

WSBA SECTIONS | 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Elder Law

The **Elder Law Section** seeks to improve understanding by members of the Washington State Bar Association of matters related to the representation of elderly citizens, recognizing that these individuals have unique legal needs and may be isolated, ill, or vulnerable to undue influence or exploitation. Issues commonly discussed relate to retirement and estate planning; powers of attorney, guardianship and other forms of substitute decision making; private and public long-term care and other healthcare financing; and abuse of vulnerable individuals.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

OCT. 1, 2024 - SEPT. 30, 2025

- Produced the Elder Law Spring CLE in May, which included topics such as: Case Law and Legislative Updates, Ethics in Multi-Party Representation, Needs-Based Benefits Updates, Financial Planning for Seniors, Protection Orders, and Pro Bono Updates.
- Produced the Elder Law Fall CLE in September, which included topics such as: Complex Planning, Estate Litigation, Medicaid Strategies, Attorney Wellness, Continuing Care Communities, and GALs and Special Representatives.
- Monitored legislation impacting older adults, shared legislative information with members, and provided comment to the legislature.
- Supported publication of annual Senior Bulletins on WA Law Help.

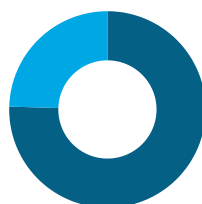
SECTION FINANCIAL REVIEW

OCT. 1, 2024 - SEPT. 30, 2025

Dues	\$35.00
Total Revenue (actual)	\$32,335.62
Total Expenses (actual)	\$46,297.77
Total Fund Balance (actual)	\$113,360.77

EXPENSES (ACTUAL)

Member Benefits	\$34,934	75.46%
Per-Member-Charge	\$11,363.77	24.54%
CLE-Related	\$0.00	
Executive Committee	\$0.00	



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TOTAL MEMBERS

AS OF DEC. 31, 2025

NEW MEMBERS: 22.97%

MEMBER LOCATIONS

King County	58.40%
Peninsula & Southern WA	4.20%
Central & Eastern WA	3.57%
Northern WA	5.25%

EMPLOYMENT

Public Sector/Gov't	5.67%
In-House	13.45%
Solo	10.50%
Small Firm (2 - 10)	29.41%
Medium Firm (11 - 50)	31.30%
Large Firm (51+)	17.02%

SECTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OCT. 1, 2024 - SEPT. 30, 2025

Reception or Forum	2
Recognition/Award Given	1
CLE Co-Sponsored with Non-WSBA Entity	1
Newsletters	2
New Member Outreach Event/Benefits	3