

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF)
AMENDMENT TO THE WSBA BYLAWS)
ARTICLE IV.F.)
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ORDER

No. 25700-B-747

The Washington Supreme Court has plenary authority over the practice of law in Washington. The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) serves under the delegated authority of the Court in regulating and administering licenses to practice law in Washington and effectuating other purposes and functions as set forth in General Rule (GR) 12 and 12.1 – 12.5. All amendments to the WSBA Bylaws are subject to Supreme Court approval.

In a letter dated January 26, 2026, the WSBA provided the Court proposed amendment to Article IV.F. of the WSBA Bylaws that were approved by the WSBA Board of Governors at its January 16, 2026, meeting. The amendment specifically addresses conflicts of interest for Board members and directs the Board to adopt policies to handle such conflicts.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

That the WSBA Bylaws Amendment to Article IV.F., as described above and as provided in the attached copy of the amendment, are approved by this Court and shall be given full force and effect.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington this 11th day of February, 2026.

For the Court


CHIEF JUSTICE

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO WSBA Bylaws Art. IV

1 **F. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

2 Members of the Board of Governors and WSBA officers have fiduciary duties to act in WSBA’s best
3 interests and must not use their Bar positions for improper personal and financial gain. Governors and
4 WSBA officers, therefore, should avoid improper conflicts between their personal, professional, and
5 business interests and the interests of the Bar. In furtherance of this responsibility, the Board of
6 Governors will adopt policies for the disclosure of conflicts of interest. On an annual basis, Governors
7 and WSBA officers must acknowledge receipt of the conflict-of-interest policy and disclose any known
8 conflicts.

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