

Elder Law Section

FY2021

WSBA SECTIONS YEAR IN REVIEW
OCTOBER 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

The **ELDER LAW SECTION** seeks to improve understanding by members of the Washington State Bar Association of matters related to the representation of elderly citizens, recognizing that these individuals have unique legal needs and may be isolated, ill, or vulnerable to undue influence or exploitation. Issues commonly discussed relate to retirement and estate planning; powers of attorney, guardianship and other forms of substitute decision making; private and public long-term care and other healthcare financing; and abuse of vulnerable individuals.

TOTAL MEMBERS

AS OF DEC. 31, 2021

632

Young Lawyers	9.02%
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MEMBER LOCATIONS

King County	31.33%
Peninsula & Southern WA	17.25%
Central & Eastern WA	18.51%
Northern WA	7.75%

EMPLOYMENT

Public Sector/Government	6.01%
In-House	1.74%
Solo	38.92%
Small Firm (2 – 10)	46.52%
Medium Firm (11 – 50)	9.49%
Large Firm (51+)	3.48%

SECTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2 Co-sponsored CLE Seminars with WSBA

MANY Legislative Bills Tracked/Reviewed

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Hosted 2 CLE programs on issues impacting older adults.
- Monitored legislation impacting older adults, shared information with members, and provided comment to the legislature when necessary.
- Maintained an active list serve for Section members to collaborate and consult on elder law issues.
- Held monthly meetings for the Executive Committee that included the WSBA staff liaison and BOG liaison.
- Sponsored a summer intern to provide legal assistance to low-income seniors at a nonprofit legal aid organization.

SECTION FINANCIAL REVIEW

Dues	\$35.00
Total Revenue (actual)	\$33,805.01
Total Expenses (actual)	\$9,031.97
Total Fund Balance (actual)	\$91,310.41

EXPENSES (actual)

Member Benefits	\$0.00	0.00%
Per-Member Charge	\$8,521.87	94.35%
CLE-Related	\$0.00	0.00%
Executive Committee	\$510.10	5.65%

