

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WSBA SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2024: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

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 Boards^j), 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, 2023 – September 30, 2024. 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 Friday, October 11: please submit by emailing to Carolyn MacGregor (carolynm@wsba.org).

Name of Section:	WSBA Intellectual Property Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Connie Wan
Staff Liaison: (include name, job title, and department if known)	Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist, Advancement Department
Board of Governors Liaison:	Alain Villeneuve
Purpose: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
To promote the practice of Intellectual Property Law.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
How does the section'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"?	
Member outreach, community outreach, and hosting CLEs	
Top 2023 -2024 Section Accomplishments:	
Hosted 4 CLEs	

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Sections

Gave 3 \$5,000 scholarships to law students from each of WA law schools	
Supported patent pro bono program hosted at the SU law school	
Next Fiscal Year: 2024-2025 Top SMART Goals & Priorities: <i>Tip: SMART Goals are: Specific Measurable, Relevant and Time-Bound</i> Use this worksheet (under 'Leadership') to develop your SMART goals and then summarize below in 1-2 sentences.	
1	Plan and present 4 CLEs
2	Work with law schools to give another 3 scholarships
3	Host a joint event with lawyers from the in-house counsel section
Looking Ahead: Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.	
1	Expand IP section membership
2	More community outreach by working with patent pro bono program
3	
Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion: <i>How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in 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 in the profession? Other?</i>	
Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA. <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
Please quantify your section's 2023-2024 member benefits: <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; 4 mini-CLEs produced 	
4	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 <i>non</i> -WSBA entity.
1	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted

Sections

15,000	\$ amount given through donations/scholarships/grants.	
	Newsletters/publications produced	
1	Mini-CLEs produced	
1	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits	
3	Recognitions/Awards given	
	Other (please describe):	
SECTION DATA <i>To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team</i>		
\$	791	Membership Size: <i>(As of September 30, 2024)</i>
	\$26,846	FY24 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2024</i>
	\$32,500 \$23,114	Budgeted and Direct Expenses: <i>Does not include the Per-Member-Charge. For Direct Expenses, draft estimate as of December 3, 2024.</i>
Section Executive Committee Information:	10	Size of Executive Committee: <i>(include and specify voting and non-voting positions)</i>
	3	Number of Vacancies for FY25: <i>The number of positions with terms beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25).</i>
	3	Number of Applicants for FY25: <i>Applications submitted in the Spring-Summer of 2024 for terms beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25)</i>

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.