

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:	WSBA Health Law Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Maddie Haller, Chair
Staff Liaison: <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
Board of Governors Liaison:	Carla Higginson
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:	

¹ 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.
October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 (FY22)

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 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 three half-day CLEs on fundamentals of health law to provide ongoing content for our members. In addition, we hosted professional development activities that further the mission of the WSBA.

2021 -2022 Entity Accomplishments:

Key accomplishments include: Education: three half-day CLEs focused on the fundamentals for health lawyers. Outreach and Professional Development: We organized and hosted a Professional Development Panel Discussion targeted at newer lawyers and students. We also organized a full-day outreach program targeted at law students to further interest in health law and provide an opportunity for health laws to present. Scholarships: We received approval for a recurring scholarship program for law students and/or new lawyers to attend an American Health Lawyer or similar conference.

Looking Ahead: 2022-2023 Top Goals & Priorities:

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| 1 | 2022 Network Opportunity to bring section members together for in-person connection and promote section membership |
| 2 | Offer web-based webinars on emerging issues |
| 3 | Collaborate with WSBA on a Legal Lunch |
| 4 | Host a volunteer event for section members |
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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 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. 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 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.*

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. We continue to wrestle with the budgeting process with regard to events. We do have regular attendance by BOG liaisons.

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
0	Mini-CLEs produced
3	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
3	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
0	Recognitions/Awards given
1	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
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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>	394	
Number of Applicants for FY23 <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	8	
Number of current volunteer vacancies for this entity	0	
FY22 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2022</i>	\$12,527.91	
Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2022. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>	\$10,427.92	