

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 Boards¹), 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.

Name of Entity:	Intellectual Property Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Dario A. Machleidt
Staff Liaison: <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
Board of Governors Liaison:	Matthew Dresden & Kevin Fay
Purpose of Entity: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
Pursuant to Section 1.01 of the IP Section's bylaws: In general, the Section strives to promote the practice of intellectual property law, including by promoting the participation of, and furthering the knowledge of, all interested members of the Bar and of other state and local bar associations, as to intellectual property law, in order to benefit the Section members, their clients and the general public.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
To that end, the Section may: (A) Provide the opportunity and forum for the interchange of ideas and education in areas of law relating to intellectual property rights, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and unfair competition, including, without limitation: (1) Sponsoring and providing continuing legal education events; preparing and publishing a Section newsletter and website; and providing assistance and financial support as to the activities of other organizations that promote the purposes, goals, or activities of the Section; (2) Promoting the understanding of	

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intellectual property laws through outreach activities to new Section members and law students, including by providing financial support to law students attending law schools in Washington State; (3) Promoting Section members through intellectual property-related networking, referrals, speakers' panels and press contacts; (B) Promote cooperation between sections within the Bar and between the Bar and other groups having common interests in the proper development and administration of the law relating to intellectual property rights; (C) Review, comment on, and make recommendations related to pending legislation and propose statutory enactments to improve and to facilitate the administration of justice within the Section's area of interest; (D) Promote the development of industry and the useful arts by encouraging the establishment, maintenance, respect for and utilization of intellectual property rights that fairly balance the limited monopoly enjoyed by the owner of intellectual property rights with the benefit to society derived from the creation of useful subject matter protectable by those rights; (E) Assist in familiarizing other members of the Bar with intellectual property law; and (F) Undertake such other service as may be of benefit to the Section members, the profession and the general public.

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"?

The WSBA IP Section encourages ethics, civility, professionalism, and competence in its membership and provides CLEs with ethics presentations to promote the same.

2021 -2022 Entity Accomplishments:

1) Put on the WSBA IP Section's 27th Annual IP Institute CLE, included nationally recognized IP practitioners, specifically Judge Albright of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. 2) Put on an IP Timely Topics CLE (involving regionally prominent practitioners). 3) Put on an IP Licensing CLE (involving regionally prominent practitioners). 4) Put on a Mini-CLE in Eastern Washington on IP issues.

Looking Ahead: 2022-2023 Top Goals & Priorities:

1	Provide high quality but affordable CLEs to attorneys interested in IP-focused issues.
2	Continue to grow Section membership.
3	Provide outreach to law students and new lawyers with respect to education and IP Section activities/benefits.
4	Provide scholarships to law students who show a demonstrated interest in IP law.
5	Provide networking opportunities (virtual as necessary and in-person when possible) for Section members, including new annual dinner and networking event.

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 WSBA Section strives to nominate a slate of potential board member candidates from all backgrounds, ethnicities, geographies, and business structures to promote diversity and inclusion.

The Section also strives to host CLEs with speakers from all backgrounds, ethnicities, and business structures. The WSBA IP Section does not discriminate in its membership. People of all backgrounds, geographic locations, and business structures (e.g., in-house, solo, general practice, boutique law firms, non-IP law-practicing attorneys, and law students) are treated equitably and afforded the same opportunities to participate in all section activities.

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.*

The WSBA Section has a great relationship with the WSBA staff and the Board of Governors. The WSBA Section appreciates the support that it receives from the WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.

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

For example:

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

0	Newsletters/publications produced
1	Mini-CLEs produced
4	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity
0	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
0	Recognitions/Awards given
0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
0	Other (please describe):
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SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2021-2022 legislative activity.

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Entity Detail & Demographics Report: To Be Completed by WSBA Staff		
Size of Entity:	10	
Membership Size: (for Sections Only) <i>(As of September 30, 2022)</i>	860	
Number of Applicants for FY23 <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	2	
Number of current volunteer vacancies for this entity	1	
FY22 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2022</i>	\$36,758.26	
Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2022. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	\$15,716.02	

ⁱ 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.