

# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## SECTION ANNUAL REPORT – 2019

*Deadline: Friday, December 6, 2019*

*Email Annual Report to: [sections@wsba.org](mailto:sections@wsba.org)*

<b>Name of the Section:</b>	<i>Intellectual Property Section</i>	
<b>Chair:</b>	<i>Reid Johnson</i>	
<b>Section Information:</b>  <i>*To be completed by WSBA*</i>	Membership Size: <i>(As of December 15, 2019)</i>	911
	Staff Lead:	Patrick Mead
	BOG Liaison:	Paul Swegle
	FY19 revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2019</i>	\$24,352.48
	FY19 direct expenses (\$): <i>(As of September 30, 2019; does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$13,630.63
<b>Purpose:</b>	<p>Pursuant to Section 1.01 of the IP Section’s bylaws:</p> <p>In general, the Section strives to promote the practice of intellectual property law, including by promoting the participation of, and furthering the knowledge of, all interested members of the Bar and of other state and local bar associations, as to intellectual property law, in order to benefit the Section members, their clients and the general public. To that end, the Section may:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(A) Provide the opportunity and forum for the interchange of ideas and education in areas of law relating to intellectual property rights, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and unfair competition, including without limitation:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) Sponsoring and providing continuing legal education events; preparing and publishing a Section newsletter and website; and providing assistance and financial support as to the activities of other organizations that promote the purposes, goals, or</p>	

	<p>activities of the Section;</p> <p>(2) Promoting the understanding of intellectual property laws through outreach activities to new Section members and law students, including by providing financial support to law students attending law schools in Washington State;</p> <p>(3) Promoting Section members through intellectual property-related networking, referrals, speakers' panels and press contacts;</p> <p>(B) Promote cooperation between sections within the Bar and between the Bar and other groups having common interests in the proper development and administration of the law relating to intellectual property rights;</p> <p>(C) Review, comment on, and make recommendations related to pending legislation and propose statutory enactments to improve and to facilitate the administration of justice within the Section's area of interest;</p> <p>(D) Promote the development of industry and the useful arts by encouraging the establishment, maintenance, respect for and utilization of intellectual property rights that fairly balance the limited monopoly enjoyed by the owner of intellectual property rights with the benefit to society derived from the creation of useful subject matter protectable by those rights;</p> <p>(E) Assist in familiarizing other members of the Bar with intellectual property law; and</p> <p>(F) Undertake such other service as may be of benefit to the Section members, the profession and the general public.</p>
<p><b>2019 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:</b></p>	<p>1) Put on the WSBA IP Section's 24th Annual IP Institute CLE (included nationally recognized IP practitioners);</p> <p>2) Put on an IP Essentials CLE (involving regionally prominent practitioners);</p> <p>3) Put on an IP Licensing CLE (involving regionally prominent practitioners);</p> <p>4) Put on a Mini-CLE in Eastern Washington on IP issues;</p> <p>5) Participated in open section night to provide insights about the IP section and careers in IP law to new and young lawyers;</p> <p>6) Provided grant to WLA for expansion of intellectual property in the arts;</p> <p>7) Provided scholarships to law students at the University of Washington, Seattle University, and Gonzaga University, based on demonstrated interest in Intellectual Property law, as assessed by their respective law schools;</p>

	Quantity	Member Benefit
<p><b>Please quantify your section's current member benefits:</b></p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</li> <li>• 4 mini-CLEs produced</li> </ul>	\$8,500	Scholarships, donations, grants awarded
	N/A	Law school outreach events/benefits hosted
	1	Legislative bills reviewed/drafted
	N/A	Newsletters produced
	1	Mini-CLEs produced
	3	Co-sponsored half/day to multi-day CLEs with WSBA
	1	Receptions/forums hosted
	N/A	Awards given
	1	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
		Other (please describe):
	<p><b>2020 Goals &amp; Priorities (Top 5)</b></p>	1
2		Continue to grow Section membership.
3		Provide outreach to law students and new lawyers with respect to education and IP Section activities/benefits.
4		Provide scholarships to law students who show a demonstrated interest in IP law.
5		Provide networking opportunities for Section members, including new annual dinner and networking event
<p><b>Please report how this section is addressing diversity:</b></p> <p>(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?)</p> <p>The WSBA IP Section does not discriminate in its membership. People of all backgrounds, geographic locations, and business structures (e.g., in-house, solo, general practice, boutique law firms, non IP law-practicing attorneys, and law students) are treated equitably and afforded the same opportunities to participate in all section activities. The Section also strives to host CLEs with speakers from all backgrounds and business structures.</p>		

**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 WSBA IP Section encourages ethics, civility, professionalism and competence in its membership and provides CLEs with ethics presentations to promote the same.

**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?)

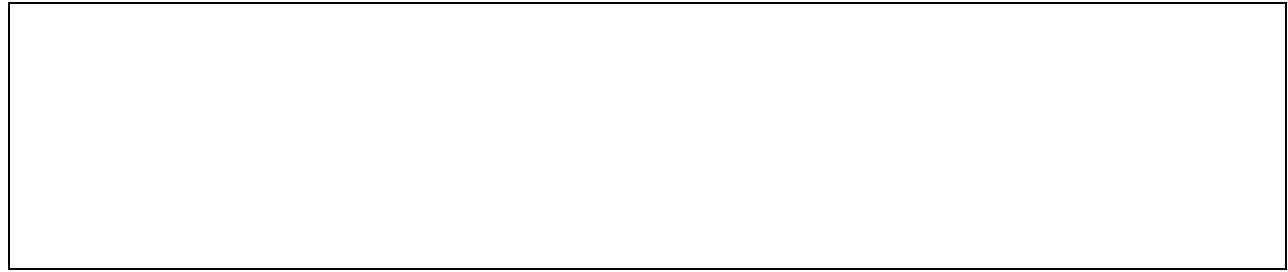
1. The IP Section has the 2019 goal of a law school outreach to provide information regarding the employment prospects & operations of the business of IP law;
2. The IP Section is in active communication with New Lawyers Connections Team and its representatives to promote IP Essentials CLE to new and young lawyers;
3. The IP Section sent Executive Committee members to attend Open Sections night to encourage new and young lawyers to become IP Section members and address their questions regarding a career in IP law;
4. The IP Section will host an new annual section dinner and networking event that will provide new and young lawyers an opportunity to meet and network with experienced attorneys in the field.
5. The IP Section has a Young Lawyers Liaison.

**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.*

The IP Section Executive Committee has a cordial and productive working relationship with WSBA staff and Board of Governors. In particular, Patrick Mead, the IP Section's liaison, has been open and accessible to the IP Section Executive Committee, and Mr. Kevin Plachy has provided excellent CLE support.



**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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