Indian Law Section

The **INDIAN LAW SECTION** provides a forum for practitioners representing clients with diverse interests affected by Indian law to learn more about Indian law. Federal, Tribal and state laws, executive and administrative actions, and court decisions provide a complex and rapidly evolving array of law which affect legal services provided by practitioners to clients.

### SECTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS 10/1/22 – 9/30/23

- **1** CLE with Non-WSBA Entity
- **1** Reception/Forum

$9,194 in Scholarships Given

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 10/1/22 – 9/30/23

- Held the 35th Annual multi-day Indian Law CLE in May 2023 in a hybrid format, featuring presenters who work for tribal governments, federal agencies, law firms, and nonprofit organizations speaking on a broad range of topics related to Indian Law.
- Hosted a mentorship event in partnership with Kilpatrick Townsend’s KT Indigenous at the Washington Athletic Club, attended by tribal practitioners, law school faculty, and tribal court judges as well as prospective and current law students from around the region who are Native American or who are interested in practicing Indian Law; scholarships were provided to students traveling from Central and Eastern Washington.
- Provided financial assistance to the Native American Law Student Association (NALSA) groups at both Seattle University School of Law and the University of Washington School of Law to attend the 2023 Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference in New Mexico.
- Sponsored a table at the annual UW Law School NALSA Salmon Bingo Dinner, the proceeds of which support Indigenous students at UW, outreach to Indigenous undergraduates and high school students, and funding students’ attendance at the national NALSA moot court competition.
- Donated to Northwest Indian Bar Association (NIBA) to support their scholarship and bar stipend program.

**OUR MEMBERS:**

- **328** TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS as of 12/31/23
  - Young Lawyers 17.99%

**MEMBER LOCATIONS**

- King County 32.93%
- Peninsula & Southern WA 10.67%
- Central & Eastern WA 5.79%
- Northern WA 12.80%

**EMPLOYMENT**

- Public Sector/Government 41.16%
- In-House 8.84%
- Solo 17.07%
- Small Firm (2 – 10) 18.29%
- Medium Firm (11 – 50) 7.93%
- Large Firm (51+) 15.55%

**SECTION FINANCIAL REVIEW 10/1/22 – 9/30/23**

- **Dues** $30.00
- **Total Revenue** (actual) $23,717.18
- **Total Expenses** (actual) $16,798.74
- **Total Fund Balance** (actual) $77,370.18

EXPENSES (ACTUAL)

- **Member Benefits** $10,996.36 65.46%
- **Per-Member Charge** $5,802.38 34.54%
- **CLE-Related** $0.00 0.00%
- **Executive Committee** $0.00 0.00%

Sources: Section Bylaws, Section Financial Reports, Section Annual Report, and WSBA Demographics Report