

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WSBA ENTITY ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2022: October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

The mission of the Washington State Bar Association is to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

Instructions: In accordance with the WSBA Bylaws, Committees, Other Bar Entities (excluding Regulatory Boards¹), Councils, and Sections must submit an annual report to the Executive Director. The information below should reflect the activities and outcomes from the fiscal year October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. Information in the annual report will be provided to the Executive Director and Board of Governors, and may be published for other purposes, such as *Bar News*, volunteer recruitment messaging, and other WSBA activity-based reporting.

It is recommended that completion of the annual report be a collaborative effort with members of your entity, the BOG liaison, and staff liaison.

Submission Deadline is Monday, October 17: Please submit by emailing to Sections Program Specialist Carolyn MacGregor at carolynm@wsba.org.

Name of Entity:	Business Law Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Shaina Johnson
Staff Liaison: <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Carolyn MacGregor
Board of Governors Liaison:	Bryn Peterson
Purpose of Entity: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
The purpose of the Section is to benefit the members of the Section and their clients: (a) by encouraging research and study, and the development of best practices, in the area of business law in the State of Washington, and sharing these efforts through continuing legal education where possible and appropriate; (b) by participating in the development of state legislation and regulations in order to improve and facilitate the administration of justice in the area of business law; and (c) by undertaking such other services relating to the area of business law as may be of benefit to members of the Section, members of the Bar, and the greater public.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
We spent time this year trying to determine whether Section members are ready to return to in person events and how to bring people together after several years of remote activities. We had some successes and some learning opportunities. The repurposed Privacy and Data Security Law Committee was very active and had successful events both virtually and in person, while the	

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Securities Law Committee was able to return to holding its annual Northwest Securities Institute in person.

How does the entity’s purpose help further the mission of the WSBA “to serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice”?

The Section seeks to promote professionalism among our members by helping to build and foster personal relationships among business attorneys across the state and by providing a forum for the discussion and exchange of ideas leading to the improvement of the laws relating to these areas of law.

2021 -2022 Entity Accomplishments:

The Securities Committee’s annual program, the Northwest Securities Institute, was held virtually and in person. The Securities Committee also held a dinner reception with Judge Robart this fall. The Privacy and Data Security Committee held two events this year, a Career Paths in Privacy Law Panel in January and a presentation on Top Privacy Issues for Washington Business Lawyers in September. The Section also provided comments to the BOG’s Ethos meetings on the structure of the bar. Meanwhile, the Section has continued its tradition of strong legislative involvement, with the active review of numerous proposed bills throughout the legislative session. Specifically, the Section supported proposals by the Corporate Act Revisions Committee for legislation updating various provisions of the Washington Business Corporation Act. The Section also donated \$3,000 to the nonprofit Communities Rise.

Looking Ahead: 2022-2023 Top Goals & Priorities:

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| 1 | Continue the Section’s strong tradition of legislative participation. |
| 2 | Continue to seek feedback to determine whether, how, and to what extent we should proceed with virtual/in person programming initiatives as we come out of the pandemic. |
| 3 | Continue to improve upon the programming initiatives from recent years, including planning an in person annual meeting. |
| 4 | Actively recruit more members to participate in the Section. |
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Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion:
How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in your decision-making? What have you done to promote a culture of inclusion within the board or committee? What has your committee/board done to promote equitable conditions for members from historically underrepresented backgrounds to enter, stay, thrive, and eventually lead the profession? Other?

Even as compared to other segments of the legal profession, the business law bar is historically lacking in diversity. The Section has tried to promote a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion, particularly with respect to the constitution of our executive committee. Women and racial and ethnic minorities currently represent almost 50% of our executive committee.

Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA.
For example:

- *Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions*
- *Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison*
- *Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.*

We believe the Section’s relationship with the WSBA staff and governors has been fruitful. The WSBA staff has always been willing to help. We appreciate the lengths to which the WSBA staff always goes to acknowledge the contributions of the section leaders.

<p>SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section’s 2021-2022 member benefits:</p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</i> • <i>4 mini-CLEs produced</i> 	Click or tap here to enter text.	Newsletters/publications produced
	1	Mini-CLEs produced
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
	1	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity
	3	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Recognitions/Awards given
	Click or tap here to enter text.	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
	\$3,000 to Communities Rise	Other (please describe): Donation
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<p>SECTIONS ONLY: Please quantify your section’s 2021-2022 legislative activity.</p>	15 (estimate)	Bills reviewed
	6 (estimate)	Bills tracked
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	1	Bills proposed/drafted
<p>Entity Detail & Demographics Report: <i>To Be Completed by WSBA Staff</i></p>		
Size of Entity:	21	

Membership Size: (for Sections Only) <i>(As of September 30, 2022)</i>	1240
Number of Applicants for FY23 <i>(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)</i>	15
Number of current volunteer vacancies for this entity	1
FY22 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2022</i>	\$34,247.46
Direct Expenses: <i>As of September 30, 2022. For Sections, this does not include the Per-Member- Charge.</i>	\$27,856.92

ⁱ Supreme Court Boards (Access to Justice Board, Disciplinary Board, LLLT Board, Limited Practice Board, MCLE Board and Practice of Law Board) provide annual reports to WSBA to support its responsibility under [GR 12.3](#), to provide oversight and monitor compliance with applicable rules and orders. Boards have the option to use the WSBA template or to share their annual reports to the Washington Supreme Court.