



WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

Assistant Attorneys General

Assistant Attorneys General must have at least one year's prior experience with YMCA Youth Legislature or Mock Trial, currently be enrolled in grade 10 or equivalent. After being elected at their district event Assistant Attorney Generals may be asked to create a list of questions to be used as a test for a legislative bill's constitutionality or produce other information to aid the Attorney General in placing them in their session assignments.

Assistant Attorneys General **MUST** attend leadership training as scheduled in the Program Calendar.

Assistant Attorneys General have the following responsibilities:

1. Review legislation prior to the Session, in consultation with the State Attorney General, and advise legislators and others on the constitutionality of proposed bills. The bill's sponsor(s) must be notified if there are any questions regarding a bill's legality or constitutionality.
2. Propose bill amendments, which bring the language of a bill into consistency with the Washington State Constitution, with the consent of the bill's sponsor. AG's may not change the intent of legislation, or significantly alter wording, except to meet constitutional or legal criteria. Amendments proposed by the AGs shall be allowed during committee, Senate, House, O'Brien House, Cherberg Senate or Governor's consideration.
3. Suggest more substantive amendments during committee sessions only, consistent with the rights and duties of all delegates.
4. Speak only on constitutional or legal matters, when requested. Attorneys General have no debate privileges.