

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WSBA ENTITY ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2021: October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

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, 2020 – September 30, 2021. 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, December 3: please submit by emailing to Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor carolynm@wsba.org.

Name of Entity:	WSBA Health Law Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Lori Oliver, Chair
Staff Liaison: <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
Board of Governors Liaison:	
Purpose of Entity: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
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: to further the knowledge of section members and the WSBA in the areas of law involving both federal and local health care; to form an available working unit to assist in the activities of the WSBA; and to otherwise further the interests of the WSBA and the legal professional as a whole.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
The HLS engages in a wide variety of educational activities to engage and provide support to members of the WSBA who practice health law or otherwise work within the healthcare field. We use the HLS list serve to share information on professional opportunities and various time-sensitive updates.	

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 HLS offers thoughtful educational programs to discuss complex ethics issues in healthcare and works to advance equity in the delivery of healthcare through advice to clients and serves the public through raising awareness of important issues that affect the delivery of patient care. This past year, we offered programming on unique legal issues and challenges arising for certain underserved and/or vulnerable populations and how to further equitable treatment (e.g., disability etiquette and LGBTQ+ reimbursement for gender affirming care).

2020-2021 Entity Accomplishments:

Key Accomplishments: The Collaboration Committee participated in Section Leader meetings as a collaboration pathway. Generally, if a packaged offer was presented (e.g., do you want to collaborate on this particular CLE we’ve already created), the response was overwhelmingly positive and significantly increased CLE promotion across the WSBA/listserv mediums, which in turn promoted fuller CLE attendance. The Scholarships and Grants Committee worked to develop a recurring scholarship/grant program for law students and/or new lawyers to attend an American Health Lawyer or similar conference. The proposal is under review by the larger WSBA. In connection with the S&G Committee’s efforts to engage law students/new lawyers, the section hosted a panel event about building a health law practice. The Education Committee focused on virtual webinars this past year; prior years were largely in-person programming. Topics this past year included the following: Parenting in Lifeboat multi-series; Workforce shortage and strategies to overcome those barriers; Disability Rights; Gender Affirming Care: Federal and State Updates on insurance coverage and payment of gender affirming care for transgender people; the Ethics of Internal Investigations; Disability Language and Etiquette; CQIP: Protecting your QI and Peer Review; Value-Based Care: Compliant Collaboration and Accountability; and Workers Compensation Hot Topics.

Looking Ahead: 2021-2022 Top Goals & Priorities:

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| 1 | Planning for and offering a health law fundamental CLE Series |
| 2 | Continuing to offer web-based webinars on emerging issues |
| 3 | Hosting a health law practice webinar with a panel of practitioners engaged in all aspects of health law |
| 4 | Continue to build membership and create networking opportunities |
| 5 | Host a volunteer opportunity when PHE guidance permits |

Please report 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 Health Law Section addresses geographic diversity through the members of our executive committee, and our concerted efforts to host events throughout the state, especially virtually. 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 WSBA 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. Members of the HLS are actively supporting their clients navigate legal issues and remove barriers to diversity, equity and inclusion and addressing social determinants of health that create barriers to care.

Please describe the relationship with WSBA staff and the Board of Governors.

For example:

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

HLS has a good relationship with the WSBA and are able to access information relatively quickly when it is an issue that has been answered/managed previously. Engaging in activity that other sections have not yet done is a slower process. We do not have regular attendance by BOG liaisons.

SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section’s 2020-2021 member benefits:

For example:

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

0	Newsletters/publications produced
15	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 <i>non</i> -WSBA entity
1	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
0	Recognitions/Awards given
1	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
Click or tap here to enter text.	Other (please describe):

**Entity Detail & Demographics Report:
To Be Completed by WSBA Staff**

Size of Entity:

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**Membership Size:
(for Sections Only)**

(As of September 30, 2021)

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Number of Applicants for FY22 <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.			
How many current volunteer position vacancies for this entity?	Click or tap here to enter text.			
FY21 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2021</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.			
Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2021. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.			
Indirect Expenses:	Click or tap here to enter text.			
<p>FY21 Demographics: The WSBA promotes diversity, equality, and cultural competence in the courts, legal profession, and the bar, and is committed to ensuring that its committees, boards, and panels reflect the diversity of its membership.</p> <p>Aside from the factors marked (*), demographic information was provided voluntarily and individuals had the option to not respond to any or all of the factors below.</p>				
Disability:	Yes:	No:	No Response:	
Ethnicity:	American Indian/Native American/Alaskan Native:	Asian:	Black/African-American/African Descent:	Hispanic/Latinx:
	Middle-Eastern Descent:	Multi-Racial/Biracial:	Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian:	White/European Descent:
	Not Listed:	No response:		
Gender:	Female:	Male:	Non-Binary:	Transgender:
	Two-spirit:	Not Listed:	No Response:	
Geographic*:	District 1:	District 2:	District 3:	District 4:
	District 5:	District 6:	District 7S:	District 7N:
	District 8:	District 9:	District 10:	Other:
New/Young Lawyer*:	Yes:	No:		
Sexual Orientation:	Asexual:	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Pansexual, or Queer:	Heterosexual:	Two-spirit:

Not Listed:

No Response:

ⁱ The Access to Justice Board (not regulatory, but applicable to the distinction herein) and Regulatory Boards (Disciplinary Board, LLLT Board, Limited Practice Board, MCLE Board and Practice of Law Board) are not required by Bylaws or Court Rule submit an annual report to WSBA. However, as part of the administration of monitoring of Regulatory Boards, the Boards listed herein typically provide an annual report to the Court and WSBA should be provided this same report an annual basis.