



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WSBA SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2025: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

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 Boards^j), 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, 2024 – September 30, 2025. 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 Friday, October 17: please submit by emailing to Carolyn MacGregor (carolynm@wsba.org).

Name of Section:	Health Law Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Elena Praggastis
Staff Liaison: (include name, job title, and department if known)	Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist, Advancement Department
Board of Governors Liaison:	Emily Arneson
Purpose: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
To achieve the Mission of the Section, the Section Executive Committee (“EC”) shall have the following Purpose: (1) Facilitate engagement and dialogue among: attorneys, others who work in the broad field of health law, between Sections, and other groups having common interests in health law. (2) Provide regular opportunities to better understand health law through education and the exchange of information. (3) Receive and share updates on pending and proposed legislation affecting health law. (4) Promote cooperation between sections within the Association and between the Association and other groups having common interests in the health care system. (5) Provide such other services as may be of benefit to the members, the legal profession, and the public.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
Provide MiniCLE & full/half-day CLE content to members and non-members; provide non-CLE educational content to law students; provide scholarship funds for students and attorneys attending health law-related conferences; provide in-person opportunities for networking; provide written	

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published content on a regular cadence - showcasing the work of the Section, certain legislative updates, and insights on various health law topics; explore mentorship and pro bono opportunities for our membership to participate in for future terms.	
How does the section'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"?	
Our content highlights high quality legal services and provides opportunities for our membership to learn more about the law, hone their skills, celebrate equity and inclusion, and explore the various facets that make up health law as a profession.	
Top 2024-2025 Section Accomplishments:	
2025 Student Health Law Fair – a half-day program at UW School of Law, inviting students from multiple schools to learn about health law, and promote students' interest in health law generally; in-person presentations from members of the health law community to students; careers panel; networking hour for all presenters, planners, and attendees April, 2025).	
2025 Health Law Section Newsletter – a multipage compilation of achievements of the Section, makeup of the Executive Committee, opinions from members of the health law community on various pertinent legal issues, and fast facts about the Section and Executive Committee (currently w/ WSBA for publication).	
2025 Conference Scholarship – Funding provided for lodging, transportation, and tuition for two students or early practitioners to attend a health law-related conference with offered CLE credit; WSSHA Spring/Fall Conferences, or AHLA Conferences as examples (this Term applications were non-competitive we were able to offer one scholarship).	
Mini & Half-Day CLEs – The Section put on content re: Legal Issues in Healthcare Operations (half-day, virtual, 9/25/24); What to Expect Under the New Administration in Health Care (mini, 3/11/25); The Corporate Practice of Medicine (virtual mini, 7/9/25); and a collaboration w/ the L&E Section, Health Law Meets Labor and Employment (virtual half-day, 8/27/25).	
Next Fiscal Year: 2025-2026 Top SMART Goals & Priorities: <i>Tip: SMART Goals are: Specific Measurable, Relevant and Time-Bound</i> Use this worksheet (under 'Leadership') to develop your SMART goals and then summarize below in 1-2 sentences.	
1	Continue hosting educational events of relevance to HLS members and others.
2	Host another successful Student Health Law Fair.
3	Provide additional scholarships for students/new practitioners to attend health law conferences, and continue to improve the Executive Committee's process for administering the scholarship program.
4	Host a networking/social event for members.
5	Distribute at least one newsletter/bulletin for members.

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6	Plan for a WSBA-curriculum based mentorship program for experienced attorneys to be paired with newer practitioners and law students interested in health law.
Looking Ahead: <i>Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.</i>	
1	Continuity and competency of EC leadership.
2	Develop a regular and reputable program schedule that members can look forward to and count on each term year.
3	Explore strategies for getting in touch with our membership and surveying members to see what types of programing and other value the EC should prioritize year to year.
Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion: <i>How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in 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 in the profession? Other?</i>	
We have hosted CLE events focused on access to healthcare among diverse groups and related issues. We continue to provide a scholarship program to enable students and new practitioners to attend health law conferences, based on financial need. When recruiting for open positions and providing opportunities within the Executive Committee, our Executive Committee is intentional about maintaining diversity among participants. Representatives from our Executive Committee attended WSBA sessions related to diversity and inclusion. We had at least one representative from the Executive Committee attend at least on Board of Governors dinner to create touch points with the Board of Governors and leverage our connection to the benefit of our membership.	
Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA staff and leadership <i>For example:</i> • <i>Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions</i> • <i>Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison</i> • <i>Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.</i>	
Carolyn MacGregor is an amazing staff liaison! She provides a great deal of value to our regular EC meetings and we enjoy working with her. Emily Arneson attended our regular EC meetings and consistently provided timely, succinct, and helpful summaries of various BOG issues and happenings. One thing that may be helpful is to have one assigned BOG liaison for multiple terms/years, because by the time the year is ended and we've developed a good rapport with our liaison, it seems it is already time to meet someone new. Tech support and general WSBA support for CLE events was VERY helpful and comprehensive. We continue to be frustrated by issues related to our section listserv and how best to connect with our membership.	
Please quantify your section's 2024-2025 member benefits: <i>For example:</i> • <i>\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</i>	

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• 4 mini-CLEs produced		
1	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA	
1	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity.	
1	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted	
\$1,250	\$ amount given through donations/scholarships/grants.	
0 (we have one w/ WSBA near publishing that we’ve worked on this Term)	Newsletters/publications produced	
2	Mini-CLEs produced	
1	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits	
1	Recognitions/Awards given	
0	Legislative activity (Bills reviewed, tracked, proposed)	
0	Other (please describe):	
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SECTION DATA To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team		
Section Membership Information:	393	Membership Size: As of September 30, 2025.
	\$9697.95	FY25 Revenue (\$): As of September 30, 2025.
	9391.24	FY25 Direct Expenses (\$) As of September 30, 2025. This does not include the Per-Member-Charge.
Section Executive Committee Information:	8 voting/0 non-voting	Full Size of Executive Committee (per Section bylaws): Include and specify voting and non-voting positions.

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	1	Number of Vacancies for FY26: <i>The number of vacant positions as of October 1, 2025 (FY26).</i>
	9	Number of Applicants for FY26 open positions: <i>Applications submitted in the Spring of 2025 for vacant positions and terms beginning October 1, 2025 (FY26)</i>
