# 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<sup>i</sup>), 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:   | Criminal Law  |
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| Chair or Co-Chairs:  | Tracey Munger   |
| <b>Staff Liaison:</b> (include name, job title, and department if known) | Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist,<br>Advancement Department |
| Board of Governors Liaison:  | Alison Widney   |

#### **Purpose:**

May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.

Stated in Section 1.2 of the bylaws

## **Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:**

Our strategy includes: Review pending legislation and comment as requested as well as discuss legislation and if appropriate, solicit input from the membership; Continue to present the CJI every year; recruiting new members for growth of the section.

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"?

As opposing forces in the gambit of criminal law, the section offers perspectives on legislation that work toward benefitting both sides of the coin instead of one side over the other. The CJI CLE

presentation also presents cutting edge education in a non-partisan manner and the recruitment for growth of the section is wholly devoid of bias toward one side or the other. We strongly believe that by working together we can bridge a gap rather than harvest diversion in the criminal law arena.

#### **Top 2023 -2024 Section Accomplishments:**

CJI CLE

Membership growth

Legislation review

## Next Fiscal Year: 2024-2025 Top SMART Goals & Priorities:

Tip: SMART Goals are: Specific Measurable, Relevant and Time-Bound

<u>Use this worksheet</u> (under 'Leadership') to develop your SMART goals and then summarize below in 1-2 sentences.

- **1** Continued membership growth
- **2** CJI CLE Production
- 3 Legislative review and commentary as requested

**Looking Ahead:** Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.

- 1 Continue to grow the current membership
- 2 Implement a lunchbox CLE program
- 3 Implement a section newsletter

#### Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion:

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?

Including DEI presentations in the CJI every year and actively recruiting a diverse leadership.

#### 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.

## very helpful

## Please quantify your section's 2023-2024 member benefits:

For example:

• \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;

| 4 mini-CLEs produced                                |     |  |       |   |  |
|---|-----|--|-------|---|--|
| Reduced cost CLE's for members                      |     | full-day CLE seminars with WSBA                        |       |   |  |
| Scholarships / refund grants to cover CLE costs     |     | \$ 245.00 given through donations/scholarships/grants. |       |   |  |
| Service Award                                       |     | Recognitions/Awards given                              |       |   |  |
| Annual Caselaw Notebook                             |     | Free to membership                                     |       |   |  |
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|   |     | Other (please describe):                               |       |   |  |
| SECTION DATA  To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team |     |  |       |   |  |
| Section Membership Information:                     | 343 |  |       | Membership Size:<br>(As of September 30, 2024)  |  |
| \$19  |     | ),244  |       | FY24 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only: As of September 30, 2024  |  |
|   |     | 0  | \$763 | Budgeted and Direct Expenses:<br>Does not include the Per-Member-<br>Charge. For Direct Expenses, draft<br>estimate as of December 3, 2024. |  |
| Section Executive Committee Information:  9  3      |     |  |       | Size of Executive Committee:<br>(include and specify voting and<br>non-voting positions)  |  |
|   |     |  |       | Number of Vacancies for FY25:<br>The number of positions with<br>terms beginning October 1, 2024<br>(FY25).                                 |  |
|   |     |  |       | Number of Applicants for FY25:<br>Applications submitted in the<br>Spring-Summer of 2024 for terms<br>beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25)      |  |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 is responsibility under <u>GR 12.3</u>, 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.