



## WSBASections

### WSBA ANIMAL LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT – FY18

<b>Name of the Section:</b>	<i>Animal Law Section</i>	
<b>Chair:</b>	<i>Gemma Zanowski</i>	
<b>Section Information:</b> <i>As of September 30, 2018</i>  <i>*To be completed by WSBA*</i>	Membership Size:	111
	Staff Lead:	Patrick Mead
	BOG Liaison:	James Doane
	FY18 revenue: \$	\$3,070 (as of August 31, 2018)
	FY18 direct expenses: \$ <i>(does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$2,112.71 (as of August 31, 2018)
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of the Section shall be to seek the participation of all interested members of the Bar and other interested non-Bar members.	
<b>2017-2018 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:</b>	<p>Our major focus this year has been on networking with and establishing a collaborative national front for animal law and animal lawyers. To further our goal we have:</p> <p>Coordinated and participated in Animal Law Summit, a multi-country CLE and networking experience spearheaded by this ALS section in 2015.</p> <p>Working on coordinating a joint CLE with the Idaho Bar Association, likely to be held Spring 2019 in Coeur d'Alene.</p>	
	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Member Benefit</b>

<p><b>Please quantify your section's current member benefits:</b></p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</li> <li>• 4 mini-CLEs produced</li> </ul>	\$500	Scholarships, donations, grants awarded
		Law school outreach events/benefits hosted
		Legislative bills reviewed/drafted
		Newsletters produced
		Mini-CLEs produced
		Co-sponsored half/day to multi-day CLEs with WSBA
		Receptions/forums hosted
		Awards given
	1	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	1	Other (please describe): co-sponsored multi-state CLE
<p><b>2018-2019 Goals &amp; Priorities (Top 5)</b></p>	1	Plan and hold 2 mini-CLEs on timely animal law topics
	2	Plan, coordinate and participate in the Fifth Annual Animal Law Summit
	3	Continue planning 2019 CLE with the Idaho Bar Association
	4	Recruit new members and leadership with diversity a priority
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<p><b>Please report how this section is addressing diversity:</b></p> <p>(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?)</p> <p>We have not used any of the tools provided by the WSBA and are unaware of what those tools are. We would be interested in learning what these tools are, what the Diversity Specialist can help us with. We are always interested in increasing the diversity of our section and in our board leadership. From a diversity perspective, presently our board consists of four women, one of whom is an ethnic minority, and four men. Unfortunately, we do not have a large section and historically do not generate a large pool of interested candidates for board membership.</p>		

**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?)

Our section is small and professionalism has never been an issue within the section. We have a listserv which we monitor for unprofessional responses, with the intention of fostering only respectful dialogue. Because the section and the practice area are small, we tend to see the same faces, which also fosters collegiality.

**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?)

ALS members represent all stages of a legal career, from new graduates trying to make a living in animal law to senior lawyers doing pro bono animal law cases. Animal law is an emerging practice that attracts young lawyers. ALS benefits are designed to provide assistance to members at all levels, with emphasis on younger lawyers who dominate our membership. ALS board member Jessica Johnson is a new/young lawyer with a recently-established animal law practice.

**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.*

It's been fine. We are reminded of upcoming deadlines for the most part. But there's not a really cohesive feel to the relationship. We are a small section. What works for us probably is not what works for the larger sections. Our contacts at WSBA seem to change at least yearly; it's hard to keep track of who is doing what.