

WASHINGTON STATE B A R A S S O C I A T I O N

WSBA SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2025: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

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 Boards), 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, 2024 – September 30, 2025. 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 Friday, October 17: please submit by emailing to Carolyn MacGregor (carolynm@wsba.org).

Name of Section:	Construction Law Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Bryce Sinner
Staff Liaison: (include name, job title, and department if known)	Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist, Advancement Department
Board of Governors Liaison:	Francis Adewale
Purpose: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
The purpose of the Section shall extend to the field of public and private procurement and construction matters, with emphasis upon laws, regulations, and administrative, and court decisions affecting the same. The purposes of this Section are to promote the education of Washington State Bar Association members in laws, regulations, and administrative and court decisions affecting such procurement and construction, the sound development of relevant laws and regulations, to cooperate in that endeavor with the American Bar Association and its sections, and to promote the objects of the Washington State Bar Association (hereinafter referred to as "WSBA").	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
The Construction Law Section fulfills its purpose by promoting member education, professional development, and community engagement. This includes issuing regular newsletters with updates on legislation, regulations, and court decisions; holding monthly Executive Committee meetings to	

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oversee activities and subcommittees; and hosting annual Continuing Legal Education events such as a mid-year CLE in Seattle on the second Friday of June, a road trip CLE planned for Spokane in early 2026, and seasonal forums featuring expert speakers and site visits. The Section also provides members exclusive access to practical resources like editable contract templates, publishes and updates the authoritative Construction Law Deskbook to support practitioners, facilitates mentorship and outreach programs that support the professional growth of law students and practitioners, and organizes community service and volunteer initiatives. Additionally, the Section is exploring opportunities to collaborate with a Washington law school to offer a class in Construction Law.	
How does the section’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 Construction Law Section furthers the WSBA’s mission by educating members on industry-specific legal issues, which supports the integrity of the legal profession. The Section also champions justice by creating and providing neutral construction contracts and other practical resources, as well as engaging in community service initiatives.	
Top 2024-2025 Section Accomplishments:	
Successfully hosted the midyear Continuing Legal Education (CLE) event in June, featuring comprehensive updates on construction law and engaging judicial panels.	
Organized a well-attended site visit to the new Seattle Aquarium in March 2025, providing members with a unique opportunity for legal and industry engagement. Organized an opportunity for section members to attend a Mariner’s game to facilitate interaction and camaraderie among construction law practitioners.	
Published and distributed multiple quarterly newsletters, offering critical case updates, legislative news, and Section announcements to members.	
Updated and enhanced the Section’s LinkedIn presence and other social media platforms to improve communication, outreach, and member engagement.	
Next Fiscal Year: 2025-2026 Top SMART Goals & Priorities: <i>Tip: SMART Goals are: Specific Measurable, Relevant and Time-Bound</i> Use this worksheet (under ‘Leadership’) to develop your SMART goals and then summarize below in 1-2 sentences.	
1	Successfully plan and execute the midyear CLE event by June 2026
2	Regularly publish and distribute the Construction Law Section newsletter
3	Organize and host a road trip CLE event on the Eastside of Washington by March 2026 to increase regional member participation
Looking Ahead: <i>Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.</i>	
1	Expand statewide outreach to increase active participation of members from underrepresented regions, including Eastern Washington, through targeted programming and regional events.

2	Develop and maintain comprehensive digital resources, including an updated online Construction Law Deskbook and practical contract templates, ensuring they remain current with legal developments.	
3	Foster collaboration with Washington law schools to establish a sustainable Construction Law education pipeline, including expanded mentorship programs and potentially a credited course offering. Explore collaboration with the ABA's construction law writing contest to create an opportunity for Washington law students to participate, with a WSBA-sponsored award offered in addition to the recognition provided by the ABA.	
Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion: <i>How have you elicited input from a variety of perspectives in 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 in the profession? Other?</i>		
The Construction Law Section addresses diversity, equity, and inclusion through its dedicated DEI Subcommittee, which focuses on strategies to diversify both the committee and attract diverse attorneys to the practice area. Recently, the Section amended its Bylaws to grant the Young Lawyer Liaison voting rights, increasing new and young members' input in decision-making. The committee remains committed to ongoing efforts to increase inclusivity and diverse leadership within the Section.		
Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA staff and leadership <i>For example:</i> • 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.		
Noah and Carolyn have been excellent to work with—very responsive and always willing to assist. Carolyn regularly attends our meetings and is able to provide immediate answers or promptly follows up when needed. However, we have not observed much involvement from the Board of Governors or our assigned BOG liaison. At this time, we do not have specific suggestions for enhancing WSBA support but remain open to any ideas the WSBA may offer to strengthen our collaboration.		
Please quantify your section's 2024-2025 member benefits: <i>For example:</i> • \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded; • 4 mini-CLEs produced		
None this year	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA	

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Hosted one full-day CLE with discounted tuition for Section members	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity.	
Multiple events, including a site visit to the new Seattle Aquarium and a Mariners game gathering	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted	
None this fiscal year	\$ amount given through donations/scholarships/grants.	
Two newsletters published	Newsletters/publications produced	
None this year	Mini-CLEs produced	
Conducted "Lunch with Lawyers" events for law students and engaged with local law schools for outreach	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits	
Presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Paul Cressman	Recognitions/Awards given	
No formal legislative activity this year	Legislative activity (Bills reviewed, tracked, proposed)	
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SECTION DATA <i>To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team</i>		
Section Membership Information:	476	Membership Size: <i>As of September 30, 2025.</i>
	\$25712.74	FY25 Revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2025.</i>
	\$4003.29	FY25 Direct Expenses (\$) <i>As of September 30, 2025. This does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>
Section Executive Committee Information:	16 voting/0 non-voting	Full Size of Executive Committee (per Section bylaws): <i>Include and specify voting and non-voting positions.</i>
	0	Number of Vacancies for FY26:

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		<i>The number of vacant positions as of October 1, 2025 (FY26).</i>
	8	Number of Applicants for FY26 open positions: <i>Applications submitted in the Spring of 2025 for vacant positions and terms beginning October 1, 2025 (FY26)</i>