

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

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^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, 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:	Low Bono
Chair or Co-Chairs:	Jaymi Trimble
Staff Liaison: (include name, job title, and department if known)	Carolyn MacGregor, Sections Program Specialist, Advancement Department
Board of Governors Liaison:	Kevin Fay
Purpose: <i>May be stated in Bylaws, Charter, Court Rule, etc.</i>	
The underlying purpose of “low bono” is to increase the availability of legal representation and legal services to clients of moderate means. Clients of moderate means are individuals who have a need or a want for legal representation or legal services, but who cannot qualify or pro bono legal assistance and who typically cannot afford the cost of traditional law firm representation or legal services. These individuals comprise the majority of those seeking resolution of, or planning for, legal issues and legal matters. The Low Bono Section is a community of lawyers, LLLTs, other legal professionals, and law students committed to identifying solutions, creating systems, and developing projects to increase the overall availability and affordability of legal representation and legal services.	
Strategy to Fulfill Purpose:	
See Bylaws 2.1 Developing and providing resources for members, regardless of field or area of practice, who are dedicated and committed to providing low bono legal services, defined as legal and	

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law-related services provided with the intent to increase accessibility of legal services for people of moderate financial means. 2.2 Providing a forum and opportunity for education, training, and sharing of forms, practice tips, client counseling techniques, alternative forms of conflict resolution, and other resources to and among members of the Section. 2.3 Developing “best practices” and “alternative practices” for providing competent, current, efficient, and economical professional services while being mindful of the clients’ moderate means.	
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 Low Bono Section provides a forum and opportunity for education, training, sharing of forms, practice tips, client counseling techniques, and alternative techniques for conflict resolution. The section provides its members with free mentorship opportunities, discounted admission to low-bono-oriented CLEs, networking and referral opportunities with other low bono professionals, leadership development opportunities, and more.	
Top 2024-2025 Section Accomplishments:	
Increased membership levels surpassing last year.	
Participated in numerous legislative bills affecting section members.	
Significantly expanded social media and actively posted about the section and related events.	
Offered several CLEs of interest to members and non-members.	
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	Increase Membership by targeting legal practitioners through content-rich CLEs and partnership events. The section is considering awards for the legal practitioners that offer the most low-bono assistance. Track progress quarterly to gauge membership growth. Developing a list of low-bono practitioners.
2	Host content-rich, CLEs that provide benefit to section members and encourage non-members to join the section.
3	Actively participate in the review of legislative bills affecting family law and the low-bono community.
Looking Ahead: <i>Please share any long-term goals and/or priorities that your entity aims to address.</i>	
1	Develop a list of low bono professionals.
2	Consider an award for the low bono legal practitioner(s) of the year.
3	Continue to advocate for legislative change.

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>	
Our Executive Committee remains committed to fostering participation from a diverse group of individuals. All meetings are accessible remotely, with meeting details published in advance to ensure broad participation. To accommodate members with varying schedules, including those with small children, Executive Committee meetings are held later in the day, typically on the second Wednesday of each month. We also continue to host virtual and in-person socials after these meetings, inviting all Section Members to attend both the meetings and the post-meeting gatherings.	
Please share feedback regarding the support and engagement provided by WSBA staff and leadership <i>For example:</i> • <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>	
The Low Bono Section receives excellent support from WSBA staff.	
Please quantify your section's 2024-2025 member benefits: <i>For example:</i> • <i>\$3000 Scholarships, donations, grants awarded;</i> • <i>4 mini-CLEs produced</i>	
0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with WSBA
0	Co-sponsored half-day, full-day and/or multi-day CLE seminars with <i>non</i> -WSBA entity.
0	Receptions/forums hosted or co-hosted
0	\$ amount given through donations/scholarships/grants.
0	Newsletters/publications produced
9	Mini-CLEs produced
0	New Lawyer Outreach events/benefits
10	Recognitions/Awards given

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25	Legislative activity (Bills reviewed, tracked, proposed)	
0	Other (please describe):	
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SECTION DATA <i>To Be Completed by WSBA Sections Team</i>		
Section Membership Information:	128	Membership Size: <i>As of September 30, 2025.</i>
	10082.85	FY25 Revenue (\$): <i>As of September 30, 2025.</i>
	4253.09	FY25 Direct Expenses (\$) <i>As of September 30, 2025. This does not include the Per-Member-Charge.</i>
Section Executive Committee Information:	Up to 13 Voting	Full Size of Executive Committee (per Section bylaws): <i>Include and specify voting and non-voting positions.</i>
	1	Number of Vacancies for FY26: <i>The number of vacant positions as of October 1, 2025 (FY26).</i>
	6	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>