

Volunteer Opportunity: Law Clerk Board

Entity Type:

- Board
- Committee
- Council
- Other Bar Entity

The Law Clerk Board supervises the Law Clerk Program governed by Rule 6 of the Washington Supreme Court's Admission and Practice Rules (APR). The Law Clerk Program is an alternative to law school designed to provide educational and practical experience through a combination of work and study with an experienced lawyer or judge.

Created By:

- WSBA
- Supreme Court
- Court Rule

Law Clerk Board members have the unique opportunity to oversee this unique program. Law Clerk Board members serve as a liaison to numerous clerk/tutor pairs. Board members attend six meetings per year, review monthly exam submissions from clerks, interview applicants for enrollment and course of study, provide input for clerk/tutor first and fourth year evaluations, and certify clerks upon completion of the program for their eligibility to take the Washington State lawyer bar exam.

Term:

- One Year
- Two Years
- Three Years

In person attendance at meetings is strongly encouraged. Conference call and remote video through shared desktop options are available. Some local travel is also required to meet with applicants and participants.

Meetings:

- In-Person Only
- Virtual Only
- Hybrid

Time commitment: The Law Clerk Board meets in-person three times a year for approximately six to eight hours and virtually three times a year for approximately four to five hours. In addition to reviewing meeting materials, and monthly exams from approximately ten clerks, board members will interview one or two applicants to the law clerk program per quarter.

Eligibility:

License Type:

- Lawyer
- LLLT
- LPO

Requirements:

- Active WSBA membership.
- Members are appointed with consideration for the geographic distribution of law clerks in the program, a balance between those who completed the law clerk program and law school graduates, and other diversity factors.

License Status:

- Active
- Inactive
- Judicial
- Honorary
- Pro Bono

Benefits: Provide a valuable public service role in helping oversee the Law Clerk Program.

Public Members:

- Yes
- No

Reimbursement policy: This is an unpaid volunteer position. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed per the WSBA Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Selection and appointment process: Candidates are vetted by the Law Clerk Board Nomination Committee which makes recommendations to the Board of Governors Nominations Committee, which makes the appointments.

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