

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

SECTION ANNUAL REPORT – 2019

Deadline: Friday, December 6, 2019

Email Annual Report to: sections@wsba.org

Name of the Section:	<i>Antitrust, Consumer Protection, and Unfair Business Practices Section</i>	
Chair:	<i>Eric Weiss and Danica Noble</i>	
Section Information: <i>*To be completed by WSBA*</i>	Membership Size: <i>(As of December 15, 2019)</i>	226
	Staff Lead:	Eleen Trang
	BOG Liaison:	P. J. Grabicki
	FY19 revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2019</i>	\$6,819.67
	FY19 direct expenses (\$): <i>(As of September 30, 2019; does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$1,736.33
Purpose:	To encourage interest, quality, and comradery in the practice of antitrust, consumer protection, and unfair business practices law in the State of Washington.	
2019 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:	<p>Our Section has had three major accomplishments in 2019.</p> <p>First, we continue to produce numerous mini-CLEs on varied topics with guest speakers and member-produced content. This year’s mini-CLEs included: The Future of Antitrust; Consumer Protection Legislative Update; Ninth Circuit Update (with Judge McKeown); Hear from the Enforcers (FTC and WA AG’s Office); and Healthcare and Monopsony, thoughts by FTC Commissioner Rebecca Slaughter.</p> <p>Second, the section hosted its annual Antitrust Law Day and Consumer Protection Law Half Day in coordination with Seattle</p>	

	<p>University and University of Washington law schools. Like past years, the event was well-attended.</p> <p>Finally, the Section is in the process of administering six \$500 grants. The grants will be awarded to students at Washington’s three law schools. To apply, students will be invited to submit a 1-page essay describing why the practice of antitrust or, alternatively, the practice of consumer protection law is important. Professors at each school will select a winner for each essay topic. The two winners selected from each school will be provided \$500 and their names and essays will be published in a newsletter to the Section. We hope to make this an annual Section activity.</p>	
<p>Please quantify your section’s current member benefits:</p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	<p>Quantity</p>	<p>Member Benefit</p>
	<p>6 (\$500) In process</p>	<p>Scholarships, donations, grants awarded</p>
	<p>2</p>	<p>Law school outreach events/benefits hosted</p>
	<p>36</p>	<p>Legislative bills reviewed/drafted</p>
	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Newsletters produced</p>
	<p>6</p>	<p>Mini-CLEs produced</p>
	<p>1</p>	<p>Co-sponsored half/day to multi-day CLEs with WSBA</p>
	<p>2</p>	<p>Receptions/forums hosted</p>
	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Awards given</p>
	<p>2</p>	<p>New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits</p>
	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Other (please describe):</p>
<p>2020 Goals & Priorities (Top 5)</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>To standardize our grant program offered to students at law schools in Washington interested in antitrust and consumer protection law.</p>
	<p>2</p>	<p>Continue to produce and deliver quality continuing legal education.</p>
	<p>3</p>	<p>Improve our Section communication and marketing.</p>
	<p>4</p>	<p>Recruit new members.</p>

	5	Publish at least one newsletter.
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Please report how this section is addressing diversity:

(Are you using any of the tools provided by WSBA and if so, how? Have you sought out training or consultation from the Diversity Specialist? 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 section done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession?)

In February, we plan to host a mini-CLE on working with and mentoring (both formally and informally) law students and young lawyers in the antitrust and consumer protection world. The CLE will be followed by a networking event. Prior to putting this together, two section executive committee members attended a diversity and inclusion program for legal intern supervisors at the University of Washington. We will incorporate best practices learned at that program into the CLE. We have also contacted EEOC office members to ask for further suggestions on the program.

In addition, the executive committee regularly welcomes visitors to its meetings, and the executive committee is given opportunities to add to the agenda before the meetings, during the meetings, and after the meetings. Contributions are widely solicited.

Finally, to promote interest in our section and in antitrust and consumer protection generally, we have long-standing events at law schools that expose students to these practice areas and make practitioners available for questions. Our executive committee members also meet with interested students and legal professionals who want to learn more about antitrust and consumer protection.

We would be happy to learn how the Diversity Specialist could assist in our efforts.

Please report how this section is addressing professionalism:

(Does the section’s work promote respect and civility within the legal community? Does it seek to improve relationships between and among lawyers, judges, staff and clients? Does it raise awareness about the causes and/or consequences of unprofessional behavior?)

In the past, the Section has offered networking opportunities and tips for successful networking at conferences. We also encourage our members to propose ideas for CLEs or events that are meaningful to them and always aim to host one ethics-themed CLE each year. We co-sponsor events with other sections and invite a range of speakers. Finally, our executive committee members serve as volunteer judges on the moot court/mock trials at local law schools.

Please report how this section is integrating new and young lawyers into its work:

(How have you brought new and young lawyers into your decision making process? Has the section supported new and young lawyers by (for example) helping to find and prepare them for employment, assisting with debt management, building community, and providing leadership opportunities?)

We always try to recruit a young lawyer liaison and engage them in our process with meaningful work and opportunities to develop programs in which they are interested. Our new young lawyer liaison, Paula, is very engaged and has many ideas for how to increase engagement of other young lawyers. In addition, our newest executive committee members include young lawyers. Our Section has also been a part of Antitrust Day for more than a

decade. This event brings practitioners of competition law in front of law students at Seattle University and University of Washington. Finally, we have a pizza reception and networking event following our Consumer Protection Law Half –Day at Perkins Coie with participation with many law students as well.

Please describe your Executive Committee’s relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.

For example:

- *Quality of WSBA staff support/services provided to Section Executive Committee*
- *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison*
- *Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support services to sections.*

Our WSBA staff liaison and point people have been responsive and helpful. Our interactions with the BOG have been minimal.

The Section believes that WSBA staff could improve attendance at mini-CLEs or other programming by providing reminders (automated or otherwise) to those who have registered 24-48 hours before the event. Another idea is sending registration confirmations as calendar invites.

Note: Annual Reports will be provided to the WSBA Executive Director, Board of Governors and posted on your section’s webpage. We encourage you to share the Annual Report with your BOG liaison and section membership.

Reports are scheduled to be included in the January 2020 BOG Meeting Materials.

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