomplish the project team goals.

How does the entity’s purpose help further the mission of the WSBA “to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice”?

- 1) As new and young lawyers come in, the WYLC helps those lawyers navigate through difficult issues and connect with the WSBA and its member services.
- 2) We have a committee members involved in the Small Town and Rural Committee (STAR) as the Young Lawyer Liaison. STAR works to bridge the gap between retiring practitioners and new lawyers to ensure consistent access to justice in rural communities.
- 3) We have been using our Facebook page to interact with the public and make young lawyers more accessible to young lawyers.
- 4) The WYLC successfully held two social hours this year, the first in-person events since the coronavirus pandemic. The events were publicized and open to the public.
- 5) The WYLC encourages all new and young lawyers to participate in public service. The WYLC also gives out four Public Service and Leadership Awards every year to recognize outstanding achievement.

2021-2022 Entity Accomplishments:

Outreach and Communication

Unfortunately, COVID-19 continued to impact the WYLC’s ability to host socials, events, and mixers. Fortunately, two meetings were safely held in-person in July and September. The July meeting coincided with the BOG meeting at Skamania Lodge. This was followed by a well-attended public social hour at Bryan Carter Cellars in Vancouver. The September meeting was followed by a social hour and hot sauce challenge in Seattle. Meetings have otherwise taken place virtually via Zoom and non-WYLC committee members are encouraged (and do)

attend.

Debt

The debt project team is researching alternative approaches to addressing debt. The project team generally has met in alternating months to discuss findings. As part of this, both the debt team and WSBA committee spoke with the Law School Transparency Project to discuss the debt trends and potential solutions.

Public Service and Leadership

The Public Service and Leadership Award (PSLA) exists to connect and recognize new and young lawyers that demonstrate values of public service and leadership. The WYLC received several applications and voted to honor four new or young lawyers this year with the PSLA. A WYLC member will write an article about the PSLA recipients for an upcoming Washington State Bar News issue.

RRR/AATJ

The WSBA established the STAR Committee to help address what will bring new and young lawyers to underserved rural areas. WYLC member Zachary Bryant is serving as the STAR Committee’s Young Lawyer Liaison. Prior to the creation of the STAR Committee, WYLC member Alixanne Pinkerton assisted with the RRR taskforce.

ABA YLD Representation

The WYLC did not need to provide the ABA YLD Meeting Scholarships for new and young lawyers attending ABA meetings as delegates. This is because the meetings were held virtually, so there were no costs to attend. No delegate spots went unfilled, maximizing Washington’s voting power. Although the WYLC did not offer ABA scholarships, this year, the WYLC used those funds to award WSBA CLE scholarships for new and young lawyers. A total of 24 new and young lawyers received a CLE scholarship.

Looking Ahead: 2021-2022 Top Goals & Priorities:

1	A main priority will be increasing the participation and involvement of new and young lawyers with WYLC, which has declined significantly since the onset of COVID-19. This includes filling all remaining vacant representative positions.
2	To ensure that folks who are actively involved with WYLC get the most out of their participation by maximizing the efficiency and meaningfulness of their time commitment, which will hopefully further increase and/or maintain long-term involvement.
3	To increase WYLC’s presence within the larger ABA as a YLD Affiliate.
4	To come up with new and creative ways to offer value and benefits to new and young lawyers, particularly in a virtual and/or hybrid format due to COVID-19 given the unknowns about what the future will look like moving forward.

5	To reach out to the law schools with opportunities for early participation of future new and young lawyers with WYLC – whether in-person, virtual and/or hybrid (TBD).	
<p>Please report how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion: <i>How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in your decision-making? What have you done to promote a culture of inclusion within the board or committee? What has your committee/board done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession? Other?</i></p>		
<p>A WSBA new member survey included demographic information to help the WYLC understand its constituency.</p> <p>The WYLC is currently working on a proposed amendment regarding dress codes for in court appearances. WYLC members reached out to the WSBA Diversity Committee and they are supportive. The proposal has been submitted the WSBA for formal approval and submission to the Court. Feedback has in part concerned the potential fiscal impact when the proposed rule requires enforcement. WYLC is also working on preparing proposed bylaws changes affecting the definition of “young lawyer” as well as the young lawyer Board of Governors position to make opportunities for involvement more inclusive.</p>		
<p>Please describe the relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors. <i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Quality of WSBA staff support/services</i> • <i>Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison</i> • <i>Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.</i> 		
<p>The WYLC continues to enjoy support from the WSBA. Although we are sad to see former WYLC liaison move on to other WSBA roles, the new WSBA-staff liaison Curtiss Melvin has worked diligently as he settles into his role. Member Services and Engagement Administrative Assistant Chelle Gegax also regularly attends meetings to support the WYLC members.</p> <p>Russell Knight completed his term as the BOG’s young lawyer liaison. Russell attended all or nearly all meetings this year, briefing WYLC members on BOG activities, fielding member questions, and providing insights. He made himself available for conversations on request.</p> <p>Former WYLC Chair Jordan Couch will serve as the new BOG young lawyer liaison and the WYLC is excited to continue working with him.</p> <p>In FY21 and FY22, individual members of the BOG have made themselves available for private discussions and advice regarding WYLC activities with past-chair Brian Neuharth.</p> <p>The WYLC needs direction on how to create a larger debt taskforce that exists within the WSBA, but outside of the WYLC.</p>		
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Newsletters/publications produced

SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2021-2022 member benefits: <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	Click or tap here to enter text.	Mini-CLEs produced
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Recognitions/Awards given
	Click or tap here to enter text.	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Other (please describe):

**Entity Detail & Demographics Report:
To Be Completed by WSBA Staff**

Size of Entity:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Membership Size: (for Sections Only) <i>(As of September 30, 2021)</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Number of Applicants for FY22 <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
How many current volunteer position vacancies for this entity?	Click or tap here to enter text.
FY22 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2021</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2021. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Indirect Expenses:	Click or tap here to enter text.

FY22 Demographics:

The WSBA promotes diversity, equality, and cultural competence in the courts, legal profession, and the bar, and is committed to ensuring that its committees, boards, and panels reflect the diversity of its membership.

Aside from the factors marked (*), demographic information was provided voluntarily and individuals had the option to not respond to any or all of the factors below.

Disability:	Yes:	No:	No Response:	
Ethnicity:	American Indian/Native American/Alaskan Native:	Asian:	Black/African-American/African Descent:	Hispanic/Latinx:
	Middle-Eastern Descent:	Multi-Racial/Biracial:	Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian:	White/European Descent:
	Not Listed:	No response:		
Gender:	Female:	Male:	Non-Binary:	Transgender:
	Two-spirit:	Not Listed:	No Response:	
Geographic*:	District 1:	District 2:	District 3:	District 4:
	District 5:	District 6:	District 7S:	District 7N:
	District 8:	District 9:	District 10:	Other:
New/Young Lawyer*:	Yes:	No:		
Sexual Orientation:	Asexual:	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Pansexual, or Queer:	Heterosexual:	Two-spirit:
	Not Listed:	No Response:		

ⁱ The Access to Justice Board (not regulatory, but applicable to the distinction herein) and Regulatory Boards (Disciplinary Board, LLLT Board, Limited Practice Board, MCLE Board and Practice of Law Board) are not required by Bylaws or Court Rule submit an annual report to WSBA. However, as part of the administration of monitoring of Regulatory Boards, the Boards listed herein typically provide an annual report to the Court and WSBA should be provided this same report an annual basis.

OCTOBER 2021			
	<i>Celebrate Pro Bono Month</i>		
1	FY22 Begins		
NOVEMBER 2021			
TBD	<i>ABA Midyear Delegate and Scholarship Award Kickoff?</i>		
	<i>Identify FY2022 goals and projects for WYLC</i>		
4-5	BOG Meeting	9:00 am	Virtual/Silver Cloud Hotel-Ruston, WA
13	WYLC Meeting	12:00 pm	Virtual/WSBA
DECEMBER 2021			
TBD	<i>ABA Affiliate Quarterly Reports due?</i>		
31	<i>ABA Midyear Delegate and Scholarship Award Application deadline?</i>		
JANUARY 2022			
	<i>Celebrate national mentoring month</i>		
8	WYLC Meeting	12:00 pm	Virtual
TBD	<i>Select ABA Midyear delegate and scholarship recipients?</i>		
13 - 14	BOG Meeting	9:00 am	Virtual/WSBA Conference Center – Seattle
FEBRUARY 2022			
TBD	<i>ABA Annual Meeting Delegate and Scholarship Applications Open?</i>		
TBD	<i>Public Service and Leadership Award Applications Open?</i>		
9-14	ABA Midyear Meeting	TBD	Seattle, WA
10 or 11	GP Solo ABA Mid-Year Event	6:00-9:00	Seattle, WA
10 or 11	IYLD/LST ABA Mid-Year Event	6:00-9:00	Seattle, WA
24	MentorLink Mixer	Virtual	Virtual
MARCH 2022			
TBD	<i>ABA Affiliate Quarterly Reports Due?</i>		
1	<i>FY23 Budget Proposal from WYLC due.</i>		
13	WYLC Meeting	12:00 pm	Virtual/WSBA
10 - 11	BOG Meeting	9:00 am	St. Martin's University-Lacey, WA
14	Volunteer Application Cycle Opens		
APRIL 2022			
TBD	MentorLink Mixer	TBD	Virtual
15	Volunteer Application Cycle Close		
MAY 2022			
TBD	<i>Select Public Service Leadership Award Recipients</i>		
TBD	<i>Select ABA Annual Meeting Delegate and Scholarship Award Recipients?</i>		
14	WYLC Meeting	12:00 pm	Virtual
19 - 20	BOG Meeting	9:00 am	Davenport Grand-Spokane, WA
JUNE 2022			
	<i>New Committee appointments are made for FY23 positions</i>		
JULY 2022			
13	BOG Retreat	TBD	Tacoma Convention Center-Tacoma, WA
13 - 15	BOG Meeting	9:00 am	Tacoma Convention Center-Tacoma, WA
TBD	WYLC dinner with the BOG	TBD	TBD
16	WYLC Meeting	12:00 pm	Virtual/Tacoma, WA
AUGUST 2022			
	<i>Financial Focus CLE?</i>		
TBD	<i>Annual Report Due</i>		
3 - 9	ABA Annual Meeting	TBD	Chicago, IL
SEPTEMBER 2022			

	<i>Identify FY23 project leads</i>		
10	WYLC Meeting	12:00 pm	Virtual
10	WYLC Year-End Social	TBD	TBD or Virtual
22 - 23	BOG Meeting	9:00 am	Courtyard Marriott-Bellevue, WA
30	FY22 Ends/Expense Reports Due		

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<p>Emily Ann Albrecht, Chair emilyalbrechtattorney@gmail.com Bar # 47299 2200 6th Ave Ste 600 Seattle, WA 98121-1849 206.617.7249 Current Term: 10/1/2021 -9/30/2022 Full Term: 10/1/2017 – 9/30/2023</p>	<p>Zachary Davison, Chair Elect ZDavison@perkinscoie.com Bar # 47873 700 Stewart St, Ste. 15229 Seattle, WA 98101 360.303.6012 Current Term: 10/1/2021-9/30/2022 Full Term: 10/1/2018-9/30/2024</p>
<p>Brian Neuharth , Immediate Past Chair brian.neuharth@hotmail.com Bar # 50263 Tacoma Pro Bono 621 Tacoma Ave S, Ste. 303 Tacoma, WA 98402 253.572.5134 ext. 117 Current Term: 10/1/2021-9/30/2022 Full Term: 10/1/2018-9/30/2022</p>	<p>Laura King, At-large laurak@jgkmw.com Bar # 48165 1037 NE 6th St. Seattle, WA 98115 206.395.5182 Term: 10/1/2019 – 9/30/2022</p>
<p>Alyssa Nevala, King County Region anevala@pivotallawgroup.com Bar # 57146 Pivotal Law Group 1200 5th Ave Ste 1217 Seattle, WA 98101-3115 206.340.2008 Current Term: 1/27/2021- 9/30/2022</p>	<p>Esther Hyun, Snohomish County Region ehyun20@gmail.com Bar # 52271 3535 Factoria Blvd SE Ste 310 Bellevue, WA 98006-1290 844.633.6254 Term: 10/1/2019 – 9/30/2022</p>
<p>Brandon Holt, Southeast Region bh@purcellfamilylaw.com Bar # 53433 7301 W. Deschutes Ave. Ste. E Kennewick, WA 99336 509.783.7885 Current Term: 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2022 Full term: 7/5/2019 – 9/30/2022</p>	<p>Chelsie Elliott, Southwest Region celliot@navigatelawgroup.com Bar # 49865 Navigate Law Group 1310 Main Street Vancouver, WA 98660 360.216.1098 ext. 1002 Current Term: 10/1/2019-9/30/2022 Full Term: 10/1/2016 – 9/30/2022</p>
<p>William Beck, At-large wbeck@tacomaprobono.org Bar # 57033 621 Tacoma Ave S Ste 303 Tacoma, WA 98402-2330 253.572.5134 ext. 117 Term: 10/1/2021-9/30/2024</p>	<p>Marye Rebecca Scott, Greater Spokane Region marye@albrechtlawfirm.com Bar # 55540 Albrecht Law PLLC 5105 E. Third Avenue, Suite 101 Spokane Valley, WA 99212 509.495.1246 Term: 10/1/2020-9/30/2023</p>
<p>VACANT, North Central Region Term: 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2023</p>	<p>Zachary Bryant, Northwest Region zhb@mainstaylaw.com Bar # 50423 Mainstay Law, LLC 336 36th St #706 Bellingham, WA 98225-6580 360.671.6565 Term: 10/1/2020-9/30/2023</p>
<p>Riley Moos, Pierce County Region</p>	<p>Aaron Haynes, At-large</p>

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Cody Branstetter, Greater Olympia Region cody@hbjlaw.com Bar # 57156 2120 State Ave NE Ste 101 Olympia, WA 98506 360.357.3501 Current Term: 10/1/2021-9/30/2024	Victoria Redman, King County Region victoria.williamson@klgates.com Bar # 55450 K&L Gates LLP 925 4th Ave Ste 2900 Seattle, WA 98104-1158 Current Term: 10/1/2021-9/30/2024
VACANT, Peninsula Region Term: 10/1/2021-9/30/2024	VACANT, South Central Region Term: 10/1/2021-9/30/2024
Ritu Jain, Alternate Adv.rjain23@gmail.com Bar # 56303 5513 24th St NE Tacoma, WA 98422-3347 206.742.9120 Term: 10/1/2021-9/30/2022	Alex Askerov, Alternate alexas@nwirp.org Bar # 56691 1119 Pacific Ave Ste 1400 Tacoma, WA 98402-4324 206.816.3896 Current Term: 10/1/2021-9/30/2022

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WSBA New & Young Lawyers List Serve	newlawyers@list.wsba.org

2021-2022 WYLC Meeting Schedule

November 13, 2021	Meeting: 12:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Virtual/WSBA
January 8, 2022	Meeting: 12:00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.	Virtual
March 12, 2022	Meeting: 12:00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.	Virtual/WSBA
May 14, 2022	Meeting: 12:00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.	Virtual
July 16, 2022	Meeting: 12:00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.	Virtual & BOG Tacoma, WA
September 10, 2022	Meeting: 12:00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.	Virtual

Budget Overview & Process

The Budget and Audit Committee of the WSBA Board of Governors is responsible for developing the annual WSBA budget. The WSBA budget is a policy document and management tool that allocates funds to fulfill our regulatory responsibilities to protect the public, and to help members succeed in the practice of law.

About the Budget

- The WSBA's fiscal year is Oct. 1–Sept. 30.
- The Budget and Audit Committee of the Board of Governors oversees the budgeting and financial matters of the WSBA.
- The WSBA's Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the WSBA's financial operations.
- WSBA oversees an annual operating budget over \$20 million dollars.
- The budgeting processes begin as early as January by WSBA staff in preparation for the following fiscal year.
- The WSBA budget uses department codes, cost centers, and line items to identify and organize WSBA programming.

About the WYLC Budget

- WYLC expenses are captured as line items in the Member Services and Engagement cost center. Below are the four line items that correspond to the work of the WYLC.

G/L Account #	Expense Name	FY20 YE	FY21 Budget	FY21 Reforecast Budget	Actual FY21 YTD*	Est. FY22
50095	WYLC CLE Comps	\$ 0	\$1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
55266	WYLC Outreach Events	\$ 96.51	\$2,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500
58525	WYLC Scholarships, Donations, and Grants	\$ 500	\$5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
55270	WYL Committee	\$ 767.08	\$12,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 0	\$7,500
	Totals	\$ 1,363.59	\$21,000	\$15,500	\$ 0	\$14,000

*As of March 31, 2021.

- Line item 50095 is for the CLE comps for the Public Service Leadership Award recipients. In the past few years, recipients have not been redeeming their free CLE benefit. The WYLC may want to consider whether to continue to offer this as a benefit or change what is offered. In FY21, the WYLC expanded to the CLE benefit to include Deskbooks.

- Line item 55266 allocates funding for outreach events. In FY20, fiscal year the WYLC planned to host two outreach events in conjunction with the two meetings outside Seattle and one end of year outreach event in September. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, outreach events did not occur. For FY21, the pandemic continues to impact in-person events and the WYLC may reconsider using these funds in a different way.
- Line item 58525 was historically for the ABA Scholarship Awards. In the past, the WYLC awarded up to five \$500 scholarships for both the ABA Midyear and Annual Meetings. Starting in FY21, the WYLC increased the total amount of scholarships to \$5,000 to encourage more people to volunteer as ABA YLD delegates and/or increase the award amounts for recipients. However, in FY21, the ABA meetings were free and virtual so the WYLC voted on 3/13/2021 to use these funds for CLE scholarships for new and young lawyers. In FY22, the WYLC will determine other possible ways to disburse scholarship funds, which may include scholarships to attend ABA meetings, CLE scholarships, and other donations/grants.
- Line item 55270 allocates meeting costs, which currently includes three out of Seattle meetings. Generally, the WYLC hosts two - three outside of Seattle meetings in a year. Overall, this cost went down significantly in FY20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and transition to virtual only meetings. Starting in FY20, this also included an allocation of up to \$3,000 for the ABA District Rep/WYLC At-large member to attend the ABA YLD meetings. In FY21, due to the pandemic, the WYLC has been meeting virtually with no costs incurred to date. The reforecast FY21 number assumes the WYLC may be able to meet in person in Portland, OR with the Board of Governors in July 2021.

Timeline

WSBA staff will prepare the Member Services and Engagement Cost Center in late March. Staff's role/goal is to ensure the committee has adequate funds to carry out its work in furtherance of the WSBA mission. The committee must provide clear goals and explanation of what it needs to accomplish these goals.

Any budget change requests to the existing WYLC line items (increase, decrease or shift in how funds will be used) must be made to Julianne Unite. This request must include the following information:

1. What is the change/request?	
2. What is the amount? ○ Does this include an overall increase, or are you moving funds from another line item?	
3. How does this fit in the WSBA strategic priorities?	
4. Outcomes or Return on Investment	

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WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Board of Governors Executive Committee Entity Annual Report Review Guide

WSBA Mission

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

Introduction & Process

It is important that the WSBA Board of Governors [the Board] have a structure to facilitate an ongoing and evaluative dialogue with each entity whether created to further the mission or by Court Order. Per the WSBA Bylaws, all committees, and other bar groups are required to submit an annual report. This report will be provided to the full Board. The timeline and template for the annual report document will be implemented by the Office of the Executive Director each year.

At a designated Board of Governors Executive Committee¹ meeting, a portion, or ‘batch’ of the annual reports will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. The entity chair, staff liaison and BOG liaison will be notified in advance of this review. Representatives from the entity are welcome, but not required to attend the Executive Committee meeting.

Court-created entities that are administered by the WSBA are asked to submit an annual report each year and to meet with the full Board on a three year rotation. The submitted annual report will be the same report submitted to the court annually.

Executive Committee Annual Report Review

The below questions are intended to guide the executive committee annual report review discussion. Board members and other attendees to the meeting may invite other topics and questions for discussion.

Questions for WSBA Entities

1. Does the work of the entity continue to further the mission of the WSBA? If there are concerns with ‘mission drift,’ what guidance or direction would the Executive Committee like to provide to the entity?

¹ A BOG standing committee, the Board Executive Committee is comprised of the Immediate Past President, President, President-elect, Treasurer, Executive Director and one current Board member from each year.

2. How has this entity addressed previous guidance or direction provided by the Executive Committee, if any?
3. What are the long-term goals, if any? Do these goals align with the long-range strategic planning goals outlined by the Long Range Strategic Planning Council?
4. Is the entity inclusive of diverse thought, background and perspectives?

