

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

WSBA SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2024: October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

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:	World Peace Through Law
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Laura Eshbach
Staff Liaison: (include name, job title, and department if known)	Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist, Advancement Department
Board of Governors Liaison:	Brent Williams-Ruth
Purpose: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
The World Peace Through Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association seeks to promote the rule of law and peaceful resolution of disputes among states and to foster education on public international law and human rights.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
The Section provides a forum for ideas about law, peace and human rights; offers educational opportunities, such as continuing legal education and non-CLE programs; and supports other efforts to study and promote law, peace, and human rights.	
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"?	

Sections

Our purpose is to serve the public and members of the Bar by informing and reminding Bar members of the need and the means to protect human rights worldwide through the rule of law.	
Top 2023 -2024 Section Accomplishments:	
Produced CLEs free of charge for members	
Collaborated with other sections to produce and co-sponsor CLE content with broader appeal across sections	
Built connections with potential speakers and other sections for future content	
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	Continue to improve upon the number of programming initiatives from recent years
2	Sponsor and promote CLEs with WSBA's MCLE Department and other sections
3	Actively recruit more members to participate in the Section
Looking Ahead: <i>Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.</i>	
1	Recruit a Young Lawyer Liaison
2	Increase engagement with Section members by holding a networking event
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>	
We seek input from our entire membership through our listserv. Our Executive Committee intentionally included CLEs and other programs that highlighted populations from, and attorneys serving, underrepresented backgrounds.	
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. 	
We have a great working relationship with WSBA staff – they are responsive and professional, and we could not accomplish our goals without them. Our BOG liaisons have been engaged and supportive participants in our executive committee meetings. Based on	

experience, we have total confidence that this high level of staff support for sections will continue.			
Please quantify your section's 2023-2024 member benefits:			
For example:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; 4 mini-CLEs produced 			
1	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.		
	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted		
	\$ amount given through donations/scholarships/grants.		
We regularly use our member listserv to advise our members of upcoming events and CLEs (ours and other relevant events). We do not publish a newsletter.		Newsletters/publications produced	
2	Mini-CLEs produced		
	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits		
	Recognitions/Awards given		
	Other (please describe):		
SECTION DATA <i>To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team</i>			
Section Membership Information:	111		Membership Size: (As of September 30, 2024)
	\$7,405		FY24 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: As of September 30, 2024
	\$9,350	\$726	Budgeted and Direct Expenses: Does not include the Per-Member-Charge. For Direct Expenses, draft estimate as of December 3, 2024.
Section Executive Committee Information:	7		Size of Executive Committee: (include and specify voting and non-voting positions)

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	5	Number of Vacancies for FY25: <i>The number of positions with terms beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25).</i>
	5	Number of Applicants for FY25: <i>Applications submitted in the Spring-Summer of 2024 for terms beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25)</i>

ⁱ 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.