

WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

About WLI

The Washington Leadership Institute ("WLI") is a leadership development program created in 2004 by the WSBA Board of Governors at the behest of then president Ronald R. Ward. It is a collaborative leadership program between the Washington State Bar Association and the University of Washington School of Law (UW Law). The program operates under the direction of a Board of Advisors and provides monthly training sessions to participants ("Fellows"). The sessions include topics such as the "nuts and bolts" of law practice, leadership styles, the judiciary, and the legislative process. A WSBA Leadership Institute Fellow

- Community Service Project Each class sets aside time to be involved with the preparation and execution of a WLI community service project. Fellows devote approximately 30 hours to the project.
- One year of service Following graduation from the WLI, each Fellow is expected to serve on a WSBA or WSBA-related committee, section, minority, or specialty bar association

Notable Guest Speakers

There have been over a hundred speakers who have given their time and expertise to the program. Below are just a few of the attorneys and public servants who have spoken and

- Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst, Washington Supreme Court
- Judge Richard Jones, U.S. District Court
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- Eric Liu, Author and speech writer for former President Bill Clinton
- Chief Judge Ricardo Martinez, U.S. District Court
- Fred Rivera, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Seattle Mariners
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- Kellye Y. Testy, President and CEO, Law School Admission Council (LSAC)

Our Mission

The mission of the Washington Leadership Institute (WLI) is to recruit, train, & develop traditionally underrepresented attorneys for future leadership positions in the Washington State Bar Association and legal community. The program strives to

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The WLI provides the Fellows with numerous opportunities to personally interact with legal, judicial, and political leaders. The

- The program is a no-cost endeavor for Fellows because all travel, lodging and meals are covered
- No tuition fee
- CLE credits, enough to satisfy approximately 3 full years of 0 & / (UHTXLUHPHQVV DW QR FRVW
- Exposure to practice and industry leaders
- Training in the law, courts, and the Bar
- One-on-one interaction with judges
- Mentorship from well-known bar leaders

Curriculum

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- Sessions The program is composed of eight educational sessions which run from January through August of each year. Fellows devote approximately 60 hours to the WLI CLE curriculum.

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Who Can Apply?

Attorneys who have been admitted to practice law in a U.S. jurisdiction for at least three years and not more than ten years are eligible to apply.

All applicants must:

Be an active member of the WSBA

- Be nominated by his/her employer, or if self-employed, by a lawyer with at least 10 years of practice or a judge.
- Attend and participate in all eight sessions in order to graduate from the program.

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Rajeev Majumdar
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