

WASHINGTON STATE B A R A S S O C I A T I O N

2020 SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

January 1 - December 31, 2020

Deadline: Friday, December 4, 2020

Name of the Section:	Health Law Section	
Chair:	Michael Farrell	
Section Information: <i>*To be completed by WSBA Staff*</i>	Membership Size: <i>(As of December 1, 2020)</i>	399
	Staff Lead:	Eleen Trang
	BOG Liaison:	Jean Kang
	FY20 revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2020</i>	\$8,882.13
	FY20 direct expenses (\$): <i>(As of September 30, 2020; does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$3,132.77
Purpose: <i>(Usually stated in the Section's Bylaws)</i>	<p>As set forth in the Health Law Section 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. 	
2020 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One two-hour mini CLE via webinar co-sponsored with the WSBA • Six one-hour mini CLE webinars completed • Social networking event in Bellevue • Research and planning to start law student grants in the upcoming fiscal year 	

<p>Please quantify your section's current member benefits:</p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	Quantity	Member Benefit
	0	Scholarships, donations, grants awarded (\$ amount)
	0	Law school outreach events/benefits hosted
	0	Legislative bills reviewed/drafted
	0	Newsletters/publications produced
	7	Mini-CLEs produced
	0	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 non-WSBA entity
	1	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	0	Recognitions/Awards given
	0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	15	Other (please describe): Legislative Digests sent to membership list serve weekly during Legislative Session
<p>Looking Ahead: Goals & Priorities for 2021 (Top 5)</p>	1	Create law student grants, one for each WA law school
	2	Produce at least 11 mini-CLEs
	3	Strengthen membership engagement
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<p>Please report how this section is addressing diversity: (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>		

The Health Law Section 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. Through our Collaborations Committee, the Health Law Section actively seeks out meaningful intersections with other areas of law and develops relationships with other WSBA and MBA section leaders to create programming and other opportunities designed to advance the evolution of the practice of law and maximize our collective contribution to the greater good.

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?)

The Health Law Section put on a six-part series of mini-CLEs on parenting. The goal was to ameliorate the pain points many attorneys who are parents are experiencing during the pandemic. This will help attorneys increase well-being among the chaos and increase professionalism among these attorneys.

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.

The section participated in the virtual open sections night at Gonzaga University Law School in October.

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, Eleen Trang. 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 appreciated the extra time to complete the annual report.

We had no engagement by our BOG liaison. It would be nice to have the BOG liaison attend a meeting now and then to provide updates on BOG business.

Note: Annual Reports will be provided to the WSBA Executive Director and Board of Governors and will be 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 2021 BOG Meeting Materials.

Return by December 4, 2020 to eleent@wsba.org