



WSBA Sections

WSBA SECTION ANNUAL REPORT – FY18

Name of the Section:	<i>Construction Law</i>	
Chair:	<i>Jason T. Piskel</i>	
Section Information: <i>As of September 30, 2018</i> <i>*To be completed by WSBA*</i>	Membership Size:	520
	Staff Lead:	Eleen Trang
	BOG Liaison:	Dan Bridges
	FY18 revenue: \$	\$14,462.50 (as of 8/31/18)
	FY18 direct expenses: \$ <i>(does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$10,800.35 (as of 8/31/18)
Purpose:	Provide outreach, education, social discussions, and speaking opportunities to lawyers practicing Construction Law in Washington State.	
2017-2018 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granted law student scholarship based upon presented construction law article. • Held one Mini-CLE (1 hour) and dinner • Held an all-day CLE jointly with the Benton Franklin County Legal Aid Society in Kennewick, WA • Held fall forum discussing recent changes to AIA forms • Held a section dinner and CLE at Cutters in Seattle discussing building information modeling. • Held annual mid-year meeting and full-day seminar • Held law student and section member outreach event after annual mid-year CLE • Published 3 newsletters • Continued development of Construction Law Deskbook 	

<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 	Quantity	Member Benefit
	\$2500	Scholarships, donations, grants awarded
	2	Law school outreach events/benefits hosted
		Legislative bills reviewed/drafted
	2	Newsletters produced
	3	Mini-CLEs produced
	1	Co-sponsored half/day to multi-day CLEs with WSBA
	2	Receptions/forums hosted
	1	Awards given
		New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	Other (please describe):	
<p>2018-2019 Goals & Priorities (Top 5)</p>	1	Publish Construction Law Deskbook
	2	Continue outreach to lawyers outside of Seattle & obtain new lawyer members
	3	Promote our existing form documents to membership and general public
	4	Publish 3 newsletters
	5	Have a successful midyear meeting and CLE
<p>Please report how this section is addressing diversity:</p> <p><small>(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?)</small></p> <p>In this and in prior years, the executive committee has successfully focused on geographic diversity and increased gender diversity on the council/executive committee. The primary geographic challenge has been the difficulty in active participation by council members practicing outside the Seattle area. We will inform the membership that there are reimbursement policies to assist with travel costs. With respect to gender diversity, there appear to be a lower percentage of women construction attorneys than in other areas of practice. Despite this, the council has a number of active women members, a woman Chair-elect, a woman Treasurer, and two new female council members (one from outside King County). We are also intent on including more gender diversity in CLE speakers and in outreach</p>		

and have done so. We did not utilize a WSBA diversity specialist because we did not deem it necessary, but we welcome any input.

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?)

The section prides itself on respect, civility and professionalism. We attempt to foster this by the numerous professional and social events that we host throughout the year, and through coordinating with judges to participate in panel discussions.

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 have extensive outreach to law students through our scholarship program, and inclusion of students in CLEs and social events. We have a Young Lawyer Liaison (which we have had in past years), that we include in all council meetings, seek assistance from in CLEs and in newsletter articles and in decision making processes.

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 has been a short period with current staff, but the staff person is responsive. We have no interaction with the BOG.