

M. Janice “Jan” Michels

WSBA Executive Director April 1998 to Present

Jan joined the Washington State Bar Association after 20 years as the King County Clerk. Jan holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in Social Work. She is also a Fellow in the Institute of Court Management.

As executive director of the WSBA, Jan is responsible to the Board of Governors for the management of a staff of 120 and a budget of \$14 million. The WSBA programs include the admission and regulation of the 25,000 Washington lawyers and affiliate services such as an education program, a monthly publication to members, counseling, and law firm management consultation.

During her years as a county official she served as President of the Washington Association of County Clerks and rose in the Washington Association of County Officials chairs to the Presidency in 1997. Jan has served on many national and statewide committees in the areas of criminal justice, legislative improvements, judicial technology systems, data dissemination, and court improvement. As the King County Clerk, she worked to implement case scheduling and individual calendaring. Jan has published three articles on court management in national journals. Jan founded the King County Law, Safety and Justice Council in 1992. She has won numerous awards and recognition.

Jan is married to Alan J. Erickson and proud of their two adult children Ryan, 25 and Kristan, 27. Jan is an avid bicyclist and alpine skier in her non-work time.