

WASHINGTON STATE B A R A S S O C I A T I O N

SECTION ANNUAL REPORT – 2019

Deadline: Friday, December 6, 2019

Email Annual Report to: sections@wsba.org

Name of the Section:	International Practice Section	
Chair:	<i>Holly Vance (through September 30, 2019) Leonid Kisselev (beginning October 1, 2019)</i>	
Section Information: <i>*To be completed by WSBA*</i>	Membership Size: <i>(As of December 15, 2019)</i>	242
	Staff Lead:	Patrick Mead
	BOG Liaison:	Sunitha Anjilvel
	FY19 revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2019</i>	\$11,238.54
	FY19 direct expenses (\$): <i>(As of September 30, 2019; does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$3,939.59
Purpose:	The International Practice Section has a broad focus that includes not only the study of current developments in the field of international law but also immigration law, international transactional work, and international dispute resolution. Members represent a wide variety of backgrounds and practices, including full-time and part-time practitioners, government, business, non-profit, foreign lawyers, academia, internationally-focused law students, retired professionals, and those simply intellectually interested.	
2019 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:	1. The IPS held two major events during the 2018-2019 year: a Spring panel and networking event, and a combined event that included the Annual General Meeting, a presentation by a local non-profit, and a reception for foreign lawyers, law students, and practitioners.	

	<p>2. The IPS provided 5 credits worth of mini CLEs at no cost to Section members and co-sponsored a CLE with the World Peace Through Law Section that offered 6.75 CLE credits.</p> <p>3. The IPS administered a foreign lawyer/law student mentoring program.</p> <p>4. The IPS hosted one happy hour/networking event.</p>	
<p>Please quantify your section's current member benefits:</p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced 	Quantity	Member Benefit
	\$1000	Scholarships, donations, grants awarded (<i>Huneke Fellowship awarded to law student</i>)
	1	Law school outreach events/benefits hosted (<i>Mentorship Program and Annual Reception at UW Law School</i>)
		Legislative bills reviewed/drafted
	Multiple	Newsletters produced <i>Content and communications through the Section listserv, The Global Gavel (www.globalgavelnews.org), and IPS LinkedIn Group. We are focusing the Section's communications with our members on these content streams, and have a regular stream of content, including event announcements, event summaries, and information related to the international practice of law. (Contact: Elly Baxter).</i>
	4	Mini-CLEs produced (<i>4 mini CLEs for a total of 5 CLE credits</i>)
	1	Co-sponsored half/day to multi-day CLEs with WSBA (<i>Co-sponsored 6.75 credit CLE with WPTL Section</i>)
	3	Receptions/forums hosted (<i>Spring Event, Annual AGM Reception, "No Host" Happy Hour Networking Event</i>)
		Awards given
		New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	Other (please describe):	
2020 Goals & Priorities (Top 5)	1	Maintain the excellence of the existing programming.
	2	Expand the breadth of CLE programs, and attempt to make such programs accessible to those outside Seattle.

	3	Increase both the number of Section members and the number of active Section members.
	4	Strengthen the section’s relationship with law schools to enhance the effectiveness of the mentorship program, CLEs, and young lawyer development.
	5	Partner with other sections for programming, pro bono projects, and/or other initiatives.

Please report how this section is addressing diversity:

- Membership Demographics – the IPS, by its nature, attracts a diverse array of foreign-born practitioners, as well as foreign lawyers, international law students and members whose clients operate in countries and cultures around the world.
- Board Demographics – the IPS has placed a priority on having gender equity and ethnic diversity on the Executive Committee, as well as having EC members with diverse employment: small firms, midsize firms, big firms, nonprofits, in-house counsel, and academia.
- Education and Training – the IPS’s annual programming includes a Foreign Lawyers and International Law Students Reception, which celebrates and promotes the diversity of our legal community, both locally and globally. Our CLE programming often includes a cultural education component, i.e., understanding the technical area of law as well as the cultural context as it applies to a particular country or region, which often includes a discussion of the prevailing values in that country or region and how they may differ from those in the U.S. on subjects of fairness, due process, equality, diversity and custom.
- Collaboration and Partnership – the IPS partners with law schools, other sections, international bar organizations, and business groups in leveraging its programming to increase participation and interaction among practitioners from diverse backgrounds and cultures.

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 International Practice Section draws members from many backgrounds, jurisdiction origins, and has a multi-disciplinary scope to its activities. Because of the wide diversity of membership, we continually strive to bring professionalism to all aspects of our activities, and to have service at the core of the activities we undertake over the course of the year. We administer an extensive foreign lawyer/foreign law student mentorship program. And we strive to add ethics into our ongoing CLE series.

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?)

The Section’s Young Lawyer Liaison attends and actively participates in Section leadership. The Section also awards the Huneke Fellowship to a law student, who is actively integrated into

Section leadership and law student outreach efforts. The Section also has a thriving mentor-mentee program, and actively encourages new and young lawyers to become involved in the Section.

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.*

WSBA staff support this year has been excellent.

Note: Annual Reports will be provided to the WSBA Executive Director, Board of Governors and 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 2020 BOG Meeting Materials.

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