

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

## 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>1</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](mailto:carolynm@wsba.org)).

<b>Name of Section:</b>	Health Law Section (HLS)
<b>Chair or Co-Chairs:</b>	Elena Praggastis
<b>Staff Liaison:</b> <i>(include name, job title, and department if known)</i>	Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist, Advancement Department
<b>Board of Governors Liaison:</b>	Kristina Larry (2023-2024)
<b>Purpose:</b> <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	

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<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 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.  
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To further the knowledge of the members of the Section and the Washington State Bar Association (“Bar”) in the areas of law involving both federal and local health care;</li> <li>To form an available working unit to assist in the activities of the Bar; and</li> <li>To otherwise further the interests of the Bar and the legal profession as a whole.</li> </ul>	
<b>Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:</b>	
Host educational events (including, but not limited to, CLE events) regarding health care law and related topics. Host other events for HLS members and others to socialize and network. Provide information about job opportunities to members of the HLS. Collaborate with the Bar to improve the value provided to WSBA members.	
<b>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”?</b>	
The HLS Executive Committee (EC) aims to serve WSBA members by providing events and information of value to them, and in doing so, the EC aims to improve the practice of health care law in Washington State.	
<b>Top 2023 -2024 Section Accomplishments:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Health Law Fair (educational event and networking reception hosted in collaboration with the law schools of the University of Washington and Seattle University)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well-attended virtual CLE events on hospital operations (half day), and privacy/ethics/AI (mini)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conference scholarships awarded to two (2) recipients</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned and hosted first multi-day, destination, in-person EC Retreat (October 4-6, 2024) post-COVID pandemic.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Fiscal Year: 2024-2025 Top SMART Goals &amp; Priorities:</b> <i>Tip: SMART Goals are: Specific Measurable, Relevant and Time-Bound</i> <a href="#">Use this worksheet</a> (under ‘Leadership’) to develop your SMART goals and then summarize below in 1-2 sentences.	
<b>1</b>	Continue hosting relevant educational events to HLS members and other WSBA members.
<b>2</b>	Continue hosting a successful annual Student Health Law Fair.

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<b>3</b>	Provide additional scholarships for students/new practitioners to attend health law conferences, and continue to improve the Executive Committee's process for administering the scholarship program.
<b>4</b>	Host a networking/social event for members.
<b>5</b>	Distribute at least one newsletter/bulletin for members.
<b>Looking Ahead:</b> <i>Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.</i>	
<b>1</b>	Continuity within, and effectiveness of, EC leadership.
<b>2</b>	Develop a regular and reputable program schedule that members can look forward to and count on each term year.
<b>3</b>	Explore strategies for getting in touch with our membership and surveying members to see what types of programing and other value the EC should prioritize year to year.
<b>Please describe how this entity is addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion:</b> <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>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have hosted CLE events focused on access to healthcare among diverse groups and related issues (i.e., CLE focused on the intersection of tribal law and healthcare)</li> <li>• We've continued a scholarship program to enable students and new practitioners to attend health law conferences.</li> <li>• When recruiting for open positions and providing opportunities within the Executive Committee, our Executive Committee is intentional about maintaining diversity among participants.</li> <li>• Representatives from our Executive Committee attended WSBA sessions related to diversity and inclusion.</li> </ul>	
<b>Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA.</b> <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Quality of WSBA staff support/services, including technology solutions</i></li> <li>• <i>Involvement with Board of Governors, including assigned BOG liaison</i></li> <li>• <i>Ideas you have on ways WSBA can continue to strengthen/support your entity.</i></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carolyn MacGregor is an amazing staff liaison! She provides a great deal of value to our regular EC meetings and we enjoy working with her.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristina Larry attended our regular EC meetings and consistently provided timely, succinct, and helpful summaries of various BOG issues and happenings. She also provided helpful context when we were preparing for our Bylaws amendment this term.</li> <li>• Tech support and general WSBA support (particularly Sally and her team!) for CLE events were VERY helpful and comprehensive.</li> <li>• We continue to be frustrated by issues related to our section listserv and how best to connect with our membership.</li> <li>• We also run into extra hurdles when trying to wrangle external sponsorship funds for alcoholic beverages (both having to obtain funds and keep them separate from our internal funds/payment methods).</li> </ul>		
<b>Please quantify your section's 2023-2024 member benefits:</b>  <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</li> <li>• 4 mini-CLEs produced</li> </ul>		
1	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.	
1	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted	
\$1,900	\$ amount given through donations/scholarships/grants.	
0	Newsletters/publications produced	
1	Mini-CLEs produced	
1	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits	
2	Recognitions/Awards given	
1 pro bono event that one of our EC officers was involved in to provide education on MHMDA to small businesses through Communities Rise.	Other (please describe):	
<b>SECTION DATA</b> <i>To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team</i>		
<b>Section Membership Information:</b>	397	<b>Membership Size:</b> (As of September 30, 2024)

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	\$13,775		<b>FY24 Revenue (\$): For Sections Only:</b> <i>As of September 30, 2024</i>
	\$35,000	\$6,841	<b>Budgeted and Direct Expenses:</b> <i>Does not include the Per-Member-Charge. For Direct Expenses, draft estimate as of December 3, 2024.</i>
<b>Section Executive Committee Information:</b>	9 voting members + 1 YLL and 2 nonvoting members		<b>Size of Executive Committee:</b> <i>(include and specify voting and non-voting positions)</i>
	11		<b>Number of Vacancies for FY25:</b> <i>The number of positions with terms beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25).</i>
	10		<b>Number of Applicants for FY25:</b> <i>Applications submitted in the Spring-Summer of 2024 for terms beginning October 1, 2024 (FY25)</i>