Question for Court-Created Entities:

1. Court-Created Entities: As stated in [General Rule 12.3](#), is this entity in ‘compliance with the rules and orders that authorize and regulate them?’ Please refer to relevant court rule for more information. This should be included with the materials if not stated in the annual report.

This procedure applies to the following entities:

- Adjunct Disciplinary Counsel Panel
- Board of Bar Examiners
- Character and Fitness Board
- Client Protection Board
- Committee on Professional Ethics
- Continuing Legal Education Committee
- Council on Public Defense
- Court Rules and Procedures Committee
- Disciplinary Advisory Round Table
- Disciplinary Board
- Diversity Committee
- Editorial Advisory Committee
- Equity and Disparity Work Group
- Judicial Recommendation Committee
- Law Clerk Board
- Legislative Review Committee
- Limited Licensed Legal Technician Board
- Long Range Strategic Planning Council
- Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board
- Small Town and Rural Committee
- Pro Bono and Public Service Committee
- Washington Young Lawyers Committee
- Future Committees, Boards or Other Bar Entities as defined by the WSBA Bylaws

Exceptions:

The following entities are not included in the above process:

- Adjunct Disciplinary Counsel Panel (not required to submit an annual report)
- Disciplinary Selection Panel (not required to submit an annual report)
- Hearing Officer Panel (the Chief Hearing Officer provides an annual report to the Board of Governors)
- Section Executive Committees (required to submit an annual report to the Executive Director but not included in these procedures at this time.)

Guide: Bringing an Action Item to the WSBA Board of Governors

Instructions

Purpose:

The purpose of this guide is to support you in gathering the information that will facilitate the WSBA Board of Governors to take action on any item placed on the meeting agenda. The instructions detail which information to gather, prompting questions to support your preparation, and areas in which WSBA staff will provide analysis.

Timeline & Process:

Review this entire guiding document first. Determine which areas need more attention as these may take more time to complete.

The WSBA President determines the agenda for each Board of Governors meeting. The process of preparing to bring a topic to the WSBA Board of Governors can take time. When you believe you have addressed all areas of the guide and template; please submit your topic to the President and Executive Director by the Board Meeting Agenda Item deadline. All possible agenda items will be reviewed by the President, who may seek guidance from the Board of Governors Executive Committee. The dates and times for all Executive Committee Meetings are posted online. The WSBA President may add an item to the agenda, suggest the topic be reviewed by a Board standing committee such as Budget and Audit, suggest gathering additional information or stakeholder feedback, or decline to take up the item.

In accordance with the WSBA Bylaws, only Bylaw amendments require a first and second reading. The Board of Governors may, however, discuss any topic at multiple meetings before taking action.

Information about the Board of Governors, the Board standing committees, and the BOG meeting schedule and deadlines are available [here](#).

Format:

[Click here](#) to view the BOG Action Item memo template which you may use when ready to submit your materials. You will note that the template contains prompting questions. These questions do not all need to be answered and they do not need to appear in the memo, they are intended to guide you in providing sufficient information for the Board of Governors to take action.

Role of BOG and Staff Liaison:

Your primary partner through this process (in addition to the other individuals or groups you may be working with) is your staff liaison. The staff liaison can help address or research answers to some of the prompting questions. Additionally, your staff liaison can work with the Office of General Counsel and the Finance and Administration Department for the areas requiring analysis. It is highly recommended that you keep your BOG Liaison informed and updated about this project as well so they can be source of information during the BOG discussion.

If you are unsure of which staff member to inform and/or work with on this topic, please email WSBA Chief of Staff Ana LaNasa-Selvidge (anas@wsba.org) for additional guidance.

Provided below is more detailed information regarding the various areas to be addressed in your memo including: *Introduction, Background, Stakeholder Input, Risk Analysis, Fiscal Analysis and Attachments.*

Introduction

Summarize the problem and the proposed solution in the first paragraph(s). Please be as concise as possible.

Prompting Questions:

What is the problem we are trying to solve?

How is the solution expected to solve the problem?

What does success look like and how will we measure it?

What are the suggested next steps?

Background

Provide the procedural background as well as any supporting data or information in this section.

Prompting Questions:

Describe the proposing entity and any relevant policies, procedures, rules or court orders that impact this decision or grant authority to take action.

Has the request recently come to the Board? If so, what has been done since then? Did the Board request additional information or stakeholder input? If so, how was the addressed and how has the proposal changed?

Historically, has WSBA ever taken a position on this issue/had a program to address this? What was it? Has anything changed since then?

How did you learn about the problem? What data or information supports the existence of a problem?

What steps have been taken to arrive at the proposed solution? Were any alternative solutions considered and why were they rejected?

Have you considered the issue through an equity lens? How has that informed your understanding of the problem and/or the proposed solution?

Any barriers to the proposed solution? How will they be addressed?

Stakeholder Input

Summarize the outreach to and response from stakeholders in this section. When conducting stakeholder analysis, consider groups who will be impacted by the outcome, may want to influence the outcome and who may be a proponent or opponent to the topic.

WSBA Risk Analysis

This section will contain information provided by the Office of General Counsel (OGC), with input from the proposing entity of individual. When ready, a staff liaison can email OGC a request for a risk analysis. This request should contain your initial responses to the following questions (also listed above in the *Introduction* and *Background* prompting questions).

1. What is the problem we are trying to solve?
2. How is the solution expected to solve the problem?
3. Has the request recently come to the Board? If so, what has been done since then? Did the Board request additional information or stakeholder input? If so, how was the addressed and how has the proposal changed?

4. Historically, has WSBA ever taken a position on this issue/had a program to address this? What was it? Has anything changed since then?

Based on an initial review of the topic; the Office of General Counsel will provide an estimated time frame in which the risk analysis will be completed. Additionally, the Office of General Counsel may need to provide information attorney-client privileged information and may not be included in the final memo.

General Timing:

For new/novel topics: 30-60 days (timing may vary depending on topic)

Current Programming/topics: 2-4 weeks

WSBA Fiscal Analysis

This section will contain information provided by the Finance Department, with input from the proposing entity or individual. When ready, a staff liaison can contact the Finance Department and request a fiscal analysis. This request should contain your initial responses to the following questions:

Is a similar project or program already in the WSBA budget?

If implemented, what is your estimated budget for the project?

If implemented, will this project require staff time?

Is this a new technology? Have other similar technologies been explored?

If implemented, will this project save the WSBA money?

Would this project bring in any revenue?

Based on an initial review of this topic, the Finance Department will provide you an estimated time frame in which the financial analysis will be completed.

General Timing: 30-60 days

Attachments

List any attachments here.

Last Updated: December 2, 2021

WSBA COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Guests/Attendees at Indoor Events

On August 18, 2021 the WA Supreme Court issued an [order](#) requiring that employees who don't qualify for an exemption provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition of employment. The Court strongly encouraged the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) to do the same.

Subsequent to that order, the WSBA Board of Governors adopted a requirement that WSBA volunteers engaging in WSBA in-person events/business must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

As WSBA begins to open up to in-person events and gatherings, and in order to ensure consistent levels of safety for WSBA employees, volunteers and guests at our in-person events we are adopting vaccination/testing procedures for all attendees at WSBA in-person, indoor events that bring together individuals who are not subject to the WSBA employee and volunteer vaccination policies. These procedures do not apply to regulatory events and hearings.

Application:

These procedures will apply to WSBA in-person, indoor events that bring together individuals who are not subject to the WSBA employee and volunteer vaccination policies (i.e. CLE seminars, receptions, retreats, committee and supreme court board meetings). These procedures do not apply to regulatory events (i.e. bar exam) and hearings.

Requirements:

Attendees at applicable events must:

1. Provide proof of full vaccination from COVID-19;
2. Provide proof of a negative PCR COVID test within the past 72 hours.

Process:

Verification of the above requirements will occur at the event. If WSBA staff are present at the event then a staff designee (or designees) will be appointed to verify the requirements for all attendees.

If WSBA staff will not be present at the event then a volunteer will be appointed to verify the requirements for all attendees.

If an attendee cannot meet the above requirements they will be unable to attend the event in person.

To provide proper notice to attendees, all advertising or notices of events should include prominent language of the vaccination/testing requirements with specific instructions to bring either a vaccination card or proof of a negative PCR COVID test within the past 72 hours to event in order to gain entry.

Requirements for Other Guests at WSBA Offices:

Anyone coming into the WSBA offices to engage in meetings or other business not requiring proof of vaccination under these procedures must wear a mask and adhere to social distancing requirements of six feet.

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Scholarship to Attend ABA Young Lawyer Division Meetings

The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) and the Washington Young Lawyers Committee (WYLC) have prioritized the use of funds to send new and young lawyers to attend American Bar Association Young Lawyer Division (ABA YLD) meetings and/or conferences. This scholarship is designed to:

1. encourage attendance and participation at the ABA YLD meetings;
2. ensure that Washington is represented by Delegates to YLD Assembly at ABA Annual and Midyear; and
3. to create the opportunity for scholarship recipients to bring ideas back to the WYLC about how to engage and serve new lawyers in Washington.

The ABA YLD is a network of over 130,000 members and 300-plus affiliated young lawyer organizations from around the world. Twice a year, at the ABA Midyear and Annual Meetings, the ABA YLD Assembly meets to debate and vote on issues of importance to young lawyers that if passed are recommended to the ABA House of Delegates to become official policies of the American Bar Association.

As a scholarship recipient, you will be given the opportunity to represent the interests of new and young lawyers in Washington State at a national level by participating in the ABA YLD Assembly. Attending the ABA meeting will also give you the opportunity to network with other lawyers, attend CLEs, and learn what other states are doing to tackle important young lawyer issues. You will also review and consider ideas and programs to bring back to WSBA and its WYLC. Scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to attend plenary and closing sessions and at least one block of programming each day. If you are unsure of what to attend, please reach out to your current ABA YLD District Representative (Emily Albrecht: emilyalbrechtattorney@gmail.com) or current WYLC Chair (Jordan Couch: jordan@palacelaw.com).

The scholarship is designed to partially offset your expenses to attend the meetings. You are encouraged to seek additional funding through the ABA or other resources available to you.

Scholarship for Midyear: There will be five \$250 scholarship awarded to a new and young lawyer to attend the ABA midyear meeting in Austin, TX on February 14-16, 2020. The scholarship will come in the form of a reimbursement.

Scholarship for Annual: There will be four \$500 scholarships awarded to two new and young lawyers to attend the ABA annual meeting in Chicago, IL on July 30 to August 1, 2020. The scholarship will come in the form of a reimbursement.

Responsibilities

Each scholarship recipient is **required** to serve as Washington Delegate to the YLD Assembly at one of the above ABA meetings and attend the following WYLC meeting (either in person or over the phone) to share what they learned that may be applicable to new and young lawyers in Washington State. Scholarship recipients may also be asked to provide a written summary for new and young lawyers via the WSBA new lawyers list serve and/or the WSBA blog, NWSidebar.

Requirements to Apply

1. Applicants must be current members or become members of the ABA YLD.
2. Applicants must be considered "Young Lawyer" as defined in section XII of the WSBA Bylaws at the time of the selection. The WSBA considers an active member a Young Lawyer if at least one of the two criteria below is met:
 - the member has been admitted to practice for fewer than five years (in any state); or
 - the member is under 36 years of age.

Selection Process

The WYLC will select the scholarship recipients for the Annual Meeting at the May 9, 2020 WYLC meeting. All application materials will be included in the WYLC meeting materials packet and posted online. Confidential information will be redacted from publication. For more information, contact newmembers@wsba.org.

WASHINGTON STATE B A R A S S O C I A T I O N

Application for Scholarship to Attend ABA Young Lawyer Division Meetings

Name: _____

Email: _____

Bar No. _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Which meeting are you applying for scholarship funding to attend? Please note application deadlines:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
___ Midyear	February 14-16, 2020	Austin, TX	Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019
___ Annual	July 30 to August 1, 2020	Chicago, IL	Thursday, April 30, 2020

Why are you interested in attending this ABA meeting?

Are you actively involved in any Bar Association programs or projects? If so, please name them and briefly describe your involvement, including any positions held:

Please list any *pro bono* participation and/or activities:

Have you ever attended an ABA YLD Meeting? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever attended any other ABA Meetings, and how many?

Scholarship recipients will receive the reimbursement after each meeting by completing a WSBA Expense Report form and including all applicable receipts up to the limit specified in the scholarship they receive. In addition to receipts, scholarship recipients must submit a schedule of ABA YLD events attended. Reimbursement will only be made for expenses for airfare, hotel, registration, or meals (excluding alcoholic beverages) incurred in connection with the meeting.

If you are unable to attend a meeting for which you have been selected as a scholarship recipient, please email NewMembers@wsba.org as soon as possible. This will allow us to award another applicant the scholarship.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return your completed application by mail or email to: New Member Programs c/o Washington State Bar Association, 1325 4th Ave., Ste. 600, Seattle, WA 98101; Phone: 206.727.8258; Email: NewMembers@wsba.org

FY21 Deadline to Apply
and Receive a
Scholarship:
*Thursday, September 30,
2021*

Washington Young Lawyers Committee FY21 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Scholarships for New and Young Lawyers

The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) and the Washington Young Lawyers Committee (WYLC) have prioritized a total of \$5,000.00 for new and young lawyers to attend a WSBA CLE through September 30, 2021. New and young lawyers may apply for a scholarship to attend one WSBA CLE up to a maximum cost of \$275.00. The scholarships are intended to encourage new and young lawyers to seek out and attend CLEs early in their careers and defray costs for those who have not yet realized their peak earning potential.

Eligibility requirements

Award recipients must meet the “young lawyer” definition in the WSBA Bylaws. Under the Bylaws, an active member is considered a young lawyer if at least one of two criteria is met: 1) the member has been admitted to practice for fewer than five years (in any state), or 2) the member is under 36 years of age. FY21 scholarships are limited to one per applicant, and if awarded a scholarship, an applicant is not eligible to receive a second FY21 scholarship.

Qualifying CLEs

The scholarships are only available to cover WSBA Store CLEs, including both on-demand and live seminars. If a scholarship applicant wishes to use a scholarship to attend a live CLE, the application must be submitted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the CLE date.

Selection Process

Scholarships will be awarded on a first come-first serve basis, subject to availability of funds. If awarded a scholarship, WSBA will notify the recipient and register the recipient for the requested CLE.

Application Process

Applicants must complete the application form (see pg. 2) and submit the form to newmembers@wsba.org.

For more information, contact newmembers@wsba.org.

Please complete the application on pg. 2

Application for FY21 Washington Young Lawyers Committee (WYLC) Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Scholarship

Name: _____ Email: _____

Bar No.: _____ Phone No.: _____

Mailing Address:

Are you a "young lawyer" as defined by the WSBA Bylaws (Yes/No)? _____

Have you already received a FY21 WYLC Continuing Legal Education Scholarship (Yes/No)? _____

What type of WSBA CLE would you like to receive a scholarship for:

Live Seminars

On Demand

Which WSBA CLE would you like to receive a scholarship for? Please note that for live CLEs, applications must be received at least two (2) weeks before the WSBA CLE delivery date:

Seminar Name: _____

Seminar Date: _____

Seminar Product Code: _____

Seminar Tuition Fee: \$ _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return your completed application by email to: newmembers@wsba.org.

2021 Deadline:
Monday, July 5, 2021

Washington Young Lawyers Committee Public Service and Leadership Award

The Washington Young Lawyers Committee (WYLC) will honor four young lawyers with the 2020-2021 Public Service and Leadership Award. Each award recipient will be eligible to receive a credit, which must be used within one year of receiving the award, to either attend one free (or no-cost) WSBA-CLE program of up to six credits total, or to purchase a WSBA Deskbook at a value up to \$250.00. The award recipient’s name and photo may be posted on the WSBA website, publications, and/or social media.

Eligibility requirements

Award recipients must meet the “young lawyer” definition in the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Bylaws. Under the Bylaws, an active member is considered a young lawyer if at least one of two criteria is met: 1) the member has been admitted to practice for fewer than five years (in any state), or 2) the member is under 36 years of age.

Nomination process

Candidates for the award must be nominated by another individual. To complete a nomination, submit the application below and any supplemental materials that the nominee would like the WYLC to consider to newmembers@wsba.org.

Selection process

During the selection process, the WYLC will consider the nominee’s leadership in their community and involvement in public service activities as described in [RPC 6.1](#). Long-term service or an extraordinary contribution to the community will be considered, including:

- a) leadership and service in the local community or within a bar association;
- b) WSBA, ABA, or local bar association activities;
- c) Volunteering with pro bono or public service programs; or
- d) Writing a blog post for [NWSidebar](#) and/or writing an article for [WSBA magazine](#).

The WYLC will select the award recipients at the July 17, 2021 WYLC meeting. All application materials will be included in the WYLC meeting materials packet and posted online. Confidential information will be redacted from publication. Recipients may only receive the award once during the WSBA fiscal year (October 1 –September 30). A congratulatory email will be sent directly from WSBA to the award recipient notifying them of their selection. For more information, contact newmembers@wsba.org.

Date:		
Nominee Name:		
Firm/Employer:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Fax:	E-Mail:
WSBA No.		Year Admitted to Practice In Washington:
Nominator’s Name:		Relationship to Nominee:

Describe the nominee’s leadership in his or her local community:

How has the nominee promoted and/or contributed to the legal profession and community?

Describe a situation in which the nominee has “gone above and beyond”?

Additional information:

Submit nomination and any supplemental materials to newmembers@wsba.org

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Washington Young Lawyers Committee

WYLC Representative Report

DUE: 1 week prior to committee meeting

*Please submit report electronically to the
WYLC Chair Emily Albrecht (emilyalbrechtattorney@gmail.com) and
Curtiss Melvin (curtissm@wsba.org).*

WYLC Focus Areas:

- *support new/young lawyers as they transition to practice;*
- *connect new/young lawyers with the WSBA programs, services, and activities including pro bono and public service; and*
- *serve as a resource for new/young lawyers through outreach and leadership.*

Member: Brian Neuharth

Project: Debt

1. What did the project team do in the last 2 months?

Phone calls and emails with Iowa and LSTP, other stakeholders, to plan for ABA mid-year meeting. Communicated with potential downtown Seattle venues. Sent letter of acknowledgement to Iowa and LSTP and WSBA. WYLC funds may be sent to Iowa to reduce bureaucratic red-tape, but may delay selection of venue.

Read ABA article re new diversity admission program and report on debt forgiveness and diversity.

- <https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/new-program-guarantees-diverse-students-admission-to-law-school>
- <https://www.brookings.edu/research/student-loans-the-racial-wealth-divide-and-why-we-need-full-student-debt-cancellation/>

2. What does the project team plan to do in the next 2 months?

Help Iowa secure funding for event. Optimistic event could be held with catering for under \$5,000, but private donations would need to be raised to supplement WYLC and Iowa funds.

Help locate a keynote speaker for event.

3. Do you need anything from the broader WYLC to accomplish your next 2 month goal?

Yes, approval to enter into a multi-state coalition to address student debt with other state bar entities, starting with Iowa. This would be the primary purpose of the dinner in addition to a discussion on debt and diversity.

4. Anything additional you would like to share?

Event planning for the ABA mid-year meeting is dependent on the state of the COVID19 pandemic.

This edition of the Bylaws of the Washington State Bar Association includes the comprehensive review of the Bylaws adopted by the Board of Governors on September 24, 2010, and all other amendments approved by the Board of Governors through October 6, 2021.

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I. FUNCTIONS

A. PURPOSES: IN GENERAL

In general, the Washington State Bar Association (Bar) strives to:

1. Promote independence of the judiciary and the legal profession;
2. Promote an effective legal system, accessible to all;
3. Provide services to its members and the public;
4. Foster and maintain high standards of competence, professionalism, and ethics among its members;
5. Foster collegiality among its members and goodwill between the legal profession and the public;
6. Promote diversity and equality in the courts and the legal profession;
7. Administer admissions, regulation, and discipline of lawyers, Limited License Legal Technicians (LLLTs), and Limited Practice Officers (LPOs) in a manner that protects the public and respects the rights of the applicant or member;
8. Administer programs of legal education;
9. Promote understanding of and respect for our legal system and the law;
10. Operate a well-managed and financially sound organization, with a positive work environment for its employees;
11. Serve as a statewide voice to the public and to the branches of government on matters relating to these purposes and the activities of the organization and the legal profession.

B. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED

In pursuit of these purposes, the Washington State Bar Association may:

1. Sponsor and maintain committees and sections whose activities further these purposes;
2. Support the judiciary in maintaining the integrity and fiscal stability of an independent and effective judicial system;
3. Provide periodic reviews and recommendations concerning court rules and procedures;
4. Administer examinations and review applicants' character and fitness to practice law;
5. Inform and advise its members regarding their ethical obligations;
6. Administer an effective system of discipline of lawyers, LLLTs, and LPOs, including receiving and investigating complaints of misconduct, taking and recommending appropriate punitive and remedial measures, and diverting less serious misconduct to alternatives outside the formal discipline system;
7. Maintain a program, pursuant to court rule, requiring members to submit fee disputes to arbitration;
8. Maintain a program for mediation of disputes between members and others;
9. Maintain a program for legal professional practice assistance;

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10. Sponsor, conduct, and assist in producing programs and products of continuing legal education;
11. Maintain a system for accrediting programs of continuing legal education;
12. Conduct examinations of lawyer, LLLT, and LPO trust accounts;
13. Maintain a client protection fund in accordance with the Admission and Practice Rules;
14. Maintain a program for the aid and rehabilitation of impaired members;
15. Disseminate information about the organization's activities, interests, and positions;
16. Monitor, report on, and advise public officials about matters of interest to the organization and the legal profession;
17. Maintain a legislative presence to inform members of new and proposed laws and to inform public officials about the organization's positions and concerns;
18. Encourage public service by members and support programs providing legal services to those in need;
19. Maintain and foster programs of public information and education about the law and the legal system;
20. Provide, sponsor, and participate in services to its members;
21. Hire and retain employees to facilitate and support its mission, purposes, and activities, including in the organization's discretion, authorizing collective bargaining;
22. Establish the amount of all license, application, investigation, and other related fees, as well as charges for services provided by the Bar, and collect, allocate, invest, and disburse funds so that its mission, purposes, and activities may be effectively and efficiently discharged. The amount of any license fee is subject to review by the Supreme Court for reasonableness and may be modified by order of the Court if the Court determines that it is not reasonable;
23. Administer Supreme Court-created boards in accordance with General Rule 12.3.

C. ACTIVITIES NOT AUTHORIZED

The Washington State Bar Association will not:

1. Take positions on issues concerning the politics or social positions of foreign nations;
2. Take positions on political or social issues which do not relate to or affect the practice of law or the administration of justice; or
3. Support or oppose, in an election, candidates for public office.

II. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. HEADQUARTERS

The office of the Bar will be maintained in the State of Washington.

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B. SEAL

The Bar will have a Seal having the words and figures of “The Washington State Bar Association—June 7, 1933.” The Seal will remain in the control of the Executive Director at the office of the Bar.

C. FILING PAPERS WITH THE BAR

Whenever these Bylaws require that petitions, notices, or other documents be filed with the Bar, or served upon the Board of Governors (BOG) or the Executive Director, they must be filed at the office of the Bar.

D. COMPUTATION OF TIME

If any date specified in these Bylaws is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday observed by the Bar, it refers to the next regular business day. Legal holidays observed by the Bar may differ from the legal holidays statutorily designated by the state Legislature.

E. DEFINITIONS AND USE OF TERMS

Unless otherwise specifically stated herein,

1. “Days” means calendar days.
2. “Quorum” means the presence of a majority of the voting membership (i.e., more than half the voting members). A quorum must be present when votes are taken.
3. “Excused absence” means an absence excused by the President or presiding officer.
4. “Writing” includes email and fax.
5. “Electronic means” includes email, fax, video conferencing, and telephone; however, in the context of meetings, “electronic means” is limited to video conferencing and telephone.
6. “Bar records” and/or “Bar documents” means documents or records maintained by the Bar, whether in printed or electronic form.
7. When used in connection with a particular act or event, the terms “active membership” or “active members” refers to the Active membership at the time of the act or event.
8. “APR” refers to the Admission and Practice Rules.
9. “ELC” refers to the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct.
10. “ELLLTC” refers to the Rules for Enforcement of LLLT Conduct.
11. “ELPOC” refers to the Rules for Enforcement of LPO Conduct.
12. “Member” means an individual in any of the groups of licensed legal professionals specified in Article III(A) of these Bylaws, unless otherwise specified.
13. “May” means “has discretion to,” “has a right to,” or “is permitted to.”
14. “Must” means “is required to

III. MEMBERSHIP

A. MEMBER LICENSE TYPES

1. Members of the Washington State Bar consist of these types of licensed legal professionals:
 - a. Lawyers admitted to the Bar and licensed to practice law pursuant to APR 3 and APR 5;
 - b. Limited License Legal Technicians; and
 - c. Limited Practice Officers.

Members of one type do not automatically qualify to be or become a member of another type, and in order to become a member of another type the member must comply with the requirements for admission as a member of that type.

2. Lawyers licensed to practice law in Washington pursuant to APR 8 and APR 14, or who are permitted to practice law pursuant to RPC 5.5 without being licensed in Washington are not members of the Bar.
3. Membership in the Bar ends when a member is disbarred or the equivalent, the member resigns or otherwise terminates his or her license, or when the member's license is revoked or terminated for any reason.

B. STATUS CLASSIFICATIONS

Membership status classifications have the qualifications, privileges, and restrictions specified.

1. Active

Any member who has been duly admitted by the Supreme Court to the practice of law in Washington State who complies with these Bylaws and the Supreme Court rules applicable to the member's license type, and who has not changed to another status classification or had his or her license suspended is an Active member.

- a. Active membership in the Bar grants the privilege to engage in the practice of law consistent with the rules governing the member's license type. Upon payment of the Active annual license fee and assessments required for the member's license type, compliance with these Bylaws and the applicable Supreme Court rules, and compliance with all other applicable licensing requirements, Active members are fully qualified to vote, hold office and otherwise participate in the affairs of the Bar as provided in these Bylaws.
- b. Active members may:
 - 1) Engage in the practice of law consistent with the rules governing their license type;
 - 2) Be appointed to serve on any committee, board, panel, council, task force, or other Bar entity;
 - 3) Vote in Bar matters and hold office therein, as provided in these Bylaws;
 - 4) Join Bar sections as voting members; and
 - 5) Receive member benefits available to Active members.
- c. All persons who become members of the Bar must first do so as an Active member.

2. Inactive

Inactive members must not practice law in Washington, nor engage in employment or duties that constitute the practice of law. Inactive members are not eligible to vote in Bar matters or hold office therein, or serve on any committee or board.

- a. Inactive members may:
 - 1) Join Bar sections as non-voting members,
 - 2) Continue their affiliation with the Bar;
 - 3) Change their membership status to Active pursuant to these Bylaws and any applicable court rule;
 - 4) Request a free subscription to the Bar's official publication; and
 - 5) Receive member benefits available to Inactive members.
- b. Types of Inactive membership:
 - 1) Inactive Member: Inactive members must pay an annual license fee in an amount established by the BOG and approved by the Supreme Court. They are not required to earn or report MCLE credits while Inactive, but may choose to do so, and may be required to do so to return to Active membership.
 - 2) Disability: Disability inactive members are not required to pay a license fee, or earn or report MCLE credits while in this status, but they may choose to do so, and they may be required to earn and report MCLE credits to return to Active membership.
 - 3) Honorary: All members who have been Active or Judicial, or a combination of Active and Judicial, members for 50 years may elect to become Honorary members of the Bar. Honorary members are not required to pay a license fee. A member who otherwise qualifies for Honorary membership but wants to continue to practice law in any manner must be an Active member or, if applicable, a Pro Bono member.

3. Judicial

- a. A member may qualify to become a Judicial member if the member is one of the following:
 - 1) A current judge, commissioner, or magistrate judge of the courts of record in the State of Washington, or the courts of the United States, including Bankruptcy courts;
 - 2) A current judge, commissioner, or magistrate in the district or municipal courts in the State of Washington, provided that such position requires the person to be a lawyer;
 - 3) A current senior status or recall judge in the courts of the United States;
 - 4) An administrative law judge, which is defined as either:
 - (a) Current federal judges created under Article I and Article II of the United States Constitution, excluding Bankruptcy court judges, or created by the Code of Federal Regulations, who by virtue of their position are prohibited by the United States Code and/or the Code of Federal Regulations from practicing law; or
 - (b) Full-time Washington State administrative law judges in positions created by either the Revised Code of Washington or the Washington Administrative Code; or
 - 5) A current Tribal Court judge in the State of Washington.

- b. Members not otherwise qualified for Judicial membership under (1) through (5) above and who serve full-time, part-time or ad hoc as pro tempore judges, commissioners or magistrates are not eligible for Judicial membership.
- c. Judicial members, whether serving as a judicial officer full-time or part-time, must not engage in the practice of law and must not engage in mediation or arbitration for remuneration outside of their judicial duties.
- d. Judicial members:
 - 1) May practice law only where permitted by the then current Washington State Code of Judicial Conduct as applied to full-time judicial officers;
 - 2) May be appointed to serve on any task force, council or Institute of the Bar;
 - 3) May receive member benefits provided to Judicial members; and
 - 4) May be non-voting members in Bar sections, if allowed under the section's bylaws.
 - 5) Judicial members are not eligible to vote in Bar matters or to hold office therein.
- e. Nothing in these Bylaws will be deemed to prohibit Judicial members from carrying out their judicial duties.
- f. Judicial members who wish to preserve eligibility to transfer to another membership status upon leaving service as a judicial officer:
 - 1) must provide the member registry information required of other members each year unless otherwise specified herein, and provide the Bar with any changes to such information within 10 days of any change; and
 - 2) must annually pay any required license fee that may be established by the Bar, subject to approval by the Supreme Court, for this membership status. Notices, deadlines, and late fees will be consistent with those established for Active members.
- g. Judicial members must inform the Bar within 10 days when they retire or when their employment situation has otherwise changed so as to cause them to be ineligible for Judicial membership, and must apply to change to another membership status or to resign.
 - 1) Failure to apply to change membership status or to resign within ten days of becoming ineligible for Judicial membership, when a Judicial member has annually maintained eligibility to transfer to another membership status, is cause for administrative suspension of the member.
 - 2) A Judicial member who has not annually complied with the requirements to maintain eligibility to transfer to another membership status and who is no longer eligible for Judicial membership who fails to change to another membership status will be deemed to have voluntarily resigned.
- h. Administrative law judges who are judicial members must continue to comply with APR 11 regarding MCLE. Either judicial continuing education credits or lawyer continuing legal education credits may be applied to the credit requirement for judicial members; if judicial continuing education credits are applied, the standards for determining accreditation for judicial continuing education courses will be accepted as establishing compliance.
- i. Legal, legislative, and policy positions and resolutions taken by the BOG are not taken on behalf of Judicial members, are not considered to be those of Judicial members, and are not binding on Judicial members.

- j. The Bar's disciplinary authority over Judicial members is governed exclusively by ELC 1.2 and RPC 8.5.

4. Pro Bono

A member may become a Pro Bono member by complying with the requirements of APR 3(g), including payment of any required license fee and passing a character and fitness review.

Pro Bono members must not engage in the practice of law except as permitted under APR 3(g), but may:

- a. Be appointed to serve on any task force, council, or Institute of the Bar. In addition, up to two Pro Bono members are permitted to serve on the Pro Bono and Public Service Committee (PBPSC) and may be appointed to serve as Chair, Co-Chair, or Vice-Chair of that committee;
- b. Join Bar sections;
- c. Request a free subscription to the Bar's official publication; and
- d. Receive member benefits available to Pro Bono members.

5. Suspended

Members of any type and status can have their membership suspended by order of the Washington Supreme Court. Although suspended members remain members of the Bar, they lose all rights and privileges associated with that membership, including their authorization and license to practice law in Washington.

C. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 1. All Bar members, including Judicial members who wish to preserve eligibility to transfer to another membership status upon leaving service as a judicial officer, must furnish the information below to the Bar:
 - a. physical residence address;
 - b. physical street address for a resident agent if required to have one pursuant to these Bylaws or by court rule;
 - c. principal office address, telephone number, and email address;
 - d. such other data as the BOG or Washington Supreme Court may from time to time require of each member

and must promptly advise the Executive Director in writing of any change in this information within 10 days of such change. Judicial members are not required to provide a physical residence address.

- 2. The Executive Director will keep records of all members of the Washington State Bar Association, including, but not limited to:
 - a. physical residence address furnished by the member;
 - b. principal office address, telephone number, and email address furnished by the member;
 - c. physical street address of any resident agent for the member;
 - d. date of admittance;
 - e. type and status of membership;
 - f. date of transfer(s) from one status to another, if any;

- g. date and period(s) of administrative suspensions, if any;
 - h. date and period of disciplinary actions or sanctions, if any, including suspension, disbarment, and revocation;
 - i. such other data as the BOG or Washington Supreme Court may from time to time require of each member.
3. Any Active member residing out-of-state must file with the Bar, in such form and manner as the Bar may prescribe, the name and physical street address of a designated resident agent within Washington State. The member must notify the Bar of any change in resident agent within 10 days of any such change.
 4. Any member who fails to provide the Bar with the information required to be provided pursuant to these Bylaws, or to notify the Bar of any changes in such information within 10 days, will be subject to administrative suspension pursuant to these Bylaws and/or the Admission and Practice Rules. Judicial members are exempt from suspension pursuant to this provision while eligible for Judicial membership and serving as a judicial officer.

D. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS TO ACTIVE

1. Members may change membership status as provided below.
 - a. **Transfer from Inactive to Active.**
 - 1) An Inactive member or Honorary member may transfer to Active by:
 - (a) paying an application and/or investigation fee and completing and submitting an application form, all required licensing forms, and any other required information. The fee in this paragraph is not required from an LPO or LLLT who has been inactive for 90 days or less;
 - (b) earning, within the six years preceding the return to Active status, and reporting the total number of approved MCLE credits required for one reporting period for an Active member with the same license type, and paying any outstanding MCLE late fees that are owed. If the member has been Inactive or a combination of Suspended and Inactive for less than one year, and the member would have been required to report during the time the member was Inactive and/or Suspended, the member must establish that the member is compliant with the MCLE reporting requirements for that reporting period before the member can change to Active. This paragraph does not apply to members transferring back to Active during their first MCLE reporting period;
 - (c) passing a character and fitness review essentially equivalent to that required of all applicants for admission to the Bar, pursuant to APR 20-24.3; and
 - (d) paying the current Active license fee, including any mandatory assessments, less any license fee (not including late fees) and assessments paid as an Inactive member for the same year.
 - 2) If a member was Inactive or any combination of Suspended and Inactive in Washington for more than six consecutive years, the member must earn MCLE credits in a manner consistent with the requirement for one reporting period for an Active member of the

same license type, and these credits must be earned and reported within the three years preceding the return to Active status. In addition, the member must complete a reinstatement/readmission course sponsored by the Bar, which must consist of education on law office management and professional responsibility (including the applicable RPC for the member's license type, proper handling of client funds and trust accounts, and client communications), legal research and writing, and changes in the law that apply to the member's license type, as follows:

- (a) For lawyer members, a minimum of 15 live CLE credits, consisting of at least four credit hours on law office management and professional responsibility, at least three credit hours on legal research and writing, and the remaining credit hours on recent significant changes in the law;
- (b) For LLLT members, a minimum of seven live CLE credits, consisting of at least two credit hours on law office management and professional responsibility, at least one credit hour on legal research and writing, and the remaining credit hours on recent significant changes in the law in approved LLLT practice or core education areas;
- (c) For LPO members, a minimum of seven live CLE credits, consisting of at least two credit hours on professional responsibility, and the remaining credit hours on recent significant changes in the law covered by the approved LPO Study Topics.

The member is required to pay the cost of the course. Any member completing such course will be entitled to credit towards mandatory continuing legal education requirements for all CLE credits for which such reinstatement/readmission course is accredited. The member must comply with all registration, payment, attendance, and other requirements for such course, and will be responsible for obtaining proof of attendance at the entire course and submitting or having such proof submitted to the Bar.

Periods of administrative and/or disciplinary suspension occurring immediately before or after a change to Inactive will be included when determining whether a member is required to take the readmission course. For purposes of determining whether a member has been Inactive and/or Suspended for more than six consecutive years, the period continues to run until the change to Active membership is completed, regardless of when the application is submitted to the Bar.

- 3) Any member seeking to change to Active who was Inactive or any combination of Suspended and Inactive in Washington and does not have active legal experience as defined in APR 1(e) in any jurisdiction for more than ten consecutive years, is required to complete the requirements in Art. III. Sec.D.1.a.1)(a), (c) and (d), above, and is also required to take and pass the examinations required for admission to the Bar for the member's license type.
- 4) A Disability Inactive status member may be reinstated to Active pursuant to the disciplinary rules applicable to their license type. Before being transferred to Active, after establishing compliance with the disciplinary rules, the member also must comply with the requirements in these Bylaws for Inactive members transferring to Active status.

- 5) A member of any type who has transferred to Inactive status during the pendency of a grievance or disciplinary proceedings may not be transferred to Active except as provided herein and may be subject to such discipline by reason of any grievance or complaint as may be imposed under the ELC, ELPOC, or ELLTC.

b. Transfer from Judicial to Active.

A Judicial member may request to transfer to any other status, including Active. Upon a Judicial member's resignation, retirement, or completion of such member's term of judicial office, such member must notify the Bar within 10 days, and any Judicial member desiring to continue his or her affiliation with the Bar must change to another membership status within the Bar.

- 1) A Judicial member who has complied with all requirements for maintaining eligibility to return to another membership status may transfer to Active by submitting an application for change to Active membership status and
 - (a) paying the then current Active license fee for the member's license type, including any mandatory assessments, less any license fee (not including late fees) and assessments paid as a Judicial member for the same licensing year; and
 - (b) complying with the MCLE requirements for members returning from Inactive to Active. Either judicial continuing education credits or lawyer continuing education credits may be applied to the credit requirement for Judicial members transferring to Active. If judicial continuing education credits are applied, the standards for determining accreditation for judicial continuing education courses will be accepted as establishing compliance.
- 2) A Judicial member wishing to transfer to Active upon leaving service as a judicial officer who has failed in any year to provide the annual member registry information or pay the annual license fee required of Judicial members to maintain eligibility to transfer to another membership status shall, prior to transfer to Active, be required to pay the Active license fee for the member's license type any years the registry information was not provided or the Judicial fee was not paid, in addition to complying with the requirements of (a) above.

c. Transfer from Pro Bono to Active

A Pro Bono member may transfer to Active by complying with the requirements for members returning from Inactive to Active. There is no limit on how long a member may be Pro Bono before returning to Active status.

d. Referral to Character and Fitness Board

All applications for readmission, reinstatement or transfer to Active status will be reviewed by Bar staff and handled consistent with the provisions of APR 20-24.3. In all cases reviewed by it, the Character and Fitness Board has broad authority to recommend withholding a transfer to Active status or imposing

conditions on readmission to Active status, which may include retaking and passing the licensing examination applicable to the member's license type. The member will be responsible for the costs of any investigation, examination, or proceeding before the Character and Fitness Board and the Washington Supreme Court.

E. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS TO INACTIVE

1. Any member who is an Active, Judicial, or Pro Bono member and who is not Suspended will become an Inactive member when the member files a request for Inactive membership with the Bar, in such form and manner as the Bar may require, and that request is approved.

Effective January 1, 2012, a Judicial member wishing to transfer to Inactive member status upon leaving service as a judicial officer, who has failed in any year to provide the annual member registry information or to pay the annual licensing fee required of Judicial members to maintain eligibility to transfer to another membership status shall, prior to transfer to Inactive, be required to pay the Active license fee for lawyer members for any years the registry information was not provided or the Judicial fee was not paid.

2. Members are transferred to Disability Inactive pursuant to Title 8 of the ELC, ELPOC, or ELLLTC. Any member seeking to transfer from Disability Inactive to Inactive member status must first establish that the member has complied with the requirements of Title 8 of the ELC, ELPOC, or ELLLTC, and then must submit a written request to make the change and comply with all applicable licensing requirements for Inactive members.
3. All members who have been Active or Judicial, or a combination of Active and Judicial, members for 50 years may qualify for Honorary status. A qualified member may request to change to Honorary status by submitting a written request and any required application.
4. An Active member may apply to change from Active to Inactive status while grievances or disciplinary proceedings are pending against such member. Such transfer, however, shall not terminate, stay or suspend any pending grievance or proceeding against the member.

F. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS TO JUDICIAL

An Active member may request to become a Judicial member of the Bar by submitting a written request on judicial letterhead and any required application, and complying with the provisions of these Bylaws.

G. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS TO PRO BONO

A member may become a Pro Bono member by complying with the requirements of APR 3(g), including payment of any required license fee, and passing a character and fitness review.

