# WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

### WSBA ENTITY ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2022: October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

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<sup>i</sup>), 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, 2021 – September 30, 2022. 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 Monday, October 17**: Please submit by emailing to Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor at <a href="mailto:carolynm@wsba.org">carolynm@wsba.org</a>.

Name of Entity:	LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO MILITARY PERSONNEL (LAMP)
Chair or Co-Chairs:	STEPHEN CARPENTER PAUL APPLE (ELECT)
Staff Liaison: (include name, job title, and department if known)	CAROLYN MACGREGOR (Section Program Specialist)
Board of Governors Liaison:	HUNTER ABLE

# **Purpose of Entity:**

May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.

LAMP addresses matters related to the rendition of appropriate and efficient legal service to members of the armed forces of the United States.

# **Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:**

Promoting the objectives of the WSBA with respect to military affairs. Establishing liaison between the WSBA, the Armed Forces of the United States, and federal, state, and local government agencies involved in military and veteran affairs to better serve the legal needs of the servicemembers and their dependents. Providing information to licensed legal professionals, both active duty and reserve. Encouraging continuing legal education to foster the ability to provide legal representation to military personnel, veterans and their dependents within the state of Washington.

How does the entity'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"?

Washington State is home to a large military community that is continually seeking legal guidance on significant assortment of legal issues. This community is composed of Veterans, Active Duty and Reserve Servicemembers and their dependents.

#### 2021 -2022 Entity Accomplishments:

LAMP created a Facebook and LinkedIN social media presence; LAMP provided Mini-CLEs for Its members and the public on Military Discharge Upgrades (November 17) Military Justice Reform (March 10) and DOHA Security Clearance Law (July 14); LAMP published Bi-Monthly Articles entitled "Chair's Corner" which "neutrally" addressed military legal issues.

## Looking Ahead: 2022-2023 Top Goals & Priorities:

- 1 Increase membership size
- 2 Expand our list of attorney referrals to offer legal assistance to Veterans
- Increase awareness of LAMP in partnership with WA Law School to create a student run LAMP Legal Clinic to offer legal assistance to Veterans
- Partner with other Family Law and Housing right Sections to present CLEs that focus on Military members, family members, and Veteran issues.
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#### Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion:

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 committee/board done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession? Other?

The LAMP section continues strives to increase diversity in membership and participation in our section particularly in Leadership positions. The veteran and military population and their dependents is a very diverse and includes women, several ethnic, and LGBTQ communities. LAMP will continue to reach out to invite all in our profession who share our interest in providing legal assistance and support to our active & reserve military, retirees, dependents, and veterans in our communities to join our Section.

# Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA. For example:

- 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.

#### **Excellent. Very responsive.**

SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2021-2022 member benefits:		4	Newsletters/publications produced	
For example:		3	Mini-CLEs produced	
<ul> <li>\$3000 Scholarships, donations, gr awarded;</li> <li>4 mini-CLEs produced</li> </ul>	rants	0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA	
		0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity	
		0	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted	
		1	Recognitions/Awards given	
		0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits	
		0	Other (please describe):	
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SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section's 2021-2022 legislative activity.			Bills reviewed	
		Reviewed SB 5874 Higher Education	Bills tracked	
		Tuitions-military Residency- Modification	Passed signed into law June 9, 2022 modifying RCW 28B.15.012	
		Click or tap here to enter text.	Comments proposed	
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Entity Detail & Demographics Report:  To Be Completed by WSBA Staff				
Size of Entity:	10			
Membership Size: (for Sections Only) (As of September 30, 2022)	81			
Number of Applicants for FY23 (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)	5			

Number of current volunteer vacancies for this entity	1
FY22 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: As of September 30, 2022	\$3,405.12
<b>Direct Expenses:</b> As of September 30, 2022. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member-Charge.	\$1,897.55

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> 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 is responsibility under <u>GR 12.3</u>, 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.