

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

SECTION ANNUAL REPORT – 2019

Deadline: Friday, December 6, 2019

Email Annual Report to: sections@wsba.org

Name of the Section:	Health Law Section	
Chair:	Morgan Walt	
Section Information: <i>*To be completed by WSBA*</i>	Membership Size: <i>(As of December 15, 2019)</i>	414
	Staff Lead:	Patrick Mead
	BOG Liaison:	Paul Swegle
	FY19 revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2019</i>	\$9,650.84
	FY19 direct expenses (\$): <i>(As of September 30, 2019; does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$5,315.79
Purpose:	<p>As set forth in the Health Law Section (“HLS”) Bylaws approved by the WSBA Board of Governors on July 27, 2017, the purposes of the HLS are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To further the knowledge of section members and the WSBA in the areas of law involving both federal and local health care; 2. To form an available working unit to assist in the activities of the WSBA; and 3. To otherwise further the interests of the WSBA and the legal professional as a whole. 	
2019 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:	<p>In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, HLS focused our efforts on outreach and education activities. Our main accomplishments over this past fiscal year are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One half-day in-person CLE co-sponsored with the WSBA • Two webinars completed, with additional webinar planned for October/November 2018 • Social networking sessions in Olympia/Tacoma and Spokane 	

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<p>Please report how this section is addressing diversity:</p> <p>(Are you using any of the tools provided by WSBA and if so, how? Have you sought out training or consultation from the Diversity Specialist? 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 section done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession?)</p> <p>HLS addresses geographic diversity through the members of our executive committee, and our concerted efforts to host events throughout the state. HLS membership has broad practice diversity, with members representing physicians, medical examiners, hospitals, patients, medical device companies, and telemedicine.</p>																							

Please report how this section is addressing professionalism:

(Does the section’s work promote respect and civility within the legal community? Does it seek to improve relationships between and among lawyers, judges, staff and clients? Does it raise awareness about the causes and/or consequences of unprofessional behavior?)

N/A

Please report how this section is integrating new and young lawyers into its work:

(How have you brought new and young lawyers into your decision making process? Has the section supported new and young lawyers by (for example) helping to find and prepare them for employment, assisting with debt management, building community, and providing leadership opportunities?)

The section hosts a YLD liaison and participates in the Open Sections night each year. Our YLD liaison actively participates in the Executive Committee and section activities, including serving as a co-chair for our Education Committee. Additionally, the YLD liaison and Executive Committee spent the year researching and planning for a law student grant program to be hosted by the section. Through this grant, the section hopes to foster and develop future health law attorneys.

Please describe your Executive Committee’s relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.

For example:

- *Quality of WSBA staff support/services provided to Section Executive Committee*
- *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison*
- *Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support services to sections.*

Our section continued to receive support from WSBA staff, including our staff liaison, Patrick Mead. We also continued to receive very helpful support from WSBA’s CLE planning team. They were always willing to answer our questions and assist with our needs, and their support of our educational goals brought excellent value to our section membership. We had little to no engagement by our BOG liaison.

Access to see availability of WSBA conference center and conference rooms would be valuable to our planning. It is somewhat challenging to need to route through someone to schedule CLE offerings, with the Executive Committee relying on the staff liaison to attend our meetings or needing to follow up to confirm.

The change in the annual report deadline for FY2019 was not helpful. It put the responsibility for drafting the annual report on the new leadership, many of whom were not a part of the year so could not support drafting the report. It further moved deadlines to during the busy holiday season, which created challenge in trying to work together to draft the report. The HLS Executive Committee hopes to see that the template for the report could at least be released in September, so that the leaders of the year can be engaged in writing the report on the year.

Note: Annual Reports will be provided to the WSBA Executive Director, Board of Governors and posted on your section’s webpage. We encourage you to share the Annual Report with your BOG liaison and section membership.

Reports are scheduled to be included in the January 2020 BOG Meeting Materials.

Return by December 6, 2019 to sections@wsba.org