

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## 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 Boards<sup>1</sup>), 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 Monday, October 17:** Please submit by emailing to Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor at [carolynm@wsba.org](mailto:carolynm@wsba.org).

<b>Name of Entity:</b>	Animal Law Section of the WSBA
<b>Chair or Co-Chairs:</b>	Leila Arefi-Pour
<b>Staff Liaison:</b> <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
<b>Board of Governors Liaison:</b>	Nam Nguyen and Kari Petrasek
<b>Purpose of Entity:</b> <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
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>Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:</b>	
By providing a forum for members to exchange ideas, study, and understand laws, regulations, and case law pertaining to all areas of Animal Law. By providing full-day, half-day and mini CLEs for the benefit of section members, other interested members of the Bar and other interested non-Bar members; by sending representatives from the Section to speak at and participate in the annual Animal Law Summit; and by holding regular meetings to conduct the business of the Section. By publishing and furnishing to members of the section written materials and documents subject to approval by the Bar and/or the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Bar to further the objectives of the Section. 4 By providing an animal law list serve to members. By publishing informational pamphlets to the public on legal issues pertaining to animals. By undertaking such	

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other service consistent with these and the Bar's Bylaws, and applicable rules and policies, as may be of benefit to the members, the legal profession, and the public. By acting as a liaison between the Bar, its Board of Governors, Animal Law Sections of other States, counties, and cities

**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"?**

The Animal Law Section's purpose helps further the mission of the WSBA by providing resources, a forum for professionals handling animal related cases, information, and educational opportunities. Animal law and animal related cases are a niche area of the law. There are generally no or very few specific laws that are dedicated to the practice of animal law. So, practitioners taking on animal cases must think outside the box and employ laws from every area of law. Without the animal law section, this important area of law would go unrecognized by the bar essentially ignoring the suffering of our nonhuman animal friends and the attorneys who take on these difficult cases.

**2021 -2022 Entity Accomplishments:**

Animal Law CLE 10/12/2022- Animal Law in Practice- A Collection of Case Studies.

**Looking Ahead: 2022-2023 Top Goals & Priorities:**

**1 Listserv updates**

**2 Mini CLE's and 2023 CLE**

**3 Form bank for animal law cases**

**4 Guides for practitioners on state laws.**

**5 Advice for Law students wishing to pursue animal law as part of their practice in WA.**

**Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion:**

*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?*

**In selecting its nominees, it has been the responsibility of the nominating committee to bear in mind the need for broad representation on the executive committee, based on geography, diversity of practice, special expertise, and other factors of diversity.**

**Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA.**

*For example:*

- *Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions*
- *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison*
- *Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.*

**Sally Romero and Rex Nolte were invaluable for the CLE. We could not have done it without them.**

<p><b>SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2021-2022 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>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Newsletters/publications 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):
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<p><b>SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2021-2022 legislative activity.</b></p>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Bills reviewed
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Bills tracked
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Comments proposed
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Bills proposed/drafted
<p><b>Entity Detail &amp; Demographics Report:</b>  <i>To Be Completed by WSBA Staff</i></p>		
Size of Entity:	9	
Membership Size: (for Sections Only) <i>(As of September 30, 2022)</i>	90	

<b>Number of Applicants for FY23</b> <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	0
<b>Number of current volunteer vacancies for this entity</b>	7
<b>FY22 Revenue (\$):</b> <b>For Sections Only:</b> <i>As of September 30, 2022</i>	\$2,114.46
<b>Direct Expenses:</b> <i>As of September 30, 2022. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	\$1,527.67

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<sup>i</sup> Supreme Court Boards (Access to Justice Board, Disciplinary Board, LLLT Board, Limited Practice Board, MCLE Board and Practice of Law Board) provide annual reports to WSBA to support its responsibility under [GR 12.3](#), to provide oversight and monitor compliance with applicable rules and orders. Boards have the option to use the WSBA template or to share their annual reports to the Washington Supreme Court.