Family Law Section

The FAMILY LAW SECTION is devoted to improving the profession and practice of family law to benefit its members and other family law professionals, the judiciary, and the general public. The Family Law Section is a statewide organization of family law attorneys that represents the interests of legal professionals practicing family law.

**SECTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS 10/1/22 – 9/30/23**

1. CLE Co-Sponsored with WSBA
2. CLE with Non-WSBA Entity
3. Receptions/Forums
4. Legislative Bills Tracked

**$1,968 in Scholarships Given**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 10/1/22 – 9/30/23**

- Reasserted the section’s commitment to increasing member engagement and providing meaningful resources with progress towards implementation of website.
- Held regular, lengthy meetings and several special meetings to address pending legislation and other urgent policy matters.
- Strengthened involvement with WSBA staff and communicated more directly the section’s needs to better provide services to the section, such as timelier notification of upcoming CLEs.
- Continued to meet the needs of members as it relates to changing legislation by providing necessary CLE credits to meet arbitration requirements—beginning with the Midyear.
- Continued to build and maintain relationships with other sections.
- Adjusted the section budget this year to include more resources for outreach, communication, and scholarships for the community and section members.
- Increased focus at the Skills Training Institute and the Midyear on practical topics, such as the relatively new abusive use of the litigation motion, administrative hearings, trial skills, and responding to diverse clients; this has been met with positive feedback from section membership.

**OUR MEMBERS:**

- **TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS**
  - 1003
  - Young Lawyers 16.05%

**MEMBER LOCATIONS**

- King County 40.28%
- Peninsula & Southern WA 14.46%
- Central & Eastern WA 6.28%
- Northern WA 10.47%

**EMPLOYMENT**

- Public Sector/Government 5.88%
- In-House 0.40%
- Solo 36.09%
- Small Firm (2 – 10) 55.23%
- Medium Firm (11 – 50) 15.75%
- Large Firm (51+) 1.69%

**SECTION FINANCIAL REVIEW 10/1/22 – 9/30/23**

- Dues $35.00
- Total Revenue (actual) $63,399.81
- Total Expenses (actual) $37,135.53
- Total Fund Balance (actual) $203,250.09

**EXPENSES (ACTUAL)**

- Member Benefits $2,567.02 6.91%
- Per-Member Charge $17,443.42 46.97%
- CLE-Related $1,529.01 4.12%
- Executive Committee $15,956.08 42.00%

Sources: Section Bylaws, Section Financial Reports, Section Annual Report, and WSBA Demographics Report