

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WSBA SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2024: October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

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^j), 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, 2023 – September 30, 2024. 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 11: please submit by emailing to Carolyn MacGregor (carolynm@wsba.org).

Name of Section:	Construction Law Section
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Seth Millstein
Staff Liaison: (include name, job title, and department if known)	Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist, Advancement Department
Board of Governors Liaison:	Serena Sayani
Purpose: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
<p>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 purpose of this Section is also 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”).</p>	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	

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Community service; quarterly newsletters (with updates and announcements); monthly EC meetings to discuss progress and sub-committees; mid-year CLE (all day educational event), winter forum (site visit and engagement with speaker), reaching out to law schools to encourage interest in construction	
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 Section tries to reach out and provide education to its members on issues surrounding our industry, which in turn helps ensure integrity of the legal profession. As to "championing justice" in the past the Section has drafted "neutral" construction contracts and has various resources online, as well as its engagement in community service (most recently at a 'tiny home' factory dedicated to mitigating Seattle's unhoused population.	
Top 2023 -2024 Section Accomplishments:	
Quarterly Newsletter including case updates	
WSBA Deskbook involvement	
Mid-year CLE and winter forum	
Reaching out to law students via Zoom and charitable efforts.	
Next Fiscal Year: 2024-2025 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	Continue educating our members via newsletters and deskbook
2	Continue putting on seminars and education events
3	Continue creating goodwill in the community
Looking Ahead: Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.	
1	Continued community goodwill
2	Continued education
3	Continued work on creating unity and engagement among members.
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>	
We have a subcommittee that is devoted to diversity. We also recently changed our Bylaws to allow for both the young lawyer liaison and past chairs to vote more readily.	

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<p>Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA.</p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions</i> • <i>Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison</i> • <i>Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.</i> 		
<p>Noah has helped with potential technology updates.</p>		
<p>Please quantify your section's 2023-2024 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> 		
None	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA	
One, with discounted tuition for members	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity.	
Multiple	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted	
8-9 of us volunteered our time at Sound Foundations which builds tiny homes. See above.	\$ amount given through donations/scholarships/grants.	
Issued approximately quarterly	Newsletters/publications produced	
None	Mini-CLEs produced	
None	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits	
Awards were given to Beth Andrus and one was ready to be presented to Paul Cressman	Recognitions/Awards given	
	Other (please describe):	
<p align="center">SECTION DATA</p> <p align="center"><i>To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team</i></p>		
Section Membership Information:	482	Membership Size: <i>(As of September 30, 2024)</i>
	\$24,514	FY24 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: <i>As of September 30, 2024</i>
	\$22,600	\$4,011 Budgeted and Direct Expenses: <i>Does not include the Per-Member-Charge. For Direct Expenses, draft estimate as of December 3, 2024.</i>
	16	Size of Executive Committee:

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Section Executive Committee Information:		<i>(include and specify voting and non-voting positions)</i>
	6	Number of Vacancies for FY25: <i>The number of positions with terms beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25).</i>
	9	Number of Applicants for FY25: <i>Applications submitted in the Spring-Summer of 2024 for terms beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25)</i>

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.