Effective January 1, 2012, a Judicial member wishing to transfer to Pro Bono status upon leaving service as a judicial officer who has failed in any year to provide the annual member registry information or to pay the annual licensing fee required of Judicial members to maintain eligibility to transfer to another membership status shall, prior to transfer to Pro Bono, be required to pay the Active license fee for any years the registry information was not provided or the Judicial fee was not paid.

H. VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION

Voluntary resignation may apply in any situation in which a member does not want to continue practicing law in Washington for any reason (including retirement from practice) and for that reason does not want to continue membership in the Bar. A member may voluntarily resign from the Bar by submitting a written request for voluntary resignation to the Bar in such form and manner as the Bar may require. If there is a disciplinary investigation or proceeding then pending against the member, or if at the time the member submits the written request the member has knowledge that the filing of a grievance of substance against such member is imminent, resignation is permitted only under the provisions of the ELC, ELPOC, or ELLLTC. A member who resigns from the Bar cannot practice law in Washington in any manner. A member seeking readmission after resignation must comply with these Bylaws.

I. ANNUAL LICENSE FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

1. License Fees

Unless established otherwise by order of the Washington Supreme Court, the following provisions apply to member license fees.

a. Active Members

- 1) Effective 2010, and all subsequent years, the annual license fees for Active members will be as established by resolution of the BOG, subject to review by the Washington Supreme Court.
- 2) First time admittees who are not admitted or licensed to practice law elsewhere, who take and pass the required examination for admission to practice law in Washington and are admitted in the first six months of the calendar year in which they took the exam, will pay 50% of the applicable full Active license fee for that year.
- 3) First time admittees who are not admitted or licensed to practice law elsewhere, who take and pass the required examination for admission to practice law in Washington and are admitted in the last six months of the calendar year in which they took the exam, will pay 25% of the applicable full Active license fee for that year.
- 4) First time admittees who are not admitted elsewhere, who take and pass the required examination for admission to practice law in Washington in one year but are not admitted until a subsequent year, shall pay 50% of the applicable full Active license fee for their first two license years after admission.
- 5) First time admittees who are admitted as a lawyer in one calendar year in another state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia by taking and passing a bar examination for that state, territory, or district, who become admitted as a lawyer in Washington in the same calendar year in which they took and passed the examination, will pay 50% of the full Active lawyer license fee if admitted in Washington in the first six months of that calendar year and 25% of the full active license fee if admitted in Washington in the last six months of that calendar year.

- 6) All members in their first two full licensing years after admission or licensure to practice law in any jurisdiction will pay 50% of the applicable full Active license fee.
- 7) An Active member of the Bar who is activated from reserve duty status to full-time active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States for more than 60 days in any calendar year, or who is deployed or stationed outside the United States for any period of time for full-time active military duty in the Armed Forces of the United States will be exempt from the payment of license fees and assessments for the Client Protection Fund upon submitting to the Executive Director satisfactory proof that he or she is so activated, deployed or stationed. All requests for exemption must be postmarked or delivered to the Bar's offices on or before February 1st of the year for which the exemption is requested. Eligible members must apply every year they wish to claim the exemption. Each exemption applies for only the calendar year in which it is granted, and exemptions may be granted for a maximum total of five years for any member. Granting or denying an exemption under this provision is within the sole discretion of the Executive Director and is not appealable.

b. Inactive Members

- 1) The annual license fee for Inactive members will be as established by resolution of the BOG and as approved by the Washington Supreme Court. Except for the amount of the license fee itself, the annual license fee payment requirements, including deadlines and late payment fees, for Active members will apply to Inactive members.
- 2) Honorary and Disability Inactive status members will be exempt from license fees and assessments, unless otherwise provided by Supreme Court order.

c. Judicial Members [Effective January 1, 2012]

Judicial members who wish to preserve eligibility to transfer to another membership status upon leaving service as a judicial officer must pay the annual license fee established by the Bar and as approved by the Supreme Court. Except for the amount of the license fee itself, the annual license fee payment requirements, including deadlines and late payment fees, for Active members apply to Judicial members; however, Judicial members are not subject to administrative suspension for nonpayment of license or late payment fees.

d. Pro Bono Members

Pro Bono members must pay the annual license fee required of Inactive members with the same type of license unless the member qualifies for the license fee waiver as provided for in APR 3(g). Except for the amount of the license fee itself, the annual license fee payment requirements, including deadlines and late payment fees, for Active members apply to Pro Bono members.

2. Assessments

Members must pay any Client Protection Fund assessment, and any other assessments, as ordered by the Washington Supreme Court.

3. Deadline and Late Payment Fee

License fees and mandatory assessments are due and payable on or before February 1st of each year, in such form and manner as required by the Bar, unless otherwise established by these Bylaws or the APR. Members who pay their license fees on or after February 2nd will be assessed a late payment fee of 30% of the total amount of the license fees required for that membership type and status. License fees for newly admitted members are due and payable at the time of admission and registration, and are not subject to the late payment fee.

4. Rebates /Apportionments

No part of the license fees will be apportioned to fractional parts of the year, except as provided for new admittees by the BOG. After February 1st of any year, no part of the license fees will be rebated for any reason, including but not limited to death, resignation, suspension, disbarment, license termination, cancellation or revocation, or change of membership status.

5. License Fee and Assessment Exemptions Due to Hardship

In case of proven extreme financial hardship, which must entail a current annual household income equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level as determined based on the member's household income for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year for which the member is seeking to be exempted from license fees, the Executive Director may grant an exemption from payment of annual license fees and assessments by any Active member. Hardship exemptions are for one licensing period only, and a request must be submitted on or before February 1st of the year for which the exemption is requested. Denial of an exemption request is not appealable. A member may be granted a hardship exemption a maximum of two times, on the basis of separate exemption requests, and the exemptions may be granted for consecutive or non-consecutive calendar years.

6. License Fee Referendum

Once approved by the BOG, license fees shall be subject to the same referendum process as other BOG actions, but may not be modified or reduced as part of a referendum on the Bar's budget. The membership shall be timely notified of the BOG resolutions setting license fees both prior to and after the decision, by posting on the Bar's website, e-mail, and publication in the Bar's official publication.

J. SUSPENSION

1. Interim Suspension

Interim suspensions may be ordered during the course of a disciplinary or disability investigation or proceeding, as provided in the ELC, ELPOC, or ELLLTC, and are not considered disciplinary sanctions.

2. Disciplinary Suspension

Suspensions ordered as a disciplinary sanction pursuant to the ELC, ELPOC, or ELLLTC are considered disciplinary suspensions.

3. Administrative Suspension

- a. Administrative suspensions are neither interim nor disciplinary suspensions, nor are they disciplinary sanctions. Except as otherwise provided in the APR and these Bylaws, a member may be administratively suspended for the following reasons:
 - 1) Nonpayment of license fees or late-payment fees;
 - 2) Nonpayment of any mandatory assessment (including without limitation the assessment for the Client Protection Fund);
 - 3) Failure to file a trust account declaration;
 - 4) Failure of a lawyer to file a professional liability insurance disclosure;
 - 5) Failure of a LLLT or LPO to provide proof of financial responsibility;
 - 6) Failure to comply with mandatory continuing legal education requirements;
 - 7) Nonpayment of child support;
 - 8) Failure to designate a resident agent or notify the Bar of change in resident agent or the agent's address;
 - 9) Failure to provide current information required by APR 13 or to notify the Bar of a change of information required by APR 13 within 10 days after the change; and
 - 10) For such other reasons as may be approved by the BOG and the Washington Supreme Court.
- b. Unless requirement for hearing and/or notice of suspension are otherwise stated in these Bylaws or the APR, ELC, ELPOC or ELLLTC, a member will be provided notice of the member's failure to comply with requirements and of the pendency of administrative suspension if the member does not cure the failure within 60 days of the date of the written notice, as follows:
 - 1) Written notice of non-compliance will be sent one time by the Bar to a member at the member's address of record with the Bar by registered or certified mail. Such written notice will inform the member that the Bar will recommend to the Washington Supreme Court that the member be suspended from membership and the practice of law if the member has not corrected the deficiency within 60 days of the date of the notice.
 - 2) In addition to the written notice described above, the Bar will make one attempt to contact the member at the telephone number(s) the member has made of record with the Bar and will speak to the member or leave a message, if possible. The Bar will also make one attempt to contact the member at the member's e-mail address of record with the Bar.
- c. Although not required to provide any additional notice beyond what is described above, the Bar may, in its sole discretion, make such other attempt(s) to contact delinquent members as it deems appropriate for that member's situation.
- d. A member failing to correct any deficiency after two months' written notice as provided above must be suspended from membership. The Executive Director must certify to the Clerk of the Supreme Court the name of any member who has failed to correct any deficiency, and when so ordered by the Supreme Court, the member will be suspended from membership in the Bar and from the practice of law in Washington. The list of

suspended members may be provided to the relevant courts or otherwise published at the discretion of the BOG.

4. Multiple Suspensions

A member may be suspended from membership and from the practice of law for more than one reason at any given time.

K. CHANGING STATUS AFTER SUSPENSION

1. Upon the completion of an ordered disciplinary or interim suspension, or at any time after entry of an order for an administrative suspension, a suspended member may seek to change status from suspended to any other membership status for which the member qualifies at the time the change in status would occur.
2. Before changing from suspended status, a member who is suspended pursuant to an interim or disciplinary suspension must comply with all requirements imposed by the Washington Supreme Court and/or the applicable disciplinary rules in connection with the disciplinary or interim suspension. Additionally, such member must comply with all other requirements as stated in these Bylaws and in the applicable APR.
3. If a member was suspended from practice for more than one reason, all requirements associated with each type of suspension must be met before the change from suspended status can occur.
4. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable APR, a suspended member may seek to change status by:
 - a. paying the required license fee and any assessments for the licensing year in which the status change is sought, for the membership status to which the member is seeking to change. For members seeking to change to Active or any other status from suspension for nonpayment of license fees, the required license fee will be the current year's license fee and assessments, the assessments for the year of suspension, and double the amount of the delinquent license fee and late fees for the license year that resulted in the member's suspension;
 - b. completing and submitting to the Bar an application for change of status, any required or requested additional documentation, and any required application or investigation fee, and cooperating with any additional character and fitness investigation or hearing that may be required pursuant to APR 20-24.3; and
 - c. completing and submitting all licensing forms required for the license year for the membership status to which the member is seeking to change.
 - d. In addition to the above requirements:
 - 1) Any member seeking to change to Active who was Suspended, or any combination of Suspended and Inactive, for less than six consecutive years must establish that within the six years prior to the return to active status, the member has earned and reported approved MCLE in a manner consistent with the requirements for one reporting period for an Active member with the same license type. However, if the member has been Suspended and/or Inactive for one year or less and the member was required to report

MCLE compliance during the time the member was Suspended and/or Inactive, the member must establish that the member is compliant with the MCLE credits the member would have been required to report that period.

- 2) Any member seeking to change to Active who was Suspended, or any combination of Suspended and Inactive, for six or more consecutive years must establish that within the three years prior to the return to Active status, the member has earned and reported approved MCLE credits in a manner consistent with the requirement for one reporting period for an Active member with the same license type. In addition, the member must have completed the applicable readmission/reinstatement course as set forth in Art. III. Sec.D.1.a)(2).

Any member completing such course will be entitled to credit towards mandatory continuing legal education requirement for all CLE credits for which such reinstatement/readmission course is accredited. It is the member's responsibility to pay the cost of attending the course. The member must comply with all registration, payment, attendance, and other requirements for such course, and will be responsible for obtaining proof of attendance at the entire course and submitting or having such proof submitted to the Bar.

L. REINSTATEMENT AFTER DISBARMENT OR REVOCATION

Applicants seeking reinstatement after disbarment or revocation must file a petition for reinstatement and otherwise comply with the requirements of the APR relating to reinstatement after disbarment or revocation. If the petition is granted and reinstatement is recommended, the petitioner must take and pass the required examination for admission and comply with all other admission and licensing requirements applicable to the member's license type for the year in which the petitioner is reinstated.

M. REINSTATEMENT AFTER RESIGNATION IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE, DISBARMENT, OR REVOCATION

No former member will be allowed to be readmitted to membership of any type after entering into a resignation in lieu of discipline, disbarment, or revocation pursuant to the ELC, ELPOC, or ELLLTC. Persons who were allowed to resign with discipline pending under former provisions of these Bylaws prior to October 1, 2002, may be readmitted on such terms and conditions as the BOG determines, provided that if the person resigned with discipline pending and a prior petition for reinstatement or readmission has been denied, no petition may be filed or accepted for a period of two years after an adverse decision on the prior petition for reinstatement or readmission.

N. READMISSION AFTER VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION

Any former member who has resigned and who seeks readmission to membership must do so in one of two ways: by filing an application for readmission in the form and manner prescribed by the Bar, including a statement detailing the reasons the member resigned and the reasons the member is seeking readmission, or by seeking admission by motion pursuant to APR 3(c) (if the former member is

licensed as a lawyer in another U.S. jurisdiction and would otherwise qualify for admission under that rule).

1. A former member filing an application for readmission after voluntary resignation must:
 - a. pay the application fee, together with such amount as the BOG may establish to defray the cost of processing the application and the cost of investigation; and
 - b. establish that such person is morally, ethically and professionally qualified to be licensed as the applicable member type and is of good moral character and has the requisite fitness to practice law consistent with the requirements for other applicants for admission to practice law as the applicable member type. An application for readmission will be subject to character and fitness investigation and review as described in APR 20-24.3, consistent with other applications for admission.
 - c. In addition to the above requirements, if an application for readmission is granted and:
 - 1) it has been less than four consecutive years since the voluntary resignation, the applicant must establish:
 - (a) that within the three years prior to readmission the former member has earned and reported approved MCLE credits in a manner consistent with the requirement for one reporting period for an Active member of the same license type, without including the credits that might otherwise be available from the reinstatement/readmission course; and
 - (b) attend and complete the applicable Bar-sponsored reinstatement/readmission course as set forth in Art. III.Sec.D.1.a)(2).
 - 2) it has been four or more consecutive years since the voluntary resignation, the applicant must take and pass the applicable examination required for admission.
 - d. Upon successful completion of the above requirements, the former member must satisfy the preadmission requirements and be admitted by Supreme Court order as set forth in APR 5, except that:
 - 1) A lawyer who has been resigned for less than four years need not take and pass the Washington Law Component; and
 - 2) A LLLT applicant who has been resigned less than four consecutive years need not demonstrate completion of substantive law-related work experience.
2. A voluntarily resigned former member seeking readmission through admission by motion pursuant to APR 3(c) must comply with all requirements for filing such application and for admission upon approval of such application.

O. EXAMINATION REQUIRED

All applications for reinstatement after disbarment or revocation will be subject to character and fitness review, and taking and passing the examination for admission for the applicable license type, pursuant to the provisions of APR 25-25.6. All applications for readmission after voluntary resignation will be subject to character and fitness review pursuant to the provisions of APR 20-24.3. All applications for reinstatement to Active status from Suspended status will be handled in a similar fashion to applications for a return to Active status from Inactive status. The Character and Fitness Board, and (on review) the

Washington Supreme Court, have broad authority to withhold a transfer to Active or to impose conditions on reinstatement or readmission to Active membership, which may include taking and passing the applicable examination for admission, in cases where the applicant fails to meet the burden of proof required by APR 20-24.3. The member/former member will be responsible for the costs of any investigation, bar examination, or proceeding before the Character and Fitness Board and the Washington Supreme Court.

IV. GOVERNANCE

A. BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors (BOG) is the governing body of the Bar. It determines the policies of the Bar and approves its budget each year. Subject to the plenary authority and supervision of the Washington Supreme Court and limitations imposed by Statute, Court Rule, Court Order, or case law, the Board possesses all power and discretion on all matters concerning the WSBA. The Board may delegate the exercise of its authority but that does not constitute a transfer of it. The Board's authority is retained and may be exercised at any time upon a majority vote of the Board.

1. Composition of the Board of Governors

The BOG will consist of (a) the President; (b) one Governor elected from each Congressional District, except in the Seventh Congressional District where members will be elected from separate geographic regions designated as North and South, and identified by postal zip codes as established by the Bar in accordance with these Bylaws and BOG policy; and (c) three Governors elected at-large pursuant to these Bylaws.

2. Duties

- a. The BOG elects the President-elect of the Bar.
- b. The BOG selects the Bar's Executive Director and annually reviews the Executive Director's performance.
- c. Regardless of the method by which any person is selected to serve on the BOG, each Governor will act in the best interest of all members of the Bar and the public. Each Governor is primarily obligated to ensure that the Bar fulfills the mandate set forth in General Rule 12.1, carries out the mission of the Bar, and operates in accordance with the Bar's Guiding Principles.
- d. Each Governor is expected to engage with members about BOG actions and issues, and to convey member viewpoints to the Board. In representing a Congressional District, a Governor will at a minimum: (1) bring to the BOG the perspective, values and circumstances of her or his district to be applied in the best interests of all members, the public and the Bar; and (2) bring information to the members in the district that promotes appreciation of actions and issues affecting the membership as a whole, the public and the organization.

- e. Each Governor appointed to serve as a BOG liaison to a committee, task force, council, section, board, or other entity has the responsibility to fulfill those liaison duties on behalf of the BOG. Governors appointed to serve as BOG liaisons are not voting members of those entities. BOG liaisons must not be excluded but will not participate in those entities' executive sessions or confidential deliberations except when requested to do so as a resource.
- f. Meetings of the BOG will be held as provided in these Bylaws. Each Governor must attend all board meetings except in cases of emergency or compelling circumstance that prevents participation.

3. Term

Governors will assume their duties at the close of the final regularly scheduled BOG meeting of the fiscal year in which they were elected. Governors serve a term of three years, except as may be otherwise provided by these Bylaws.

4. Vacancy

- a. A vacancy may arise due to resignation, death, removal by BOG, or recall by members.
 - 1) Removal by the Board of Governors. Any Governor may be removed from office for good cause by a 75% vote of the entire BOG exclusive of the Governor subject to removal, who will not vote. The vote will be by secret written ballot. Good cause for removal includes, without limitation, incapacity to serve, serious or repeated failures to meet the duties outlined in these Bylaws, or conduct or activities that bring discredit to the Bar.
 - 2) Recall by Members. Any Governor may be removed from the BOG by a recall by members, in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Bylaws.
- b. Response to a Vacancy
 - 1) If a vacancy occurs for any reason and 12 months or less remain in that Governor's term, in the BOG's sole discretion the position may remain vacant until the next regularly scheduled election for that Governor position. In that event, no interim governor will be elected or appointed to the position.
 - 2) If a vacancy occurs due to resignation, death, or the removal of a Governor by the BOG, and more than 12 months remain in that Governor's term, the BOG must elect a candidate eligible for that position to serve as Governor until the next regularly scheduled election for that Governor position.
 - 3) If a Governor is removed due to recall and more than 12 months remain in that Governor's term, a special election will be conducted using the general procedures set forth in the "Election of Governors from Congressional Districts" provisions of these Bylaws. The application period for any special election held pursuant to this paragraph must be no less than 30 days and must, at a minimum, be prominently posted on the Bar's website and e-mailed to all members eligible to vote in the election.

- 4) Regardless of whether a special election will be held to fill a Governor position that is vacant due to recall by the members, such position will not be filled by any interim governors selected by the BOG or appointed by the President.

B. OFFICERS OF THE BAR

The officers of the Bar consist of a President, President-elect, Immediate Past-President, and Treasurer. The Executive Director of the Bar serves as secretary in an ex officio capacity. Except for the Executive Director, all officers must be Active lawyer members of the Bar.

1. President

The President is the chief spokesperson of the Bar, and presides at all meetings of the BOG. The President has the authority to: set the agenda however that authority is secondary to the authority of the Board of Governors at any Board meeting to take action on any issue raised by a duly seconded motion; take action to execute the policies established by the BOG; assign Governors as liaisons to Bar sections, committees, or task forces, specialty bar associations, and other law related organizations; and to appoint task forces, BOG committees, or other ad hoc entities to carry out policies established by the BOG. The President also performs any other duties typically performed by an organization's President. The President may vote only if the President's vote will affect the result. The President must present a report to the membership covering the principal activities of the Bar during the President's tenure.

2. President-elect

The President-elect performs the duties of the President at the request of the President, or in the absence, inability, recusal, or refusal of the President to perform those duties. The President-elect also performs such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the BOG. The President-elect is not a voting member of the BOG except when acting in the President's place at a meeting of the BOG and then only if the vote will affect the result.

3. Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President performs such duties as may be assigned by the President or the BOG. The Immediate Past President will perform the duties of the President in the absence, inability, recusal, or refusal of the President, President-elect, and Treasurer to perform those duties. Among the duties specifically assigned to the Immediate Past President is to work on behalf of the BOG and the officers to ensure appropriate training and education of new BOG members and officers during their term.

The Immediate Past President is not a voting member of the BOG except when acting in the President's place at a meeting of the BOG and then only if the vote will affect the result.

4. Treasurer

The Treasurer chairs the Budget and Audit Committee and is responsible for ensuring that the BOG and officers are informed about the finances of the Bar. The Treasurer will perform the duties of the President in the absence, inability, recusal, or refusal of the President and the President-elect to

perform those duties. The Treasurer also performs such other duties as are assigned by the President or the BOG.

5. Executive Director

The Executive Director is the principal administrative officer of the Bar. The Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Bar including, without limitation: (1) hiring, managing and terminating Bar personnel, (2) negotiating and executing contracts, (3) communicating with Bar members, the judiciary, elected officials, and the community at large regarding Bar matters, (4) preparing an annual budget for the Budget and Audit Committee, (5) ensuring that the Bar's books are kept in proper order and are audited annually, (6) ensuring that the annual audited financial report is made available to all Active members, (7) collecting debts owed to the bar and assigning debts for collection as deemed appropriate, (8) acquiring, managing, and disposing of personal property related to the Bar's operations within the budget approved by the BOG, (9) attending all BOG meetings, (10) reporting to the BOG regarding Bar operations, (11) ensuring that minutes are made and kept of all BOG meetings, and (12) performing such other duties as the BOG may assign. The Executive Director serves in an ex officio capacity and is not a voting member of the BOG.

6. Terms of Office

- a. The President-elect is elected by the BOG, as set forth in these Bylaws. The President-elect succeeds the President unless removed from office pursuant to these Bylaws.
- b. The President-elect and Treasurer take office at the close of the final regularly scheduled BOG meeting of the fiscal year in which they were elected to those positions. The President takes office at the close of the final regularly scheduled BOG meeting of the fiscal year in which he or she served as President-elect. The Immediate Past President takes office at the close of the final regularly scheduled BOG meeting of the fiscal year in which he or she served as President.
- c. The term of office of each officer position is one year; however, the Executive Director serves at the direction of the BOG and has an annual performance review. No individual shall serve as Executive Director for more than ten years, except that the Board of Governors may extend the contract for the Executive Director past that period, in its discretion, by a 66% super-majority vote for terms of two year increments.

7. Vacancy

- a. The President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, and Treasurer may resign or be removed from office for good cause by an affirmative vote of 75% of the entire BOG. Good cause for removal includes, without limitation, incapacity to serve, serious or repeated failures to meet the duties outlined in these Bylaws, or conduct or activities that bring discredit to the Bar.
 - 1) Upon removal or resignation of the President, the President-elect will fill the unexpired term of the President and then serve the term for which he or she was elected President. If there is no President-elect, then the BOG will elect such other person as it may determine, with the Treasurer performing the duties of the President until the BOG elects a new President.

- 2) Upon removal or resignation of the President-elect, or ascendancy of the President-elect to the Presidency pursuant to paragraph (1) above, the BOG will elect a new President-elect (from Eastern Washington if the President-elect is mandated to be from Eastern Washington per these Bylaws).
 - 3) Upon disqualification, removal, or resignation of the Immediate Past President, the office will remain vacant until the close of the term of the then-current President. If the office of Immediate Past President would otherwise become vacant because the President was removed or resigned during his or her term, the most recent Immediate Past President will remain in office for another term. If the most recent Immediate Past President is unable or unwilling to serve another term, the President may appoint, subject to approval of the BOG, a person eligible to serve as an officer to act as Immediate Past President for the otherwise vacant term. This appointment may be done prior to the start of the otherwise vacant term, but the appointed Immediate Past President will not assume office until the close of the term of the then-current Immediate Past President. If the appointment is done after the otherwise vacant term begins, the appointed Immediate Past President will assume office immediately upon BOG approval.
 - 4) Upon removal or resignation of the Treasurer, the BOG will elect a new Treasurer pursuant to the procedures set forth in these Bylaws.
- b. The Executive Director is appointed by the BOG, serves at the direction of the BOG, and may be dismissed at any time by the BOG without cause by a majority vote of the entire BOG. If dismissed by the BOG, the Executive Director may, within 14 days of receipt of a notice terminating employment, file with the Supreme Court and serve on the President, a written request for review of the dismissal. If the Supreme Court finds that the dismissal of the Executive Director is based on the Executive Director's refusal to accede to a BOG directive to disregard or violate a Court order or rule, the Court may veto the dismissal and the Executive Director will be retained.

C. BOARD OF GOVERNORS COMMITTEES

1. The BOG may delegate work to BOG standing committees, special committees, work groups, or other subgroups however defined, the membership of which will be established by the President with due consideration given to Governors' membership requests. The BOG standing committees include, at a minimum, the following: Executive Committee; Awards Committee; Budget and Audit Committee; Legislative Committee; Personnel Committee; and Diversity Committee.
2. The purpose of BOG committees, regardless of what they are called, is to make recommendations and make the work of the BOG more efficient. Consensus should govern meetings of BOG committees whenever possible. If a BOG committee is unable to reach a consensus, the committee will vote. Only Governors may vote on standing Board committees. Voting members of ad hoc committees will be determined by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

3. Meetings of BOG committees are open to the public, unless provided otherwise in these Bylaws or by court rule. The ability to participate in and comment at BOG committee meetings is in the discretion of the Chair as provided in these Bylaws.
4. BOG Legislative Committee
 - a. Purpose: The BOG Legislative Committee is authorized to propose or adopt positions on behalf of the BOG with respect to legislation that has been introduced or is expected to be introduced in the Washington State Legislature, including the authority to propose amendments to legislation or to adopt positions on amendments to legislation.
 - b. Membership: The President appoints the Committee, which consists of the following voting members:
 - 1) Eight Governors, including the Treasurer;
 - 2) the President;
 - 3) the President-elect; and
 - 4) the Immediate Past President.

The President selects the Chair from among the Governors appointed to the Committee.

- c. Procedure: Consideration of legislation by the Committee proceeds in the following order:
 - 1) The Committee first determines, by a two-thirds majority vote of those voting, whether the legislation is within the scope of GR 12.1 and whether it is appropriate under the circumstances for the Committee to determine a position on the legislation on behalf of the BOG.
 - 2) If the determination in subsection (1) above is affirmative, then the Committee will determine by a two-thirds majority vote of those voting what position, if any, to adopt on the legislation on behalf of the BOG.
 - 3) The Committee may determine that major or novel legislative issues will be referred to the BOG for consideration.
 - 4) Any issues to be considered or actions taken by the Committee must be promptly communicated to the BOG by electronic delivery; and actions taken by the Committee must also be communicated at the next BOG meeting.
 - 5) Due to the Committee's unique need to be able to act quickly to address issues that arise during a regular or special legislative session, between meetings the Committee may discuss and vote on issues by e-mail; however, if any Committee member objects to using an e-mail process for any particular issue, the Committee will take up that issue at its next scheduled Committee meeting.
- d. Quorum: A quorum consists of a majority of the Committee's voting members.
- e. Committee Meetings: The Committee may meet in executive session, with no persons present except the members of the Committee, other members of the BOG, the Executive Director, the Legislative Liaison, and such others as the Committee may authorize. Committee meetings may be held electronically.

D. POLITICAL ACTIVITY

1. Board of Governors

- a. The BOG acting as a board must not publicly support or oppose, in any election, any candidate for public office.
- b. The BOG acting as a board must not take a side or position publicly or authorize any officer or the Executive Director to take a side or position publicly on any issue being submitted to the voters or pending before the legislature, unless the matter is considered in public session at a meeting of the BOG with advance notice to the Bar's membership, and the following requirements are met:
 - 1) The BOG first votes to determine whether the issue is within the scope of GR 12.1; and
 - 2) If the BOG determines that the matter is within the scope of GR 12.1, then the BOG will vote to determine what position, if any, to adopt on the issue.
- c. The restriction applies fully to prohibit:
 - 1) the use of the name or logo of the Bar;
 - 2) the contribution of funds, facility use, or Bar staff time;
 - 3) participation or support to any degree in the candidate's campaign, or the campaign on either side of the issue.
- d. The restriction does not apply to matters that are exclusively related to the administration of the Bar's functions or to any issue put to a vote of the Bar's membership.

Notice of any BOG position or authorization to the President or Executive Director to take a position must be published on the Bar's website as soon as possible after the meeting at which the final action is taken.

2. President and President-elect

The President and President-elect must not publicly support or oppose, in an election, any candidate for public office. This restriction applies fully to prohibit:

- a. the use of the President's and President-elect's name,
- b. the contribution of funds, or
- c. participation or support to any degree in the candidate's campaign.

Further, the President and President-elect must not take a side publicly on any issue being submitted to the voters, pending before the legislature or otherwise in the public domain except when specifically authorized or instructed by the BOG to do so on a matter relating to the function or purposes of the Bar.

3. Governors, other Officers, and Executive Director

Governors, other officers, and the Executive Director must not publicly support or oppose, in an election, any candidate for public elective office in the State of Washington the prerequisites for which include being an attorney, except where the candidate is a member of that person's immediate family. This restriction applies fully to prohibit:

- a. the use of the Governor's, officer's, or Executive Director's name,
- b. the contribution of funds, or
- c. participation or support to any degree in the candidate's campaign.

The term "immediate family" as used in this Article includes a sibling, parent, spouse, domestic partner, child and the child of a spouse or domestic partner.

4. Other

If any officer, Governor, or the Executive Director supports or opposes any candidate or issue as permitted in this Article, then that person must not state or imply that he or she is acting in his or her capacity as officer, Governor or Executive Director of the Bar unless specifically authorized to do so by the BOG.

5. Letterhead

Use of Bar letterhead is limited to official business of the Bar and specifically must not be used for personal or charitable purposes, or in connection with any political campaign or to support or oppose any political candidate. Bar letterhead must not be used to support or oppose any public issue unless the BOG has taken a position on the issue.

E. REPRESENTATION OF THE BAR

Except as specifically set forth in these Bylaws, no committee, section, task force, or other Bar entity, or member thereof, member of the BOG, or officer or employee of the Bar is permitted to speak for or represent the Bar, or any committee, section, task force, or entity thereof, before any legislative body, in any court, before any other tribunal or in any communication to the Governor or the Attorney General of the State, unless prior authorization to do so has been specifically granted by the BOG by policy adopted by the BOG or by specific BOG action.

1. As the chief spokesperson of the Bar, the President has the authority to take action to execute the policies established by the BOG, and to serve as the representative of the Bar in connection therewith.
2. The BOG Legislative Committee is specifically authorized, under the terms of these Bylaws, to propose or adopt positions on behalf of the BOG with respect to legislation that has been introduced or is expected to be introduced in the Washington State Legislature, including the authority to propose amendments to legislation or to adopt positions on amendments to legislation.
3. The Executive Director may communicate with Bar members, the judiciary, elected officials, and the community at large regarding Bar matters and policies established by the BOG, and is not required to obtain prior approval from the BOG before doing so.
4. Bar employees whose job duties require them to do so, and independent counsel retained at the direction of the President or the BOG, are specifically authorized to represent the Bar, or any committee, section, or task force thereof, before any legislative body, in any court, before any

other tribunal or in any communication to the Governor or the Attorney General of the State as may be necessary to perform their job duties.

V. APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSES

A. APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations of Bar funds and authorization for payment of expenses will be made by the BOG through the adoption of an annual budget or by special appropriation as required.

1. The President appoints a BOG Budget and Audit Committee, which consists of a minimum of two Governors from each class, not to exceed eight Governors, one of whom must be the Treasurer. The President, President-Elect, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer serve as ex officio, non voting members, and the Treasurer serves as Chair of the Committee and has a vote on the committee.
2. The Treasurer, together with the Budget and Audit Committee, will present a proposed Annual Budget to the BOG for approval prior to each fiscal year.
3. Decisions regarding non-budgeted appropriations must be made in accordance with the BOG-approved fiscal policies and procedures.

B. EXPENSES; LIMITED LIABILITY

1. Requests for payment must be in such form and supported by such documentation as the BOG prescribes.
2. The financial obligation of the Bar to any Bar entity is limited to the amount budgeted and ceases upon payment of that amount unless the BOG authorizes otherwise.
3. Any liability incurred by any Bar entity, or by its members, in excess of the funds budgeted, will be the personal liability of the person or persons responsible for incurring or authorizing the liability.
4. Any liability incurred by any Bar entity, or by its members, not in accordance with the policies of the BOG or in conflict with any part of these Bylaws, will be the personal liability of the person or persons responsible for incurring or authorizing the liability.

VI. ELECTIONS

A. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Governors from Congressional Districts: Any Active member of the Bar, except a person who has previously served as a Governor for more than 48 consecutive months, may be nominated or apply for election as Governor from the Congressional District, or geographic regions within the Seventh Congressional District, in which such person resides.

Members that have served as Governors for more than 48 consecutive months at time of filing an application, are not eligible to be nominated or apply for election or appointment as

Governor from the Congressional District, At-Large Governor position, or geographic regions within the Seventh Congressional District, in which such person resides, for a period of 36 months after the conclusion of that term of service. Any disputes regarding the eligibility of a member to serve on the Board of Governors shall be addressed by the Board of Governors.

2. At Large Governors: There will be a total of three At Large Governor positions.
 - a. Two At Large (“Member At Large Governor”) Positions: Any Active member of the Bar, except a person who has previously served as a Governor for more than 48 consecutive months, may be nominated or apply.
 - b. One ~~Young Lawyer~~New or Young Lawyer (“New or Young Lawyer At Large Governor”) Position: Any Active lawyer member of the Bar who qualifies as a ~~Young~~New and Young Lawyer as set forth in these Bylaws, except for a person who has previously served as a Governor for more than 48 consecutive months, may be nominated or apply.
3. Filing of nominations and applications must be in accordance with this Article.

B. NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

1. Applications for the Board of Governors elected from Congressional Districts must be filed in the office of the Bar not later than 5:00 p.m., on the 15th day of February of the year in which the election is to be held. If this deadline falls on a day in which the office of the Bar is closed, the deadline will be 5:00 p.m. of the following business day.
2. Applications and nominations for At Large Governor positions must be filed in the office of the Bar not later than 5:00 p.m. on the 15th day of April of the year in which the election or nomination is to be held.
3. Applications for the position of President-elect must be filed by the deadline set forth in the notice published in the Bar’s official publication and posted on the Bar’s website. Notice must be given not less than 30 days before the filing deadline.
4. In the event no application is made for a seat, the position will be treated, advertised, and filled by Board appointment until the next election cycle only, in which the position will be included in the election cycle for the remainder of the term.

C. ELECTION OF GOVERNORS

1. Election of one Governor from each Congressional District and for the At Large positions will be held every three years as follows:
 - a. Third, Sixth, Eighth Congressional Districts and the North region of the Seventh Congressional District and one At Large Member Governor – 2014 and every three years thereafter.
 - b. First, Fourth, Fifth Congressional Districts and the South region of the Seventh Congressional District and one At Large New and Young Lawyers Governor – 2015 and every three years thereafter.
 - c. Second, Ninth and Tenth Congressional Districts and one At Large Member Governor – 2013 and every three years thereafter.
2. Voting in the Election of Governors from Congressional Districts will be conducted in the following manner:

- a. Eligibility to Vote. All Active members, as of March 1st of each year, are eligible to vote in the BOG election for their district, subject to the election schedule shown above. Active members residing in the State of Washington may only vote in the district in which they reside. Active members residing outside the State of Washington may only vote in the district of the address of the agent they have designated within the State of Washington for the purpose of receiving service of process as required by APR 13, or, if specifically designated to the Executive Director, within the district of their primary Washington practice.
- b. Ballots. On March 15th of each election year, the Executive Director will ensure delivery of ballots containing the names of all candidates for Governor for each District in which an election is to be held to each Active member eligible to vote in that District. Elections will be conducted electronically using a secure process (“electronic voting”). Active members who are eligible to vote in an election may request a paper ballot to be used in place of the electronic ballot. Electronic ballots will be sent to active members eligible to vote in an election, and will include information about how to vote by electronic voting. Should any Active member eligible to vote fail to receive a ballot, or receive a defective ballot, the member may obtain a replacement ballot by furnishing proof of eligibility to the Executive Director, and upon returning the defective ballot if the member received a paper ballot.
- c. Voting Procedure. Each Active member eligible to vote in the election may vote in one of the following ways. Each member has only one vote. Only one vote will be counted from any member who inadvertently votes both by paper ballot and by electronic means:
 - 1) By paper ballot. Paper ballots will be available upon request. The member must submit the request by March 15th and cause the envelope containing the ballot to be delivered to the office of the Bar by no later than 5:00 p.m. (PDT) on April 1st of that election year. Alteration of or addition to the ballot, other than the marking of the member's choice, invalidates the ballot.
 - 2) By electronic voting. Voters will be sent links to their ballots via email. Voting must be completed by no later than 5:00 p.m. (PDT) on April 1st of that election year.
- d. Voting System. In any election for membership on the BOG, if there is only one qualified candidate nominated, then that candidate will be declared elected. If there are only two candidates for a position, then the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected. If there are more than two candidates, and if no candidate receives more than 50% of the total vote, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will participate in a run-off election. In the event of a tie for the second highest vote total, all candidates who are tied will participate in the run-off election along with the candidate who received the most votes.

If a run-off election is necessary, the Executive Director in consultation with the President will designate the date for delivering the ballots and the deadline for voting, which will be no later than 5:00 p.m. (PDT), 10 days after the date the ballots are delivered. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected.

- e. Checking and Custody of Ballots. The Executive Director will maintain custody of all satisfactorily identified and signed paper ballot envelopes, segregated as to position. The paper ballot will remain in the custody of the Executive Director until counted. Any paper ballots not enclosed in an envelope, satisfactorily identified and signed, will not be counted.
- f. Electronic votes must be verified and securely stored by the online voting vendor.
- g. Counting of Ballots. Paper ballots will be counted by the Executive Director or their designee under the supervision of the Election Board, and electronic ballots will be counted by the online voting vendor. The ballot verification process will be supervised by an Election Board of not less than three Active members appointed by the President. At least two members of the Election Board must be present (in person or by video conference) at any count of paper ballots. Any Active member of the Bar may be present at such count of paper ballots.

The Executive Director will establish and follow a procedure that will ensure that no member's vote is counted more than once.

Promptly upon determination of the election results, the Election Board will forward the results to the Executive Director, who will notify each candidate as promptly as reasonably possible of the result of the election and publicly announce the election of the successful candidates. Official written notice of the election results also will be emailed to each candidate.

- h. Retaining Ballots. All paper ballots and identifying return envelopes must be retained in the custody of the Executive Director. The elections vendor must retain the electronic voting data, and maintain an auditable trail of the election, for no less than 90 days after the close of the election.
- i. If no challenge to the ballot count has been made after 90 days, the ballots and identifying return envelopes may be destroyed, and the Executive Director will notify the vendor to destroy the data and auditable trail for that election.

3. Eligibility Requirements: Election of At-Large Governors

At-Large Governors shall be elected by the Members as follows:

- a. Member At Large Governors: After notice of the position has been adequately provided to all members, the Diversity Committee shall forward at least three candidates who have the experience and knowledge of the needs of those members whose membership is or may be historically underrepresented in governance, or who represent some of the diverse elements of the public of the State of Washington, to the end that the BOG will be a more diverse and representative body than the results of the election of Governors based solely on Congressional Districts may allow. Underrepresentation and diversity may be based upon, but not be limited to age, race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, geography, areas and types of practice, and years of membership, provided that no single factor will be determinative. The Executive Director shall then place all candidates forwarded by the

Diversity Committee on the ballot to be elected by all eligible voting members. If the Diversity Committee forwards less than three candidates by May 1, the Executive Director shall notify the BOG, which may, at its option, select additional qualifying candidates on its own or place only those candidates forwarded by the Diversity Committee on the ballot to be elected by all eligible voting members.

