

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:	Indian Law Section	
Chair:	Maryanne Mohan	
Section Information: <i>*To be completed by WSBA Staff*</i>	Membership Size: <i>(As of December 1, 2020)</i>	324
	Staff Lead:	Eleen Trang
	BOG Liaison:	Hunter Abell
	FY20 revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2020</i>	\$10,063.58
	FY20 direct expenses (\$): <i>(As of September 30, 2020; does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$11,012.41
Purpose: <i>(Usually stated in the Section's Bylaws)</i>	As described in our Bylaws, the Indian Law Section's purpose is to seek the participation of all interested members of the Bar, and of county and local bar associations, in order to benefit such members, their clients and the general public: (a) By providing the opportunity for exchange of ideas in the area of Indian law; to further the development of this area of the law; to communicate useful information pertaining to Indian law to members of the Bar; and to improve the application of justice in this field, all in conformity with the Bylaws of the Bar; (b) By initiating and implementing common projects; (c) By review of pending legislation and development of proposed statutory enactments to improve and to facilitate the administration of justice within the Section's area of interest; (d) By undertaking such other service as may be of benefit to the members, the legal profession and the public.	
2020 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:	In 2020, we were able to hold our annual CLE virtually which went very well despite some minor technical difficulties. The CLE had 105	

	registrants. The ILS also provided \$9,250 to the Northwest Indian Bar Association to help fund law school student scholarships including bar study scholarships.	
Please quantify your section's current member benefits: <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	Quantity	Member Benefit
	\$9,250	Scholarships, donations, grants awarded (\$ amount)
		Law school outreach events/benefits hosted
		Legislative bills reviewed/drafted
	1	Newsletters/publications produced
		Mini-CLEs produced
	1	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
		Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with non-WSBA entity
	0	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
		Recognitions/Awards given
	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits	
	Other (please describe):	
Looking Ahead: Goals & Priorities for 2021 (Top 5)	1	Hosting another CLE, either virtually or in-person depending on the public health situation in the state
	2	Law school outreach and mentoring activities
	3	Donation to NIBA to fund scholarships
	4	Hosting holiday party and other receptions
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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?)

The Indian Law Section is fortunate that diversity is part and parcel of our mission. Native attorneys are often drawn to Indian law and frequently take leadership roles in the Section. For instance, the Chair-Elect and Secretary Treasurer are both tribal members and at least two at-large members are tribal members. We welcome members of other under-represented groups as well but do not have records of how many are in leadership roles. However, there are at least two LGBT members in leadership positions. We have taken steps to pursue various types of mentorship programs but due to various hurdles, including the COVID-19 pandemic, this has not gotten off the ground.

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 Indian Law Section provides a forum for Indian law practitioners to communicate on issues and topics in the profession. The Indian Law Section also works hard to ensure that the ethics credit provided during the annual CLE addresses unique situations in Indian Country.

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?)

Yes, we have young lawyers in leadership positions.

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.*

We ask questions of WSBA staff and receive information from them. The BOG liaison requested to attend our monthly meetings and has begun to do so.

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