

# 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>	Construction Section
<b>Chair or Co-Chairs:</b>	Jennifer Beyerlein, Bart Reed
<b>Staff Liaison:</b> <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
<b>Board of Governors Liaison:</b>	Serena Sayani / Kevin Fay
<b>Purpose of Entity:</b> <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
	Our bylaws provide the following: “The purposes of this Section are to promote the education of Washington State Bar Association members in laws, regulations, and administrative and court decisions affecting such procurement and construction, the sound development of relevant laws and regulations, to cooperate in that endeavor with the American Bar Association and its sections and to promote the objects of the Washington State Bar Association (hereinafter referred to as ‘WSBA’).”
<b>Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:</b>	
	To keep our members engaged and up to speed on current issues in our industry, we host CLEs, forums, and had previously provided writing competition for law students. Due to lack of participation, we have pivoted from a writing competition to unrolling a mentoring/lunch program for students to get to know construction attorneys. We also provide Section members updated legal materials including jury instructions, contracts, and a desk book. We are also looking at the possibility of working with Seattle University to re-start their construction law course.

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**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”?**

Through the Section, our members are provided opportunities to become educated on the latest hot topics in the industry and provide a higher quality of service to their clients. We are also making efforts at expanding visibility of construction through work with law schools and young lawyers. We serve the public by making form residential contracts available to the public for use on residential construction.

**2021 -2022 Entity Accomplishments:**

Updated standard form construction contracts and created new forms for design-build guaranteed maximum price; held a very successful mid-year CLE in June, including a judges panel with judges from King County Superior Court and the Court of Appeals. Held an in-person social event for the Section located at the Smith Tower. Re-started the quarterly news letter after a hiatus.

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

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| <b>1</b> | Spring Forum: We are currently looking for locations to have an in-person event for members in an iconic/unique building in Seattle. In years past, we have had a guest speaker for one hour (of CLE credit), followed by a dinner where we have a welcome opportunity to catch up with members outside of the office/court room/board room.   |
| <b>2</b> | Road Trip CLE: Benton County Bar moved from 2022 to Spring 2023 – likely March 23. We intend to continue this event in a different location of the state and already have topics and locations in mind. This year, the event may have an in-person option.   |
| <b>3</b> | Mid-Year CLE: Planning for this event has started and we look forward to great turnout again.  |
| <b>4</b> | Law Student Engagement: We have decided to suspend the writing competition and explore new ways to spend competition prize money, all in an effort to inspire student interest in the Section. We have decided upon Lunch with a Lawyer to provide access to Construction attorneys for students in all three Washington-based law schools. We will be evaluating this over the next year. |
| <b>5</b> | In-Person Winter Mini-CLE: We are currently planning on returning to hold a mini-CLE to take place in early 2023. Pre-COVID, this was a yearly event with dinner and a CLE credit, held at Cutters. We are investigating having an ethics-themed CLE.  |

**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?*

The Construction Law Section continues to engage lawyers from diverse backgrounds. We are proud to have several members on the executive council who are women, people of color, and people who are under 40 or over 60. We value a culture of inclusion. To

encourage engagement and interaction, this year again we discounted our Mid-Year CLE price for new lawyers, government lawyers, and small firms.

**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.*

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**SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section’s 2021-2022 member benefits:**

*For example:*

- *\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;*
- *4 mini-CLEs produced*

1	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
1	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity
1	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	Recognitions/Awards given
Click or tap here to enter text.	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
1	Other (please describe): New Design-Build residential form contracts; update prior form contracts; jury instructions, etc.
1	Other (please describe): Lunch with Lawyer program for law students to have lunch with a member(s) of the Construction Section [reimbursed by Section]

**SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section’s 2021-2022 legislative activity.**

0	Bills reviewed
Various	Bills tracked

	0	Comments proposed
	0	Bills proposed/drafted
<b>Entity Detail &amp; Demographics Report: To Be Completed by WSBA Staff</b>		
<b>Size of Entity:</b>	16	
<b>Membership Size: (for Sections Only)</b> <i>(As of September 30, 2022)</i>	502	
<b>Number of Applicants for FY23</b> <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	7	
<b>Number of current volunteer vacancies for this entity</b>	0	
<b>FY22 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only:</b> <i>As of September 30, 2022</i>	\$24,492.35	
<b>Direct Expenses:</b> <i>As of September 30, 2022. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member- Charge.</i>	<b>\$12,982.15</b>	

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<sup>1</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.