- b. New and Young Lawyers At Large Governor: By May 1, the Washington New and Young Lawyers Committee shall forward at least three candidates to the BOG who qualify as New and Young Lawyers as defined by Article XII(B) of these Bylaws in the year of the election. The BOG shall then place all candidates forwarded by the Washington New and Young Lawyers Committee on the ballot to be elected by a vote of all New and Young Lawyer Members as defined in section XII(B) of these Bylaws. If the Washington New and Young Lawyers Committee forwards less than three candidates by May 1, the Executive Director shall notify the BOG, which may, at its option, select additional qualifying candidates on its own or place only those candidates forwarded by the Washington New and Young Lawyers Committee on the ballot to be elected by a vote of all New and Young Lawyer Members as defined in section XII(B) of these Bylaws.
4. Voting in the Election of Member At Large Governor positions will be conducted in the following manner:
 - a. Voting Procedure for the At Large Governor positions shall follow the procedures described above with the exception of the dates of the election.
 - b. Election will begin on May 15.
 - c. Voting must be completed no later than 5:00 p.m. (PDT) on June 1 of that election year.

D. ELECTIONS BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Office of President-Elect.

The BOG will elect an Active lawyer member of the Washington State Bar Association to serve as President-elect. The election shall take place during a BOG meeting not later than the 38th week of each fiscal year, and will be by secret written ballot. The President-elect will take office upon the incumbent President-elect becoming President or upon vacancy of the office of President-elect.

If at the time of election, no President-elect in the preceding three years was an individual whose primary place of business was located in Eastern Washington, the President-elect must be an individual whose primary place of business is located in Eastern Washington. For purposes of these Bylaws, "Eastern Washington" is defined as that area east of the Cascade mountain range generally known as Eastern Washington. In any year where the President-elect must be an individual from Eastern Washington and no qualifying application is received within the timeframe allowed, the President will advise the BOG, and the BOG, at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, will establish procedures to re-open and extend the application period or otherwise address the issue. Such action by the BOG may include waiver of any geographic limitation for the year in question.

2. Treasurer

The Treasurer must be a current lawyer Governor and will be nominated and elected by the BOG at the second to the last regularly scheduled BOG meeting of the fiscal year. The Treasurer will be elected by

simple majority of Governors voting. In the event there is more than one nomination, the vote will be by secret written ballot.

3. Election Procedures for President and President-elect

Elections of President and President-elect elections, and any other elections held by the BOG under these Bylaws, are conducted as follows:

- a. Notice of the position will be advertised in the Bar's official publication and on the Bar's website no less than 30 days before the filing deadline and must include the closing date and time for filing candidate applications.
- b. Following expiration of the closing date and time identified, all candidate names will be posted publicly.
- c. The BOG may appoint a committee to recommend candidates to the BOG from all who have submitted their applications for a position in a timely manner.
- d. All recommended candidates, or others as determined at the discretion of the BOG, will be interviewed in public session of the BOG's meeting. Candidates who are competing for the same position must not be present for each other's interviews.
- e. Discussion of the candidates will be in public session but candidates will be asked by the President not to be present.
- f. Election of candidates will be conducted by secret written ballot.
- g. If no candidate for a given position receives a majority of the votes cast, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be voted on in a run-off election. In the event of a tie for the second highest vote total, all candidates who are tied will participate in the run-off election along with the candidate who received the most votes. The candidate with the most votes in the run-off will be deemed the winner.
- h. Ballots will be tallied by three persons designated by the President, one of whom will be the Executive Director.
- i. Proxy votes are not allowed; however, a Governor who participated in the interview and discussion process by electronic means may cast a vote telephonically via a confidential phone call with the Executive Director and the other persons designated by the President to count the ballots.
- j. The elected candidate will be announced publicly following the vote. However, the vote count will not be announced and all ballots will be immediately sealed to both the BOG and the public and remain in the custody of the Executive Director for 90 days, when they will be destroyed.

E. NEW GOVERNOR ORIENTATION

Any newly elected Governor will undergo an orientation period commencing from the time of his or her election until being sworn in by the Supreme Court. This orientation must include attendance and participation in a New Governor Orientation to be held at a time and place specified by the Executive Director. In addition, the Governors-elect are expected to attend other meetings and/or activities as invited by or directed by the BOG. Governors-elect must also attend public meetings of the BOG as non-voting Governors. This attendance does not include executive sessions, unless authorized by the BOG.

F. MEMBER RECALL OF GOVERNORS

Any Governor may be removed from office by member recall. A recall vote is initiated by an Active member filing a petition for recall with the Executive Director. A petition for recall must identify the Governor, the Governor's congressional district or at-large status, and the Governor's term of office; set forth the basis for the recall; and contain the names and signatures of the Active members supporting the petition.

1. For congressional district Governors, the petition must be signed by five percent of the Active members of the Governor's congressional district at the time of filing. Only members of the Governor's district who are on Active status at the time of the vote are eligible to vote.
2. For the New and Young Lawyers At Large Governor, the petition must be signed by five percent of the Young Lawyers as defined in Article XII of these Bylaws at the time of filing. Only New and Young Lawyers who are on Active status at the time of the vote are eligible to vote. For all other At Large Governors, the petition must be signed by five percent of the Active members of the Bar at the time of filing, and only members on Active status at the time of the vote are eligible to vote.
3. The voting procedures set forth in the "Election of Governors from Congressional Districts" will be used as a procedural guideline for conducting a recall vote, and a majority vote is sufficient to pass a recall petition.

G. 2020 ELECTIONS

In response to the Corona virus and public safety concerns, the 2020 elections conducted by the Board of Governors pursuant to these Bylaws may be scheduled anytime prior to 44th week of the fiscal year.

VII. MEETINGS

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS; DEFINITIONS

1. Definitions

As used in this Article unless the context indicates otherwise:

- a. "Meeting" means any regular or special meeting of the BOG or other Bar entity at which action is contemplated. A "special meeting" is a meeting limited to specific agenda topics.
- b. When these Bylaws refer to a "Bar entity" or "other Bar entity," this means any body, no matter how named, working under the authority of, or administered by, the Bar, pursuant to these Bylaws or court rule. The activities of such Bar entities subject to the Open Meetings Policy of this Article VII may include, but are not limited to, conducting meetings, taking actions, conducting hearings, or gathering information or member comment.
- c. "Action" means the transaction of the official business of the Bar by the BOG or other Bar entity including but not limited to receipt of member information, deliberations, discussions, considerations, reviews, evaluations, and final actions.

- d. "Final action" means a collective positive or negative consensus, or an actual vote of the voting members present, whether in person or by electronic means, at the time of the vote, upon a motion, proposal, resolution, or order.
- e. "Minutes" means, at a minimum, recording the members of the Bar entity in attendance, the date and time of the meeting, the agenda of the meeting, the subject and results of any final action taken, and a reasonable summary of the issues and points raised during discussion.

2. Order of Business

The President or Chair of the meeting determines the order of the business of any meeting.

B. OPEN MEETINGS POLICY

1. All meetings of the BOG or other Bar entity must be open and public and all persons will be permitted to attend any meeting, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or under court rules. A meeting may be held in person or by videoconference and/or teleconference. Meeting schedules and contact information will be made reasonably available by the Bar.
2. This Open Meetings Policy does not apply to duly designated executive sessions, meetings otherwise excluded under the terms of these Bylaws, meetings of the BOG Personnel and Awards Committees, the Judicial Recommendation Committee, or to matters regulated by the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct, the Admission and Practice Rules, or the Rules for Enforcement of Conduct of Limited Practice Officers.
3. Minutes of all meetings, except for executive sessions, must be recorded and approved minutes will be open to public inspection upon request. Minutes from every BOG public session will be posted on the Bar's website once approved by the BOG. Sub-entities (for example, subcommittees) need not record minutes, unless they are specifically delegated the authority to take final action on behalf of the entity.
4. A member of the public will not be required, as a condition of attendance at a meeting, to register his or her name and other information, to complete a questionnaire, or otherwise to fulfill any condition precedent to his or her attendance.
5. In the event that any meeting is interrupted by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting not feasible, and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are interrupting the meeting, the persons presiding over the meeting may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session or may adjourn the meeting and reconvene at another location selected by majority vote of the members of the Bar entity. In such a session, final disposition may be taken only on matters appearing on the agenda. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, will be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this paragraph. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the Bar entity from establishing a procedure for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting.
6. At any meeting required to be open to the public, no Bar entity is permitted to vote by secret ballot, except for elections for At Large Governors and the President-elect, as required by Article VI(D) for purposes of elections, or as otherwise provided by these Bylaws. A vote taken by email

will not be deemed a secret ballot so long as the vote, including the question voted on, the identity of each person voting, and vote cast by each person, is recorded and published with the minutes. Votes taken on matters in a duly designated executive session need not be recorded or published, unless otherwise required by these Bylaws or court rule.

7. Executive Session

- a. The BOG may meet in Executive Session at the discretion of the President subject to a majority vote of the Board of Governors that an issue is not properly raised in Executive Session, or as specifically provided by court rule:
 - 1) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price, or to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price;
 - 2) To discuss an individual disciplinary matter, character and fitness matter, Client Protection Fund claim, or other matter made confidential by court rule or these Bylaws;
 - 3) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for employment as Executive Director or General Counsel, or for appointment to a position with the Bar or on a Bar entity; to review the performance of the Executive Director; or to receive or evaluate complaints regarding Officers, Governors, Bar staff, or appointees to other Bar entities;
 - 4) To discuss with legal counsel representing the Bar in litigation or potential litigation to which the Bar, the Bar entity, or an employee or officer of the Bar or member of the Bar entity is or is likely to become a party, or to have other privileged or confidential communications with legal counsel representing the Bar;
 - 5) To discuss legislative strategy; or
 - 6) To discuss any other topic in which the President in his or her discretion believes the preservation of confidentiality is necessary or where public discussion might result in violation of individual rights or in unwarranted or unjustified private or personal harm. This subsection 6 shall be narrowly and strictly construed; mere embarrassment or criticism is insufficient standing alone to address an issue in Executive Session.

Executive session of the BOG may proceed with no persons present except the President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, Governors, Executive Director, General Counsel, and such other persons as the BOG may authorize on a case by case basis. Any others shall be presumptively excluded, but may be admitted upon approval of a majority of the Board. An individual may be recused from executive session for conflict of interest or other reasons at the person's request or by a majority vote of the BOG. The President will publicly announce the purpose for meeting in executive session and the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be extended to a stated later time by announcement of the President.

- b. A BOG committee may meet in Executive Session subject to the same terms and conditions as the Board may meet in Executive Session as identified in the preceding section.

- c. Other Bar entities may meet in Executive Session on matters within the scope of their work at the discretion of the Chair or as specifically provided by court rule:
 - 1) To discuss an individual disciplinary matter, character and fitness matter, Client Protection Fund claim, or other matter made confidential by court rule or these Bylaws;
 - 2) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for appointment to a Bar entity;
 - 3) To discuss with legal counsel representing the Bar in litigation or potential litigation to which the Bar, the Bar entity, or an employee or officer of the Bar or member of the Bar entity is or is likely to become a party, or to have other privileged or confidential communications with legal counsel representing the Bar; or
 - 4) To discuss legislative strategy.

Executive sessions of other Bar entities may proceed with no persons present except members of the entity and such other persons as the Chair may authorize, provided, however, that Bar staff and the BOG liaison may not be excluded from executive session. An individual may be recused from executive session for conflict of interest or other reasons at the person's request. The Chair will publicly announce the purpose for meeting in executive session and the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be extended to a stated later time by announcement of the Chair.

- 8. Each Bar entity will set regular and special meetings as needed. It will not be a violation of these Bylaws for a majority of the members of a Bar entity to travel together or gather for purposes other than a meeting or special meeting as these terms are used in these Bylaws, provided that they take no final action as defined in these Bylaws.
- 9. A Bar entity may adjourn any meeting to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment. A quorum is not required to adjourn. If all members are absent from any meeting the Chair of the Bar entity may declare the meeting adjourned to a stated time and place. He or she will cause written or electronic notice of the adjournment to be given to all members of the Bar entity within 48 hours of the adjournment.
- 10. Any member may timely petition the BOG to declare any BOG final action voidable for failing to comply with the provisions of these Bylaws. Any member may petition the BOG to stop violations or prevent threatened violations of these Bylaws.

C. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the BOG will be held at such times and locations as the President may designate. Notice of the date, time, and location of each regular meeting must be posted on the Bar's website no later than 45 days prior to the date of the meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Bar's website once finalized. Late materials related to agenda items may be accepted. Any changes to the agenda will be posted as soon as practicable given the circumstances of the change.

2. Special Meetings

- a. Special meetings of the BOG may be called by the President at his or her discretion, by the Executive Director, at the written request of five members of the BOG, or at the written

request of three members of the BOG's Executive Committee. Special meetings will customarily be held at the Bar's offices. All reasonable efforts will be made to schedule special meetings so the maximum number of Governors may attend, and Governors who are unable to attend in person may attend by electronic means.

- b. Notice of a special meeting must be in writing and must set forth the time, place and purpose thereof, and must be given to all members of the BOG, the officers, the Executive Director, and the General Counsel, and posted on the Bar's website, at least five days prior to the meeting. The five days' notice requirement may be waived by unanimous consent of the BOG. The special meeting will only consider such matters as set forth in the notice of the meeting. A special meeting may be canceled by the written consent of eight Governors, directed to the Executive Director, who in turn will transmit the cancellation notice and supporting documentation to all persons who were sent notice of the meeting.

3. Emergency Meetings

An emergency meeting may be called, with 24-hour electronic notice to all members of the BOG and the General Counsel:

- a. When the President determines that an extraordinary matter requires immediate attention of the BOG; or
- b. By the Executive Director when there has been a natural disaster or catastrophic event that significantly impacts the Bar's ability to function.

The emergency meeting will be held at a location designated by the President or Executive Director, and Governors who are unable to attend in person may attend by electronic means. Notice of the meeting must indicate the subject matter to be considered, and the meeting must only consider such noted subject matter.

4. Agenda

For every BOG meeting, the President will establish the agenda and order of business. Upon request to the President, a Governor may add an item to the upcoming regular meeting's agenda. If in the President's good faith estimation the upcoming agenda is full, the requested item will be placed on the next regularly scheduled meeting's agenda, unless otherwise agreed by the President and the requesting Governor. However, nothing in this section shall prohibit the Board of Governors upon a duly seconded motion from addressing any issue or taking any action a majority of the Board determines to take if otherwise permitted by these Bylaws.

5. Parliamentary Procedure

Proceedings at BOG meetings shall be governed by the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOG

1. The BOG recognizes the need for an Executive Committee to address emergent but non-policy making matters that need timely attention in between BOG meetings. The Executive Committee's authority derives solely from the authority of the BOG, and is limited by the

authority granted by the BOG. The BOG may establish a Charter specifically delineating the duties and functions of the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee members shall include the President, the President- elect, the Immediate Past President, the Treasurer, the Chair of the BOG Personnel Committee, the Executive Director, and one member of each Governor class as elected by that class at or before the first Board meeting of the fiscal year unless that class is already represented. For any particular meeting, a governor class representative may designate an alternate from their class who is authorized to attend as the class representative for that particular meeting. Only the President, President-elect, and Governors may vote on the Executive Committee.
3. An Executive Committee meeting may be called by any member of the Executive Committee, provided that at least five days' notice is given to the Board of Governors and Executive Committee members. If an emergency situation requires less than five days' notice, the notice period may be waived by unanimous consent of the Executive Committee members but the full Board must be given notice at the same time of both the intent to consider an emergency meeting and the day and time of the meeting itself.
4. The Executive Committee may meet as necessary to develop the BOG meeting agenda or for discussion and action on matters within its scope. All agenda setting meetings will be set in advance and notice provided in writing to all Governors with the day, time, place, and agenda or purpose of the Executive Committee's meeting, and any Governor may attend the meeting. Although emergent issues may make it difficult to provide advanced notice of Executive Committee meetings not related to meeting and agenda setting, the Executive Committee must provide advance notice to all Governors to permit them to attend whenever feasible to do so.

E. FINAL APPROVAL OF ACTION BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Reports, recommendations, or proposals do not represent the view or action of the Bar, unless approved by a vote of the BOG.

VIII. MEMBER REFERENDA AND BOG REFERRALS TO MEMBERSHIP

A. MEMBER REFERENDA

1. The Board of Governors sets the policy for the Bar. The membership, through a referendum, has the opportunity to affect policy set by the BOG. Membership referenda may accomplish the following:
 - a. Reverse a final action taken by the Board of Governors;
 - b. Modify a final action taken by the Board of Governors;
 - c. Enact a resolution; or
 - d. Amend these bylaws.
2. Any Active member may file a petition for a referendum. All petitions must meet the following requirements:
 - a. The petition must set forth the exact language of the proposed resolution, bylaw amendment, or modification/reversal of the BOG action.

- b. The petition must be signed by at least five percent of the Active membership of the Bar at the time the petition is filed.
 - c. The petition must comply with GR 12. The BOG will determine, within 30 days of the filing of a petition for a referendum, if the subject of the petition falls within the requirements of GR 12.
 - d. If the subject of the petition seeks to reverse or modify final action taken by the Board of Governors, then the petition must be filed with the Executive Director within 90 days of that final action.
 - e. All petitions for a referendum must be filed with the WSBA Executive Director.
3. All qualifying petitions will be put to a vote of the active membership within 90 days of the date that the petition was filed.

B. BOG REFFERALS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Governors may also refer a proposed resolution, bylaw amendment, or other proposal to a vote of the Active membership in accordance with the procedures set forth in these bylaws.

C. BALLOT PREPARATION

The Executive Director shall prepare ballots as directed by the BOG. The proponents of the action may submit, for inclusion with the ballot a “statement for” not to exceed 750 words and a “rebuttal of statement against” not to exceed 250 words. The opponents of the action may submit, for inclusion with the ballot, a “statement against” not to exceed 750 words and a “rebuttal of statement for” not to exceed 250 words. The Executive Director will determine the deadlines for filing all such statements with the Bar and provide notice of those deadlines. If more than one opponent statement is submitted, the WSBA President will determine which statement(s) will be submitted with the ballot.

D. VOTING PROCEDURES

The procedures set forth in the “Election of Governors from Congressional Districts” section of these bylaws shall be used as a procedural guideline. The ballot, petition, and accompanying statements shall be posted on the WSBA website, distributed electronically to Active members with e-mail addresses on record with the Bar, and mailed to all other Active members. The deadline for return of ballots shall be not less than 30 days from the date of distribution.

E. EFFECT OF VOTE

1. All member referenda and BOG referrals only require a majority of those Active members voting to pass. No unsuccessful member referenda may be resubmitted to the membership until two years have passed from the date of the voting results.
2. The BOG may not alter the effects of a member referenda that passed sooner than two years from the date of the voting results.

IX. COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, AND OTHER BAR ENTITIES

A. GENERALLY

1. The work of the Bar shall be accomplished by the BOG, the officers, and the Bar staff. To facilitate the work of the Bar in accordance with its purposes as provided in Article I, the BOG may delegate such work to an appropriate Bar entity, such as sections, committees, councils, task forces, or other Bar entity, however that may be designated by the BOG.
2. The work of any Bar entity established by the BOG must:
 - a. have a defined scope that requires the active and continuing attention of the BOG;
 - b. further the Bar's Guiding Principles and/or the purposes of the Bar outlined in General Rules promulgated by the Supreme Court; and
 - c. enhance consideration of a topic that is beyond the time and expertise of the BOG and staff by incorporating expertise and additional viewpoints from the broader community.
3. A list of the current committees, councils, and task forces, and their functions, will be maintained by the Executive Director. The BOG may terminate any recurring committee whenever in its opinion such committee is no longer necessary. Any nonrecurring Bar entity shall automatically terminate pursuant to the terms of its charter or originating document.
4. Governors appointed to serve as BOG liaisons to any Bar entity are not voting members. However, if a Governor is appointed as a member of any Bar entity, then he or she may vote in accordance with the terms of the charter or originating document for that entity.

B. COMMITTEES AND OTHER BAR ENTITIES

1. Committees

Committees are created and authorized by the BOG to study matters relating to the general purposes and business of the Bar which are of a continuous and recurring character. The number, size, and functions of each committee will be determined from time to time by the BOG.

- a. Committee members, Chairs, and Vice Chairs must be Active members of the Bar. Exceptions: (a) up to two Pro Bono members are permitted to serve on the Pro Bono and Public Service Committee (PBPS) and may be appointed to serve as the Chair, Co-Chair, or Vice-Chair of that committee; and (b) faculty of Washington state law schools who are not Active members of the Bar are permitted to serve on the Committee on Professional Ethics (CPE).
- b. Committee members are appointed by the BOG. Appointments to committees are for a two-year term unless the BOG determines otherwise. A committee member's service on any committee is limited to two consecutive terms, after which the member cannot be reappointed to that committee for three years, subject to individual exceptions for cause as

approved by the BOG. Appointments to the Legislative Committee will be made pursuant to the written BOG policy for that committee.

