

DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION

FISCAL YEAR
2024

TOTAL MEMBERS

AS OF DEC. 31, 2024

284

New/Young Lawyers 8.45%

Member Locations

King County	70.77%
Peninsula & Southern WA	12.32%
Central & Eastern WA	18.66%
Northern WA	10.21%

Employment

Public Sector/Government	9.13%
In-House	4.37%
Solo	29.37%
Small Firm (2 – 10)	19.05%
Medium Firm (11 – 50)	13.49%
Large Firm (51+)	5.95%

Section Accomplishments

OCT. 1, 2023-SEPT. 30, 2024

Mini-CLE	1
CLE with non-WSBA entity	1
Reception/Forum	1

The **DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION** promotes the informed use and best practices of alternative dispute resolution processes by providing resources, educating members of the Washington State Bar Association and the public, and addressing issues relating to the growth and development of alternative dispute resolution services in the State of Washington. All WSBA members and other dispute resolution professionals may become a member of the Section.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR OCT. 1, 2023-SEPT. 30, 2024

- Produced the Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference in March after a 5-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Keynote speakers included Dr. Chantal Prat, neuroscientist at the University of Washington, and Nina Meierding, an accomplished and nationally recognized local mediation professional.
- Established the Alan Kirtley Dispute Resolution Conference Scholarship to advance the practice of dispute resolution and appreciate and recognize Professor Kirtley's many contributions, including education, training, legislation (RCW Chapter 7.07), DR Advocacy, and scholarly contributions at the local, state, and national levels.
- In April, produced a Mini-CLE discussing early dispute resolution for members of HOAs and attended by 582 individuals.
- Recruited 2 newly licensed lawyers to join the Executive Committee, to help begin offering more benefits for younger professionals.

SECTION FINANCIAL REVIEW OCT. 1, 2023-SEPT. 30, 2024

Dues	\$35.00
Total Revenue (actual)	\$16,113.95
Total Expenses (actual)	\$12,918.04
Total Fund Balance (actual)	\$46,674.11

Expenses (actual)

Member Benefits	\$0.00	0.00%
Per-Member-Charge	\$5,289.80	40.95%
CLE-Related	\$3,612.00	27.96%
Executive Committee	\$4,016.24	31.09%

