

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

2020 SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

January 1 - December 31, 2020

Deadline: Friday, December 4, 2020

Name of the Section:	<i>Legal Assistance to Military Personnel</i>	
Chair:	<i>Stephen Carpenter, Jr.</i>	
Section Information: <i>*To be completed by WSBA Staff*</i>	Membership Size: <i>(As of December 1, 2020)</i>	70
	Staff Lead:	Eleen Trang
	BOG Liaison:	Hunter Abell
	FY20 revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2020</i>	\$2,478.85
	FY20 direct expenses (\$): <i>(As of September 30, 2020; does not include the Per-Member-Charge)</i>	\$62.00
Purpose: <i>(Usually stated in the Section's Bylaws)</i>	<p>To benefit members of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) and the general public by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing liaisons between the WSBA, the Armed Forces of the United States, and federal, state and local government agencies involved in military and veteran affairs. • Encouraging continuing legal education to assist legal representation of and advocacy for military personnel, veterans and their dependents within Washington State. • Providing information on matters affecting military licensed legal professionals, both active duty and reserve. • Promoting WSBA objectives with respect to military affairs by serving the needs of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and their dependents. 	

<p>2020 Accomplishments and Work in Progress:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As advisory member of the AGO’s Military & Veteran Legal Assistance Committee, participated in providing guidance on training opportunities for volunteer attorneys representing veteran and active duty personnel in civilian courts. And assist the AG’s OMLVA help attorneys reach-out to veteran’s and active duty members. Organized, hosted, and participated in a mini-CLE training events for military and civilian attorneys (Pre-COVID-19 Lockdown). 	
<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 	<p>Quantity</p>	<p>Member Benefit</p> <p>Scholarships, donations, grants awarded (\$ amount)</p> <p>Law school outreach events/benefits hosted</p> <p>0 Legislative bills reviewed/drafted</p> <p>1 Newsletters/publications produced</p> <p>1 Mini-CLEs produced / Examining ZOOM Options</p> <p>Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA</p> <p>Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with non-WSBA entity</p> <p>Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted</p> <p>Recognitions/Awards given</p> <p>New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits</p> <p>Other (please describe):</p>
<p>Looking Ahead: Goals & Priorities for 2021 (Top 5)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Assist the Washington State Attorney General’s Office Legal Assistance to Veteran’s and Military Personnel Division</p> <p>Host quarterly mini-CLEs that have value to our members and, in general, help military and civilian attorneys provide legal services to military personnel, veterans, and their families.</p>

	3	Evaluate and implement training methods to improve accessibility for LAMP members/military attorneys throughout Washington state.
	4	Develop LAMP priorities of mission
	5	Coordinate with Other Bar Sections, ABA and Law Schools

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?)

As stated in our 2019 Annual report, LAMP strives to increase women and minority participation in our section and particularly in leadership positions. The veteran and military population we advocate for is very diverse and includes people from all walks of life and sexual orientations coming from all parts of the 54 states and territories. Current and past executive board comprises members of historically disadvantaged groups, such as veterans, women, non-Christian religious denominations, and non-white ethnicities.

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?)

LAMP promotes respect and civility within the legal community by offering to its members continuous training on the changes in the ethical and substantive law issues that can affect the servicemembers and veterans. As stated in our 2019 Annual Report, LAMP members know that attorneys who represent military personnel in military or civilian courts are held to a high-ethical standard and we (at LAMP) strive to give them the information and tools to maintain that high-standard. Likewise, civilian attorneys representing military personnel, veterans, and their families receive educational opportunities to learn about the military culture and high standards expected.

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?)

LAMP participates in the Young Lawyer liaison program and has a young lawyer assigned to our section for the next two years. Law students may join the LAMP section as non-voting members (at a reduced cost). New lawyers and law students have numerous opportunities to network with military and civilian lawyers at LAMP events.

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 WSBA leadership and administrative staff has actively supported LAMP efforts to provide legal assistance to our returning military personnel, veterans, and families impacted by the long war overseas.
- Despite the COVID-19 Lockdown, LAMP has actively participated in WSBA hosted leadership events, whenever possible this past year, and provided comments to help WSBA understand our section membership goals and needs moving forward.

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 9, 2020 to eleent@wsba.org