

Volunteer Opportunity: Court Rules and Procedures Committee

Entity Type:

- Board
 Committee
 Council
 Other Bar Entity

Created By:

- WSBA
 Supreme Court
 Court Rule

Term:

- One Year
 Two Years
 Three Years
 Four Years

Meetings:

- In-Person Only
 Virtual Only
 Hybrid

Eligibility:

License Type:

- Lawyer
 LLLT
 LPO

License Status:

- Active
 Inactive
 Judicial
 Honorary
 Pro Bono

Public Members:

- Yes
 No

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Apply Questions?

Each year, the Court Rules and Procedures Committee reviews specific sets of court rules per a schedule established by the Supreme Court. Proposed rule changes may be submitted for review by Committee members or outside stakeholders, then are discussed and vetted by subcommittees for submission to the full Committee. If the full Committee approves the proposed amendments, they are forwarded to the WSBA Board of Governors (BOG). If approved by the BOG, they are forwarded to the Supreme Court for final action.

This position provides an opportunity to affect court rules that play are important to the administration of justice, and to the courtroom roles of lawyers, judges, and the public. The Committee consists of a wide range of legal practitioners, and judicial liaisons from trial and appellate courts. Meetings of the full committee and subcommittees are held virtually. Appointment is for a 2-year term. Members may apply for one additional 2-year term.

Benefits: The Committee offers members an opportunity to make a difference in the administration of justice, to meet a wide range of legal practitioners, and to learn about the rule making process.

Time commitment: Full Committee meetings are held every other month and last for an hour or more. Subcommittees also meet monthly for an hour or more. Outside of meetings, subcommittee chairs and other members do research on rules, draft rule language, provide input on drafting, review stakeholder feedback on drafts, and prepare General Rule 9 statements.

Requirements:

- WSBA members are eligible to apply.
- Members must be able to access and review meeting materials electronically.

Preferred Qualifications and Skills: Experience with and a strong interest in drafting rules and/or court procedures; willingness to commit time to research, and discussion. *NOTE:* The Committee will be reviewing the Evidence Rules and Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction in 2026-2027. Experience with these rule categories is highly desirable.

Reimbursement policy: This is an unpaid volunteer position. Reasonable travel expenses may be reimbursed according to the WSBA Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Selection and appointment process: Applications are reviewed by a team including the chair, staff liaison, and BOG liaison. Recommendations are made to the Board of Governors Nominations Committee, which makes the appointments.

For further information: See www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Committees-Boards-and-Other-Groups/court-rules-and-procedures-committee.

How to apply: See instructions at www.wsba.org/joincommittee. Questions about the application? Email barleaders@wsba.org.

We are committed to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion on the Board and strongly encourage folks from a diverse array of backgrounds to apply. We define diversity broadly to

include age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, geographical location, indigenous background, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, social class, and veteran status.