

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

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RE: WSBA Sections 2019 Annual Summary & Section Annual Reports

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Per the WSBA Bylaws, each WSBA section is required to submit an annual report on section activities and priorities to the WSBA Executive Director. Approximately one-quarter of all WSBA members belong to one or more of the WSBA's 29 sections. The WSBA sections help to carry out the work of the Bar and meet the organization's mission of serving the public and the members of the Bar. Each year, section executive committees and the WSBA staff work together to increase and improve the benefits and support available to section members. Sections generally rely on member dues, CLE registration revenue, and publication royalties to fund their activities.

Summary of WSBA Sections for 2019 (January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019):

- **16,017** section memberships¹
- **404** section executive committee members across all 29 sections.²
- **\$30** average dues amount to join a section in 2019 (range \$20-\$40). Law student rate is \$18.75.

In 2019, WSBA sections provided the following member benefits:

- **73** section-sponsored educational programs with WSBA: CLE seminars (27) and mini-CLEs (46)³.
- **\$58,000** awarded in scholarships donations and/or grants⁴.
- **19** law school/student outreach events/benefits
- **231** legislative bills reviewed/drafted, with many sections reviewing too many to count.
- **21** newsletters produced
- **30** receptions or forums (non-CLE)
- **11** awards given
- **29** new lawyer outreach events/benefits

Unless otherwise cited, all information was gathered from the completed annual reports.

WSBA 2019 Section Annual Reports

Included with this cover memo are the 2019 annual reports submitted by the section executive committees. Some section annual reports were not submitted in time for inclusion in these materials but will be published on the WSBA website.

¹ December 2, 2019 WSBA Member Demographic Reports. Section memberships range: 83 – 2,308 members.

² December 2019 hand count, includes nonvoting members

³ WSBA CLE, January 2019.

⁴ September 2019 Monthly Financial Report