- c. The President-elect will annually select the Chair or Vice Chair of each committee, with the BOG having the authority to accept or reject that selection.
- d. In the event of the resignation, death, or removal of the Chair or any committee member, the BOG may appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

2. Other Bar Entities

The BOG may from time to time establish other Bar entities to study matters relating to specific purposes and business of the Bar which are of an immediate and/or non-recurring character. These other Bar entities may be titled as task forces, workgroups, or any other label the BOG may designate.

- a. The President will select the persons to be appointed to such other Bar entities, with the BOG having the authority to accept or reject those appointments. The term of appointments will be until the work of the entity has been concluded or until such committee member's successor is appointed.
- b. The Chair(s) of any other Bar entity shall be appointed by the President at the time of creation of the entity, with the BOG having the authority to accept or reject that selection, and will serve for the duration established by the BOG or until replaced.
- c. In the event of the resignation, death or removal of the Chair or any other member of the Bar entity, the President may appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

3. General Duties and Responsibilities for Committees and Other Bar Entities

- a. Each committee or other Bar entity will carry out various tasks and assignments as requested by the BOG or as the entity may determine to be consistent with its function or its charter or originating document.
- b. Each Bar entity must submit an annual report to the Executive Director and submit such other reports as requested by the BOG or Executive Director.
- c. These Bar entities are not permitted to issue any report, take a side publicly on any issue being submitted to the voters, pending before the legislature, or otherwise in the public domain, or otherwise communicate in a manner that may be construed as speaking on behalf of the Bar or the BOG without the specific authorization to do so by the BOG. Reports, recommendations, or proposals do not represent the view or action of the Bar unless approved by a vote of the BOG.
- d. Bar staff will work with each committee or other Bar entity to prepare and submit an annual budget request as part of the Bar's budget development process. Each committee and other Bar entity must confine its expenditures to the budget and appropriation as approved by the BOG as generally set forth in these Bylaws.
- e. Each committee and other Bar entity must prepare and distribute minutes of each meeting if required under Article VII of these Bylaws. The minutes will be distributed to its members

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and posted on the Bar's website, as soon as is reasonably possible after a meeting. The form of the minutes must comply with Article VII of these Bylaws.

- f. The success of any committee or other Bar entity is dependent upon the active participation of its members.
 - 1) Chairs and committee members serve at the pleasure of, and may be removed by, the Board. Neither malfeasance nor misfeasance is required for removal.
 - 2) Any committee member who fails to attend two consecutive regularly called meetings may be removed by the BOG, in the absence of an excuse approved by the Chair.

C. COUNCILS

1. Councils are created and authorized by the BOG to serve as advisory committees to the BOG on matters and issues of particular import to the Bar.
2. Nominations to councils are made as set forth in the council's charter or originating document, and are confirmed by the BOG. Except as may be specifically required under the council's charter or originating document, council members are not required to be members of the Bar.
3. Terms of appointments to councils will be as set forth in the council's charter or originating document.
4. Each council will carry out the duties and tasks set forth in its charter or originating document.
5. Each council must submit an annual report, and such other reports as may be requested, to the BOG or Executive Director.
6. Bar staff will work with each council to prepare and submit an annual budget request as part of the Bar's budget development process.

X. REGULATORY BOARDS

The Bar administers regulatory boards created by court rules and has any powers necessary to administer those boards. Appointment to regulatory boards is as provided in the promulgating rule or as otherwise directed by the Supreme Court. A list of the current regulatory boards and their functions will be maintained by the Executive Director. Governors and Bar staff appointed as liaisons to regulatory boards are not voting members of those boards. Liaisons may not be excluded but will not participate in executive session or confidential deliberations except as a resource.

XI. SECTIONS

A. DESIGNATION AND CONTINUATION

Sections are entities of the Bar created and tasked to carry on the work of the Bar and further their purposes as defined in individual section bylaws. A list of all current sections will be maintained by the Executive Director. Once established, a section will continue until discontinued as provided in these Bylaws or in the section bylaws.

B. ESTABLISHING SECTIONS

1. The BOG will consider the establishment of a new section on a petition and report endorsed by at least 150 Active members of the Bar. Any such petition must be filed with the Executive Director at least one BOG meeting prior to the meeting at which action on the proposal is contemplated and must substantially set forth:
 - a. The contemplated purpose of the section, which will be within the purposes of the Bar and not in substantial conflict with the purpose of any existing section or committee, the continuance of which is contemplated after the section is established;
 - b. Proposed bylaws of the section, which must contain a definition of its purpose;
 - c. The names of any proposed committees of the section;
 - d. A proposed budget of the section for the first two years of its operation;
 - e. A list of members of the Bar who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section;
 - f. A statement of the need for the proposed section.
2. The BOG may create a new section by combining sections as set forth in these Bylaws.

C. MEMBERSHIP

1. Any Active member of the Bar may be a voting member of a section and eligible for election to office in the section upon paying the annual dues established by the section. Inactive members may not be voting members of sections.
2. If provided for in the section bylaws, any Pro Bono member pursuant to APR 3(g), Judicial member, House Counsel under APR 8(f), professor at a Washington law school (whether licensed in Washington or not), or any lawyer who is a full time lawyer in a branch of the military who is stationed in Washington but not licensed in Washington, may be a voting member of the section and eligible for election to office in the section.
3. Law students will be allowed to be nonvoting members of any section at a standard annual dues amount set by the BOG.
4. Sections may adopt bylaw provisions authorizing inactive members, and others not eligible for section membership as voting members, to be nonvoting members or “subscribers” of the section.

D. DUES

Dues will be paid annually in the amount determined by the section executive committee and approved by the BOG. Any person who fails to pay the annual dues will cease to be a member of the section.

E. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

Sections are subject to all Bar Bylaws, policies, and procedures. Each section must have bylaws consistent with the Bar Bylaws. Amendments to section bylaws may be made by a majority vote of the voting executive committee members or by a majority vote of section members present at a section meeting. Section bylaws or amendments thereof will become effective when approved by the BOG.

F. SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Each section will have a section executive committee consisting of, at minimum, the following Officer positions: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer); and may have At-Large members. Unless otherwise permitted by a section's bylaws, voting members of a section executive committee must be Active members of the Bar and a member of the section for their entire term of office on the executive committee. Additionally, a section executive committee may have non-voting members. The section executive committee is empowered to act on behalf of the section unless it chooses to take a vote of the section membership.
2. Due to the section executive committee's unique need to be able to act quickly to address issues that arise during a regular or special legislative session, between executive committee meetings during a legislative session, upon notice to all section executive committee members, the section executive committee may discuss and vote on issues relating to the section's position on pending or proposed legislation by email. However, if any section executive committee member objects to using an email process for any particular issues, the section executive committee instead will take up that issue at its next section executive committee meeting.
3. Officers. Unless otherwise permitted by a section's bylaws, officers of a section executive committee must be Active members of the Bar and elected by the section membership to complete the one-year term of office.
 - a. Chair. The chair of the section presides at all meetings of the section and section executive committee, and will have such other executive powers and perform such other duties as are consistent with the Bar and section bylaws.
 - b. Secretary. The Secretary will take minutes at each meeting of the section and section executive committee, and provide approved minutes to the Bar for publication and record retention.
 - c. Treasurer. The Treasurer will work with the Bar to ensure that the section complies with Bar fiscal policies and procedures, work with the Bar to prepare the section's annual budget, and review the section's monthly financial statements for accuracy and comparison to budget.
 - d. A section may have additional officer positions as defined in its sections bylaws.
4. At-Large Members. At-large members of the section executive committee will be voting members. At-large members will be elected by the section membership for terms of up to three-years. A section executive committee may appoint its [New and Young Lawyer Liaison](#) (if any) as avoting member of the section's executive committee.
5. Non-voting Members. Voting members of the section executive committee may appoint non-voting members from among the current members of the section to further the work of the Bar and section. Non-voting members serve at the discretion of the section executive committee.
6. Executive committee members are not subject to a limit on the number of the consecutive terms they may serve unless stated in a section's bylaws.
7. All section executive committee positions will begin October 1 each year.

G. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. Nominations
 - a. Nominating Committee. Each section will have a nominating committee consisting of no less than three section members appointed annually by the Chair or executive committee. At least one member of the nominating committee should not be a current member of the section executive committee.
 - b. The executive committee should reflect diverse perspectives. To assist this, all applicants will apply through an electronic application process administered by the Bar. The application form will, on a voluntary basis, solicit information including, but not limited to, the person's ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability status, area of practice, years of practice, employer, number of lawyers in law firm, previous involvement in section activities, and skills or knowledge relevant to the position. The nominating committee should actively take factors of diversity into account when making recommendations.
 - c. Alternate Nomination Process. The executive committee will also have an alternative process to allow for nominations to occur outside of the nominating committee process.
 - d. Executive Committee Approval. The executive committee will approve a list of nominees for each open position. Persons nominated through an alternative nomination process will be included on the final list of approved nominees.
2. Elections
 - a. Only voting members of the section may participate in section elections.
 - b. The Bar will administer the elections by electronic means and certify results, unless the section develops its own equivalent electronic election process. For sections that administer elections through an alternate equivalent electronic election process, the section must provide the Bar with the total number of votes cast and the number of votes received for each candidate immediately following the close of the election.
 - c. In the event of a tie, the section executive committee will implement a random tie-breaker of its choice, such as a coin toss or a drawing of lots, to determine the winner.
 - d. All election processes must comply with the Bar record retention policies.
3. Timing. Nominations and elections for open section executive committee positions will be held no later than June 30th of each year.

H. VACANCIES AND REMOVAL

1. The section executive committee will appoint, by a majority vote, members to fill vacancies on the section executive committee. When a member is appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term, the member will do so until the next annual election when an individual will be elected to serve the remainder of the vacated term.
2. Any member of the executive committee may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the section executive committee. Grounds for removal include, but are not limited to, regular absence from section executive committee meetings and events, failure to perform duties, unprofessional or discourteous conduct or whenever, in the executive committee's judgment, the executive committee member is not acting in the best interest of the section membership.

I. OTHER COMMITTEES

The section executive committee may create other committees as necessary to further the purposes of the section. Section committees, section committee chairs, and section committee members serve at the discretion of the section executive committee.

J. BUDGET

Each section executive committee must submit an annual budget request for each fiscal year to the BOG for review. The BOG will approve final section budgets as part of the Bar's annual budget. The section executive committee expenditures must be consistent with the approved section budget and consistent with the Bar fiscal policies and procedures.

K. SECTION REPORTS

Each section must submit an annual report to the Executive Director and such other reports as requested by the BOG.

L. TERMINATING SECTIONS

1. The BOG may consider terminating a section when it appears the section is no longer carrying on the work of the Bar as defined in these Bylaws. The issue will be raised (a) on motion, (b) on petition, or (c) at a "viability review" as defined in these Bylaws.
2. A section that has less than 75 voting members for two consecutive years will be automatically placed on the BOG agenda for a "viability review." The BOG has the discretion to retain a section despite what might otherwise be considered to be a lack of viability when in the BOG's opinion the section is carrying on the work of the Bar as defined in these Bylaws, and the work is of value to the legal profession.
3. Any section subject to a motion, petition, or viability review pursuant to paragraph (1) above will be given notice and an opportunity to be heard by the BOG. Notice must be sent by the Bar to the current section officers and/or executive committee and posted on the Bar website at least one BOG meeting prior to the meeting at which the Board plans to vote on the proposal.
4. A section subject to potential termination may petition the BOG to be combined with another section, with that section's written approval, and will be given reasonable opportunity to present that petition to the BOG before the BOG votes on the section's termination.
5. If a section is terminated pursuant to these Bylaws, section members will be allowed to transfer to another section of their choosing, without payment of additional fees, for that remainder of the section dues year.
6. A section terminated pursuant to these Bylaws may apply for reactivation if they meet qualifications for establishing a new section.
7. Any funds remaining in the treasury of a section at the time of termination will be transferred to the Bar's general operating fund unless otherwise designated by the BOG. Funds in the treasury of combined sections will be combined.

XII. NEW AND YOUNG LAWYERS

A. PURPOSE

There will be a member segment within the Bar identified as “New and Young Lawyers” for the purposes of encouraging the interest and participation of (i) new and young lawyers and law students in the activities of the Bar; and (ii) developing and conducting programs of interest and value to new and young lawyers consistent with the focus areas of public service and pro bono programs, transition to practice, and member outreach and leadership; and (iii) upholding and supporting the Guiding Principles of the Bar.

B. DEFINITION

Active ~~lawyer~~ members of the Bar will be considered New and Young Lawyers ~~until the last day of December of the year in which the member attains the age of 36 years or~~ until the last day of December of the ~~tenth fifth~~ year after the year in which such member first was admitted to practice as a lawyer in any Washington state, ~~whichever is later~~.

XIII. RECORDS DISCLOSURE & PRESERVATION

- A. These Bylaws apply to Bar records created before July 1, 2014. Access to Bar records created on or after July 1, 2014, is governed by GR 12.4.
- B. The Bar, in accordance with published rules, shall make available for its members and/or public inspection and copying all Bar records, unless the record falls within the specific exemptions of these bylaws or is made confidential by the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct, the Admission and Practice Rules, the Rules for Enforcement of Limited Practice Officer Conduct, GR 25, or any other applicable statute or rule. To the extent required to prevent an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy interests protected by these bylaws or the above-referenced rules or statutes, the Bar shall delete identifying details in a manner consistent with those rules when it makes available or publishes any Bar record; however, in each case, the justification for the deletion shall be explained fully in writing.
 1. The Bar shall establish, maintain, and make available for its members and/or public inspection and copying a statement of the actual per page cost or other costs, if any, that it charges for providing photocopies of Bar records and a statement of the factors and manner used to determine the actual per page cost or other costs, if any.
 2. No fee shall be charged for the inspection of Bar records. No fee shall be charged for locating Bar records or documents and making them available for copying unless the request entails a substantial use of staff time to locate and gather the documents. In no event may the Bar charge a per page cost greater than an actual per page cost established by the Bar.
 3. The Bar shall not distinguish among persons requesting records and such persons shall not be required to provide information as to the purpose for the request except to establish

whether inspection and copying would violate a statute, court order, or rule which exempts or prohibits disclosure of specific information or records to certain persons. Bar facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of Bar records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the Bar. The Bar shall honor requests received by mail for identifiable Bar records unless exempted by provisions of these bylaws or other rules.

4. Bar records shall be available for inspection and copying during the customary office hours of the Bar.
5. The following are exempt from public inspection and copying:
 - a. Personal information in files maintained for employees, appointees, or elected officials of the Bar to the extent that disclosure would violate their right to privacy.
 - b. Specific information, records, or documents relating to lawyer or Limited Practice Officer discipline that is not expressly classified as public information or confidential information by court rule.
 - c. Information revealing the identity of persons who have assisted a Bar investigation or filed grievances or complaints with the Bar, if disclosure would endanger any person's life, physical safety, or property.
 - d. Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used by the Bar to administer a license, employment, or academic examination.
 - e. The contents of real estate appraisals made by the Bar relative to the acquisition or sale of property, until the project or prospective sale is abandoned or until such time as all of the property has been acquired or the property to which the sale appraisal relates is sold, but in no event shall disclosure be denied for more than three years after the appraisal.
 - f. Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, and research data obtained by the Bar within five years of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce private gain and loss to the Bar.
 - g. Preliminary or intra-Bar memoranda, notes, and e-mails, and other documents in which recommendations or opinions are expressed or policies formulated or recommended, except that a specific record shall not be exempt when referenced during an open meeting or cited by the Bar in connection with any of its actions.
 - h. Manuals, policies, and procedures, developed by Bar staff, that are directly related to the performance of investigatory, disciplinary, or regulatory functions, except as may be specifically made public by court rule;
 - i. Applications for employment with the Bar, including the names of applicants, resumes, and other related materials submitted with respect to an applicant.
 - j. The residential addresses and residential telephone numbers of Bar employees or volunteers which are held by the Bar in personnel records, employment or volunteer rosters, or mailing lists of employees or volunteers.
 - k. Information that identifies a person who, while a Bar employee:

- 1) Seeks advice, under an informal process established by the Bar, in order to ascertain his or her rights in connection with a potentially discriminatory or unfair employment practice; and
 - 2) requests his or her identity or any identifying information not be disclosed.
- l. Membership information; however
 - 1) status, business addresses, business telephones, facsimile numbers, electronic mail addresses (unless the member has requested that it not be made public), bar number, and dates of admission, shall not be exempt, provided that, for reasons of personal security or other compelling reason, the Executive Director may, on an annual basis, approve the confidentiality of any such information; and
 - 2) age information may be used as a criterion for eligibility for membership in a WSBA committee or section, but only when used in conjunction with year of admission.
 - m. Applications for admission to the Bar and related records;
 - n. Information which would identify bar examiners responsible for writing and/or grading specific bar exam questions;
 - o. Proceedings and records of the Board of Bar Examiners;
 - p. Proceedings and records of the Law Clerk Board, including information, records, or documents received or compiled that relate to any application for admission to the Law Clerk program, or to the retention of any current participant in the Law Clerk program;
 - q. Proceedings and records of the Practice of Law Board, including information, records, or documents received or compiled regarding the investigation, or potential investigation, of any incident or alleged incident of the unauthorized practice of law;
 - r. Proceedings and records of the Character and Fitness Board, including information, records, or documents received or compiled that relate to any application for admission, special admission, special licensing, or change of membership status or class, except where those proceedings are specifically made public by court rule;
 - s. Records relating to requests by members for ethics opinions to the extent that they contain information identifying the member or a party to the inquiry,
 - t. Proceedings and records of the Judicial Recommendation Committee,
 - u. Records and proceedings of any Fee Arbitration Program, Mediation Program, or other alternative dispute resolution program which may be administered by the Bar,
 - v. Records and proceedings of the Personnel and Awards Committees,
 - w. Records and proceedings of the Hearing Officer Selection Panel, except as made public by the Panel;
 - x. Personnel records of Bar employees, whether permanent, temporary, or contract, except for information relating to compensation for job classifications, verifying periods of employment or, when specifically requested, the Executive Director's current annual compensation; and
 - y. Any other documents or records made confidential by statute, court rule, or court order.

The above exempted information will be redacted from the specific records sought. Statistical information not descriptive of any readily identifiable person or persons will be disclosed.

6. Responses to requests for Bar records shall be made promptly by the Bar. In acknowledging receipt of a records request that is unclear, the Bar may ask the requestor to clarify what information the requestor is seeking. If the requestor fails to clarify the request, the Bar need not respond to it. Denials of requests must be accompanied by a written statement of the specific reasons therefor.
7. Whenever the Executive Director concludes that a Bar record is exempt from disclosure and denies a person opportunity to inspect or copy such record for that reason, the person may appeal that decision to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall provide the person with its written opinion on whether the record is exempt.
8. The disclosure of information under this section should not violate an individual's right to privacy by amounting to a disclosure of information about that person that 1) would be highly offensive to a reasonable person, or 2) is not of legitimate concern to the public.
9. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require publication in the Washington Administrative Code or the maintenance of indexes of records.

XIV. INDEMNIFICATION

A. GENERALLY

1. The Bar shall provide indemnification to qualified indemnitees for liabilities arising out of qualified actions.
 - a. A qualified indemnitee is a person who is or was an officer, member of the Board of Governors, member of the staff of the Bar, or is serving at the request or appointment of the Bar as a member of any board, committee, task force, or other WSBA entity.
 - b. A qualified action is an action in good faith within the course and scope of the authority expressly or impliedly delegated by applicable Supreme Court Rule, policy adopted by the Board of Governors, or by the Executive Director within his or her authority.
2. Each qualified indemnitee who is a party to, or is threatened to be made a party to, or is involved in any threatened, pending, or completed claim, action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that the indemnitee, or a person of whom the indemnitee is a legal representative, is, or was, an officer or member of the Board of Governors, member of the staff of the Bar, or a member of a board, committee, task force, or other WSBA entity formed by the Board of Governors, shall be defended, indemnified, and held harmless by the Bar against all expenses, liability, and losses (including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by the indemnitee in connection therewith. The Board of Governors shall have the right, as a condition of granting indemnification, to approve in advance the choice of counsel as well as any settlement by the person requesting indemnification. The Board shall not unreasonably withhold its approval.

B. CUMULATIVE, NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT

The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which any person seeking indemnification may be entitled under law or under any bylaw, agreement, vote of the Board of Governors or members of the Bar, or otherwise.

