Washington State Bar Association
Construction Law Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 2026 — 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

In Person Meeting
Ahlers Cressman & Sleight
1325 4th Ave., Suite 1850
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Option via Teams
Meeting ID: 295 044 143 322 072 1
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Phone Number: +1 646-561-8032
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Agenda

- Approval of October Meeting Minutes

- WSBA Fall Section Leaders Meeting
    - Report by Evan Brown

- Financial Report
    - Will Young

- Scholarship – T. Colburn, M. Kutsin, J. Leary, H. Fraga
    - Seattle University
        - M. Kutsin reporting
    - University of Washington
        - J. Leary and H. Frago reporting
        - UW contacts are Kelsey La Bianca and William Langevin
    - Gonzaga University
        - T. Colburn reporting
        - GU contact is Sarah Guzman

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    - Discussion
        - Subcommittee met over UW's input
        - All university contacts would be revisited

- Subcommittee Updates and Assignments

    - CLE Committee – R. English, S. Millstein, B. Sinner, Saki Yamada, Cynthia Park
        - Discussion

- Thank you gift for Kim Oakley? (B.Sinner)
- Topics by November (per Ron) -
    - Pricing of claims, scheduling expert, how to manage and bring impact claims

- Newsletter – Evan Brown and William Young
    - Update
        - Submissions, deadlines, Chair Report (B.Sinner doing post chair report?)
        - Connect with social media for more participants?

- Social/Social Events – Erin Varriano and Travis Colburn
    - Mariners Report – Suite? Kraken? Sounders?
    - Discuss
        - Vote on options or look at prices and then vote on options?

- Community Outreach & DEI – Saki Yamada, John Leary, Jackie Jensen Erler
    - Volunteer Opportunities – Sound Foundations NW
        - Only open the second Sunday of the month 2:00-5:30 PM. Weekday and Saturday hours are 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Weekend calendar opens two months prior on the first of the month at 9:00 AM.
          Interest in spring?
        - Dozer Days volunteers? June 5-6, 2027

- Law School Outreach – Travis Colburn, Rita Kutsin, Scott Noel, Hugo Fraga
    - Updates on Lunch with Lawyers events; "Coffee with Counsel"?
        - Update website - H. Fraga, W. Young, J. Leary, C. Park, W. Scott Noel, R. Kutsin, J. Erler, A. Benson
    - Intersession – On Hold Indefinitely
    - Another panel at UW or Gonzaga?

- Social Media – Cynthia Park and Rita Kutsin
    - Report on posts & engagement

- Elections Committee: Saki Yamada, Bryce Sinner, and Evan Brown
    - No update – too early

- Legislative Committee: Erin Varriano, Jackie Jensen Erler, and Saki Yamada
    - Update

- Lifetime Achievement Award/Awards Committee: Seth Millstein
    - Update in Spring

- Conclusion
    - Discussion of new cases or statutes.
    - Additional comments or announcements.
        - Kerry Lawrence effort to revise the lien statute? Evan Brown list of proposed changes?

- Adjourn

WSBA Construction Law Section
Executive Committee Roster (2025–2026)

Officers:

- Chair: Masaki Yamada
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- Chair Elect: Evan Brown
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- Vice Chair: Erin Varriano
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- Secretary: Travis Colburn
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- Treasurer: Will Young
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- Immediate Past Chair: R. Bryce Sinner
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- Past Chair: Seth Millstein
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- Past Chair: Ron English
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At-Large Members:

- Jackie Jensen Erler (Term ending 9/30/28)
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- Ryan Gilchrist (Term ending 9/30/27)
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- Cynthia Park (Term ending 9/30/27)
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- Kainui Smith (Term ending 9/30/27)
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- John Leary (Term ending 9/30/29)
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- William “Scott” Noel (Term ending 9/30/29)
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- Emily Yoshiwara
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Other Positions:

- New Member Liaison: Hugo Fraga
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- WSBA Sections Program Coordinator: Carolyn MacGregor
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- WSBA Board of Governors Liaison: Alain Villeneuve
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Attendance

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Sinner												
Yamada	X											
Brown	Exc.											
Colburn	X											
Varriano	X											
Millstein	Exc.											
Erler	X											
Benson	X											
Kutsin	X											
Gilchrist	X											
Park	X											
Smith												
Leary	X											
Young	X											
Noel	X											
Fraga	X											
Yoshimura	X											
Other	R. English (X);											