

Volunteer Opportunity: Practice of Law Board

Entity Type:

- ☒ Board
- ☐ Committee
- ☐ Council
- ☐ Other Bar Entity

Created By:

- ☐ WSBA
- ☒ Supreme Court
- ☐ Court Rule

Term:

- ☐ One Year
- ☐ Two Years
- ☒ Three Years
- ☐ Four Years

Meetings:

- ☐ In-Person Only
- ☐ Virtual Only
- ☒ Hybrid

Eligibility:

License Type:

- ☒ Lawyer
- ☒ LLLT
- ☒ LPO

License Status:

- ☒ Active
- ☒ Inactive
- ☒ Judicial
- ☒ Honorary
- ☒ Pro Bono

Public Members:

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

The Practice of Law Board was created by the Supreme Court and is administered by the WSBA. GR 25 outlines the Board's responsibilities, which include to (1) educate the public about how to receive competent legal assistance; (2) recommend new avenues for persons not currently authorized to practice law to provide legal and law-related services; and (3) receive complaints that allege the unauthorized practice of law. The Board is participating in the implementation and administration of the Washington pilot project for entity regulation.

Position overview: Members attend monthly meetings and actively contribute to the Board's ongoing work. Appointment is for a three-year term with eligibility to be reappointed for one additional three-year term.

Benefits:

- Participating in work that might create something new
- Learning about ways other jurisdictions are working to address these same issues
- Interacting with a dynamic, diverse group of people who "think outside the box"

Time commitment: Members are expected to attend monthly meetings for approximately 2 hours. The Practice of Law Board also meets with the Supreme Court on an annual basis. The Board primarily meets remotely with one in-person/remote hybrid meeting held at the WSBA offices in downtown Seattle. Meetings with the Supreme Court are held at the Temple of Justice in Olympia.

Requirements: Applicants can be active, judicial, inactive, honorary, or pro bono WSBA members or members of the public.

Preferred qualifications and skills:

- Interest in access to justice and public education
- Interest in innovation
- Interest in working on collaborative, long-term projects

Selection and appointment process: Candidates are vetted by the Practice of Law Board. Recommendations are provided to the WSBA Board of Governors for its information, and to the Supreme Court which makes the appointments.

For further information: See www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Committees-Boards-and-Other-Groups/practice-of-law-board.

How to apply: See instructions at www.wsba.org/joincommittee. Questions about the application? Email barleaders@wsba.org.

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We are committed to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion on the Board and strongly encourage folks from a diverse array of backgrounds to apply. We define diversity broadly to include age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, geographical location, indigenous background, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, social class, and veteran status.