XV. KELLER DEDUCTION

As a mandatory bar association, the Bar may not use compulsory license fees of any member who objects to that use for political or ideological activities that are not germane, or reasonably related, to regulating the legal profession or improving the quality of legal services. *Keller v. State Bar of California*, 496 U.S. 1 (1990). These activities are considered “nonchargeable.” The Bar may use compulsory license fees for all other activities.

- A. Under Keller, the Bar is required to identify that portion of mandatory license fees that go to “nonchargeable” activities and establish a system whereby objecting members may either deduct that portion of their fees or receive a refund. The Bar will calculate the Keller deduction prospectively for each fiscal year, using that fiscal year’s budget and the actual activities of the Bar during the prior fiscal year. The process to be followed in calculating the Keller deduction will be as set forth in the Keller Deduction Policy. When calculating the Keller deduction, the Bar shall use a conservative test for determining whether an individual activity is chargeable or nonchargeable. When in doubt, the Bar will err in favor of the membership by considering activities to be nonchargeable even when a reasonable argument could be made that such activities were chargeable.
- B. Notice of the amount of the Keller deduction will be included with the annual licensing information provided to members, and detailed information regarding the calculation of the deduction will be posted on the Bar’s website. Members admitted to the Bar during the course of a year will be advised of this notice with their initial fee statements. Such members may demand arbitration within 45 days following receipt of the notification. If arbitration is pending at the date of delivery of a demand for arbitration submitted pursuant to this paragraph, the newly admitted member's demand will be consolidated with the pending arbitration. All of the provisions of this Article shall otherwise apply to demands for arbitration filed by newly admitted members.
- C. Except for requests for arbitration submitted by newly admitted members pursuant to Paragraph (B) above, any member requesting arbitration of the calculation of the amount of the Keller deduction for a licensing year must deliver a written request for arbitration to the Executive Director on or before February 1 of the licensing year in which the deduction is being challenged. Delivery may be made in person or by first-class mail, and mailed demands will be deemed delivered upon mailing. Demands shall include the name and address of the member or members demanding arbitration, a brief statement of the claim or objection, identifying each

challenged activity with such specificity as to allow the Bar to respond, and the signature of each objecting member.

1. Within 14 days of receipt of a timely demand for arbitration, the Bar will submit the matter to the Chief Justice of the Washington Supreme Court for appointment of an impartial arbitrator.
2. All timely demands for arbitration, including any timely demands received after submission of one earlier received, will be consolidated.
3. A member demanding arbitration is required to pay his or her license fee and assessments, excepting the amount in dispute, on a timely basis as otherwise required by these Bylaws. Failure to pay the fees and assessments, other than the amount in dispute, by the requisite date may result in suspension as provided by these Bylaws or applicable court rules.
4. Unless the parties agree to a different schedule, a hearing will be held within 30 days of the appointment of the arbitrator. The arbitrator will determine the date, time, and location of the arbitration hearing(s) and will so notify the parties at least 15 days prior to the hearing(s).
5. The burden is on the member(s), as a condition of arbitration, to identify each challenged activity with such specificity as to allow the Bar to respond. The burden is on the Bar to establish the accuracy of the determination of the Keller calculation. Members demanding arbitration will have access to the financial records upon which the Bar based the determination of the amount of fee that can be withheld. These records will be available for inspection and copying during normal business hours. Copying will be at the member's expense.
6. At the hearing(s), the parties will be permitted to participate personally or through counsel admitted to practice in the state of Washington. All parties will be given the opportunity to present evidence and to present arguments in support of their positions. The following rules will apply to the arbitration proceedings:
 - a. There will be no transcripts or post-hearing briefs; except, however, post-arbitration motions for reconsideration or clarification are permitted.
 - b. The arbitrator will issue a written opinion, stating the reasons for the decision, within 14 days of the close of the hearing. The opinion will be brief and will be based on the evidence and arguments presented.
 - c. The arbitrator will be compensated at an hourly rate established pursuant to BOG policy for the hearing, preparation, and study time, and will be reimbursed for all necessary expenses of the arbitration. The Bar will pay for the arbitrator's services.
 - d. The arbitration is not a judicial proceeding but is sui generis. Except for production of documents as set forth in Paragraph 5 above, or as may be stipulated to by the parties, there is no discovery, and the civil rules, arbitration rules, rules of evidence, and other court rules will not apply.
7. The arbitrator will have no authority to add, subtract, set aside, or delete from any court rule or these Bylaws.
8. The scope of the arbitration is limited to reviewing the challenged activities specified for the purpose of determining whether the Bar has correctly calculated the Keller deduction, and

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the sole relief potentially available through arbitration is a change in the amount of the named parties' Keller deduction for that licensing year.

9. The arbitration will be binding and the decision of the arbitrator final, with no right of trial de novo or appeal.

XVI. AMENDMENTS

- A. These Bylaws may be amended by the BOG at any regular meeting of the BOG, or at any special meeting of the BOG called for that purpose under the terms of these Bylaws.
- B. All proposed bylaw amendments must be posted on the Bar's website and presented for "first reading" at least one BOG meeting prior to the meeting at which the BOG votes on the proposed amendment, and the BOG will not vote on any proposed bylaw amendment at the meeting at which the amendment is originally proposed, except as may be allowed below.
- C. For good cause shown under exceptional circumstances these Bylaws may be amended on an emergency basis, without the prior notice required above, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the BOG; however, any such amendment will be effective only until notice is given and a vote taken pursuant to the procedures set forth above.
- D. Notice of all bylaw amendments adopted by the BOG must be prominently posted on the Bar's website within 14 days of the BOG's vote on the amendment.

XVII. EMERGENCY AMENDMENT; PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY (EXPIRES APRIL 24, 2020)

- A. During the COVID-19 emergency, the WSBA President is granted discretion to reasonably modify, extend, or make exceptions to the dates, deadlines, or communication procedures in the current Admissions Policies, and exam administration guidelines and policies, when necessary to comply with court, state, health department, or other authorized Coronavirus responses, on the condition that all actions must comply with court rules, court orders, and with the NCBE's requirements for secure administration of the bar exam.
- B. During the COVID-19 emergency, the WSBA President is granted limited authority to temporarily substitute electronic documents and processes for in-person or paper documents and processes outlined in the WSBA Bylaws. This specifically includes the authority to conduct elections electronically and permit the Election Board to be present electronically during the counting of any paper ballots received.
- C. During the COVID-19 emergency, the WSBA President is granted limited authority to temporarily substitute remote attendance at meetings when in person attendance is outlined in the WSBA Bylaws. This specifically include the authority to authorized Governors and Officers to attend Board meetings remotely.
- D. Provisions of this amendment shall be rescinded on April 24, 2020.

TO: WSBA Board of Governors
FROM: Washington Young Lawyers Committee
Julianne Unite, Member Services and Engagement Manager
RE: WSBA Bylaws Amendments—Proposed Changes Young Lawyer Title and Definition
DATE: January ____, 2022

ACTION: Approve proposed WSBA Bylaws Amendments to Section XII. Young Lawyers

1. Introduction and Summary of Request

Over the past year and a half, the Washington Young Lawyers Committee (WYLC) has discussed the benefits of and drawbacks to amending Section XII of the Bylaws (the “Bylaws”) of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA). This discussion was, in part, a response to initiatives from other jurisdictions around the country to expand the notion of what it means to be a “new” or “young” lawyer. As a result of this discussion, the WYLC has determined that an amendment to Section XII will serve its constituents and further the WSBA’s Guiding Principles; the WSBA’s mission to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice; and Washington GR 12.2. Specifically, the purpose of this proposed amendment is to (1) promote diversity and inclusion within the bar and facilitate access to justice; (2) enhance member engagement; and (3) extend reach of the WYLC’s programming and services to members wishing to benefit from those programming and services.

Section XII, currently titled “Young Lawyers,” includes two subsections, one that lists the “Purpose” of Section XII and another that lists the “Definition” of who is considered “Young Lawyers” for purposes of qualifying for WYLC membership and participating in certain activities.¹ The current version of Section XII is as follows:

XII. YOUNG LAWYERS

A. PURPOSE

There will be a member segment within the Bar identified as “Young Lawyers” for the purposes of encouraging the interest and participation of (i) new and young lawyers and law students in the activities of the Bar; and (ii) developing and conducting programs of interest and value to new and young lawyers consistent with the focus areas of public service and pro bono programs, transition to

¹ For some WSBA programming, e.g., New Member Education (NME), the WSBA uses a separate new member definition that will be unaffected by this proposed Bylaws amendment.

practice, and member outreach and leadership; and (iii) upholding and supporting the Guiding Principles of the Bar.

B. DEFINITION

Active lawyer members of the Bar will be considered Young Lawyers until the last day of December of the year in which the member attains the age of 36 years or until the last day of December of the fifth year after the year in which such member first was admitted to practice as a lawyer in any state, whichever is later.

As written, Section XII excludes categories constituents who would benefit from the WYLC's programming and services but, due to immutable circumstances not currently accounted for under the rule, would not qualify as a "Young Lawyer". Examples of situations where constituents might be excluded include, but are not limited to, WYLC membership, WYLC awards and scholarships, Young Lawyer Liaison to Sections program, and eligibility for the At large Young Lawyer Governor seat. In support of a potential amendment, the WYLC surveyed its constituents to obtain additional feedback and assess support for a broader, more inclusive version of Section XII that promotes diversity and inclusion within our legal community. In response to the results of the survey, as well as its ongoing discussion, the WYLC concluded that Section XII should be amended to provide broader coverage to new and young attorneys within Washington state. Specifically, the WYLC proposes an amendment to Section XII that: (1) changes the term "Young Lawyers" to "New and Young Lawyers"; (2) removes the currently imposed age restriction of 36 years old; and (3) extends the years of practice requirement to 10 years. With these changes, other sections of the Bylaws referring to "Young Lawyers" would need to be revised to reflect the updated term "New and Young Lawyers". These sections include Section VI.A.2.b., Section VI.C., Section VI.F.2., and Section XI.F.4. The WYLC further recommends that use of the acronym "WYLC" be replaced with "WNYLC."

2. Discussion

a. History and Approach of Other Jurisdictions

During its September 14, 2019, a WYLC member reported that the American Bar Association had recently voted on changing the definition of a "young lawyer" and notified the WYLC that other jurisdictions were assessing similar changes throughout the country. The WYLC began discussing whether the WSBA's of "Young Lawyers" should be modified in response to a broader initiative across all jurisdictions. In doing so, the WYLC looked at narrower examples, such as the definition of "young lawyers" the [American Bar Association](#) imposes, as well as broader examples, such as the definition used in [New York](#) (no age restriction; open to "attorneys admitted 10 years or less"). Other jurisdictions, including the neighboring [State of Oregon](#) ("[e]very lawyer who has practiced six years or less, or is 36 years old or younger (whichever is later) is automatically a member of the ONLD"), take an intermediate approach. The WYLC noted that the current version of Section XII tracks the narrowest definition of "young lawyers" that the WYLC could find.

The WYLC also considered other initiatives to promote the inclusion of “new” and “young” lawyers in other organizations, including the King County Bar Association’s recent initiative to change the name of its “Young Lawyers Division” to “New Lawyers Division”—with a stated mission of “further[ing] the objectives of new and aspiring lawyers by representing the diverse interests of the Division’s members to the Association and the legal community, creating opportunities for continuing legal education, mentoring, and networking, as well as addressing the needs of the community through pro bono and volunteer service.”

Through this process, the WYLC identified an opportunity to revise WSBA’s definition of “young lawyers”, garnered preliminary support for the project, and began charting a course to determine what, if any, amendments to Section XII the WYLC should propose.

b. Stakeholder Feedback

As an initial step, the WYLC resolved to determine whether its constituents felt that an amendment was needed. On June 1, 2020, the WSBA surveyed its new members about a potential revision to the WSBA’s definition of “Young Lawyer.” The pertinent survey questions, and the corresponding responses, were as follows:

Question	Response (%)		
	Yes	No	No Opinion
Q30. Should the WSBA consider amending the WSBA definition of a young lawyer to remove the age restriction and extend the years of practice to 10 years?	<u>49.55%</u>	20.47%	29.97%
Q31. Does the current WSBA's young lawyer definition accurately reflect your understanding of a "young lawyer"? ²	<u>41.84%</u>	32.64%	22.55%
Q32. Should the age restriction (36 years or younger) remain in the definition of WSBA young lawyer?	18.34%	<u>55.92%</u>	25.74%
Q34. Should the WSBA young lawyer name and definition align with the definition of a WSBA member, which includes lawyers, limited license legal technicians (LLTs), and limited practice officers (LPOs)?	28.57%	<u>36.31%</u>	35.12%

In addition to these questions, the survey asked whether “the years of practice (5 years or less) be extended in WSBA’s definition of a young lawyer and, if so, to how many?” (**Q33**) 25.82% of respondents said no. 3.26% of respondents said yes, to six (6) years. 8.61% of respondents said yes, to seven (7) years. 6.53% of respondents said yes, to eight (8) years. 0.30% of respondents said yes, to nine (9) years. 27.89% of the respondents said yes, to ten (10) years. 24.93% of respondents had no opinion.

² 2.97% of respondents stated that they do not understand the definition of “young lawyer.”

The WYLC also received unsolicited feedback from other members of the WSBA in support of a proposed amendment. For example, we received notification that international attorneys who recently moved to Washington state are interested in participating in the WYLC's networking programs, such as the Mentor Link Mixer, as part of their job hunt. Yet, many of these members do not qualify under the existing definition, since they are over age 36 or have been licensed to practice law in another jurisdiction for greater than five years. Through its outreach and discussion with other WSBA members, the WYLC broadly observed that, although there may only be a handful of constituents who fall at the margins of the existing version of Section XII (and who would thus benefit from a more inclusive definition), those individuals feel strongly about their need to be included within the purview of Section XII.

c. WYLC Analysis

The survey results, as well as the WYLC's outreach efforts and informal discussions with constituents, reflected popular support for an amendment to Section XII. At its next meeting, the WYLC conferred on a series of tentative changes designed to implement the feedback it received. Specifically, the WYLC solicited discussion and debate on the following proposals:

1. Current definition should be amended to reflect constituent responses to Q30 and Q31. Amendments should remove age restriction and extend years of practice to 10 years pursuant to responses to Q30.
2. Remove "until the last day of December of the year in which the member attains the age of 36 years or" and ", whichever is later" to reflect constituent responses to Q30 and Q32.
3. Replace "fifth" with "tenth" to reflect constituent responses to Q30 and Q33.
4. Change "[a]ctive lawyer members of the Bar" to "[a]ctive members of the Bar" pursuant to constituent responses to Q34 and overarching purpose of proposed amendment to be more inclusive..

The WYLC also discussed whether (1) the phrase "first admitted to practice as a lawyer in **any state**" (emphasis added) should be changed to "first was admitted to practice as a lawyer in Washington state" and (2) whether the term "Young Lawyer" should be revised to be more inclusive and less age-focused.

WYLC members largely favored extending the "years of practice" requirement to ten years and removing the age restriction altogether. A concern was raised that, by removing the age restriction and extending the "years of practice" requirement, we would defeat the purpose of what it means to be a young lawyer. WYLC members noted that other services and programming, such as discounts on CLEs for new members, are available to constituents who do not fit within Section XII's current restrictions. Other members noted that, if someone within this category wished to participate in a WYLC program, or utilize a new member benefit, there was no significant reason to deny them that opportunity—particularly since the WYLC rarely meets its capacity at outreach events under the existing version of Section XII. The consensus was that, in practice, there appears to be little downside to offering these opportunities to a larger segment of the WSBA and offering "new" and "young" lawyer services and benefits to a broader group of attorneys.

The WYLC raised the practical implications (and shortcomings) of maintaining an age restriction and shorter “years of practice” requirement. For example, a new attorney admitted to the bar at the age of 37 would automatically be precluded from relying on the age-component of the existing Section XII.B. for purposes of leveraging the benefits of the WYLC and WSBA, such as WYLC membership, WYLC awards and scholarships, Young Lawyer Liaison to Sections program, and eligibility for the At large Young Lawyer Governor seat. Although the WYLC noted that the “years of experience” component was designed to protect against this scenario, the WYLC discussed additional circumstances in which the existing language might be unfairly restrictive. For example, a person admitted to the WSBA at 37, has a child at age 38, and chooses to withdraw from practice for the next five years, would be precluded from receiving new lawyer privileges of the WYLC upon returning to practice—even though this person could still benefit from those privileges and new member services.

Through this discussion, the WYLC observed that the current restrictions might therefore impose restrictions on less advantaged segments of the WSBA, such as attorneys providing for single-parent households, attorneys tending to an elderly or sick family member, attorneys experiencing chronic illnesses or other medical conditions, and other attorneys whose life circumstances might require them to step away from their practice during the period in which they would qualify under the existing version of Section XII. In these scenarios, a person returning to practice after the age of 36 and after five years of admittance would unfairly be precluded from enjoying certain new member benefits and services.

The WYLC also considered situations in which the “[a]ctive lawyer members of the Bar” component of Section XII.B. might be unduly restrictive. For example, a person over the age of 36 might relocate to Washington after being barred in another state for over five years. Although that person might benefit from WYLC services, including for example networking events and opportunities to meet local attorneys who are also new to the legal community, they would be excluded from receiving information and updates and these events and opportunities under the existing definition. The WYLC agreed that, for this reason, the triggering event should be when a lawyer is first admitted to Washington state, rather than a different state.

The WYLC unanimously agreed that the term “Young Lawyers” should be modified to more accurately reflect the other proposed changes to Section XII and to be less age-focused. WYLC members agreed that, even under the existing version of Section XII, an attorney who is not necessarily young (because they did not enter the legal profession until later in life), but who qualifies under the “years of experience” prong, might either feel excluded under the existing terminology or not be aware that they qualify for the corresponding benefits and programming. Comparatively, the WYLC could not identify any legitimate reason to maintain the existing terminology, so long as the amended terminology accurately reflects the intended membership.

Finally, the WYLC believes that the pros and cons of the proposed amendment should be weighed in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. New and young lawyers entering the legal market are faced with unique challenges that attorneys did not experience in the pre-pandemic world. The WYLC observed that, in the “remote” and “virtual” world we currently live in, a larger segment of the bar is likely looking for more opportunities to network

with peers, develop mentorship relationships, and provide volunteer services. By providing services to a larger segment of the bar, the WYLC can fill this projected need.

d. Implementation Implications and Fiscal Impact of Proposed Amendment

The WYLC discussed whether an amendment to cover a broader segment of the WSBA might overextend the WYLC's resources and require budget changes. As of December 31, 2020, 8,387 lawyers qualified under the existing definition of "Young Lawyer." Had the proposed amendment been in place at that time, 11,941 lawyers would qualify as a "New and Young Lawyer". The WYLC does not currently foresee the need for additional outreach events, increased scholarships, or changes to meeting costs as a result of the proposed amendment. For these reasons, the WYLC does not currently anticipate any increase in any of the three expense line items associated with the WYLC (55266 WYLC Outreach Events; 58525 WYLC ABA Scholarship; 55270 WYL Committee). Although new WSBA members receive a discount on licensing within their first few years of practice, the WYLC is not proposing any change to that policy at this time. Should the proposed Bylaws amendment be implemented, the WYLC will endeavor to fill one of its seats with a member who qualifies within the newly amended language (e.g., an attorney over 36 years and who has been practicing between five and ten years). The WYLC anticipates questions from constituents concerning the amendment and will be prepared to address those questions.

3. Proposed Amendment & Rule Compliance

The proposed amendment agreed upon by the WYLC, reflected in redline, is enclosed as **Exhibit A**. The changes reflected in these enclosures are intended to address the considerations discussed above. If adopted, other references in the Bylaws to "Young Lawyer(s)" will need to be updated to "New and Young Lawyer(s)", as reflected in **Exhibit A**.

This Bylaw Amendment was approved by the WYLC on May 8, 2021 by a majority vote of [#] with [#] dissenting votes and [#] of abstaining votes. Section XVI. Amendments of the WSBA Bylaws governs the next steps of this proposed amendment. Under Subsection A., the Bylaws "may be amended by the BOG at any regular meeting of the BOG" "All proposed bylaw amendments must be posted on the Bar's website and presented for "first reading" at least one BOG meeting prior to the meeting at which the BOG votes on the proposed amendment, and the BOG will not vote on any proposed bylaw amendment at the meeting at which the amendment is originally proposed" Section XVI.B.

The WYLC respectfully requests that, in compliance with the requirements of Section XVI, the BOG post the proposed amendment to the Bar's website and present for "first reading" at least one BOG meeting prior to the meeting at which the BOG votes on the proposed amendment. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, or need anything else from the WYLC.

Thank you,

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