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My Fellow Members of the Bar  
WSBA District #2  
Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties

## RE: Kari Petrasek's Candidacy for WSBA Board of Governors

My Colleagues,

I am writing to all members of our beautiful District #2 in support of Kari Petrasek's electoral campaign. As a former Governor who represented our district and as a former WSBA President, I am heavily invested and concerned with our district having the best representation possible.

Kari Petrasek is the candidate with the most experience representing our profession, the diligence serving our community, and the demeanor that brings honor to the reputation of lawyers everywhere. She is the only candidate statewide to articulate that **"...for lawyers to be able to serve their communities effectively, they need support, training, and resources."** Something she has advocated for continually during her first term. Further, as the incumbent, she is in the position to have policies that support the concerns of District #2 members kept front and center – especially now that she has been elected an officer of the board.

If you have not seen Kari's resume, I am attaching a copy here and you will note on it that there is more service dedicated to improving the legal profession and the lives of her colleagues than any lawyer I know. And that service is continuous over her 23-year career, whether it be leadership in her local bar, leadership with the ABA, leadership with Washington Women Lawyers, leadership with WSBA Sections, or leadership of the Young Lawyers Division (*etc.*)... Kari has continuously put the time and energy in to better our profession.

But most importantly, she is a person who understands how practice is different out on the periphery and away from the urban centers of King County. She understands that she needs to be fighting to bring in resources to help make our practices easier and to hold the WSBA accountable to serving all of its members with the greatest value.

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The WSBA is our organization- and we deserve the best representation. On March 15, please take the time to open your WSBA e-mail/ballot and vote for Kari and the betterment of our community.

Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rajeev D. Majumdar', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rajeev D, Majumdar  
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## KARI PETRASEK

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### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Snohomish County Superior Court, Everett, WA**

*Superior Court Judge and Commissioner Pro Tempore*

January 2010 – present

Preside over trials and hearings relating to ITA cases, juvenile offender matters, truancies, at-risk-youth, children in need of services, probation violations, family law hearings, domestic violence hearings, probate and guardianship hearings, and ex parte matters. Attend judicial trainings when offered.

#### **Petrasek Law, PLLC, Mukilteo, WA**

*Owner, Attorney*

January 2015 – present

Represent clients almost daily in juvenile law matters, including dependency and termination proceedings at Snohomish County Juvenile Court. Represent the Snohomish County Volunteer Guardian ad Litem program in hearings and trials as needed. Appear in Superior Court for various civil litigation hearings and trials, including family law, elder law, and guardianship cases. Meet with clients and draft documents in estate planning cases. Court hearings involve all stages of the case from preliminary/show-cause hearings and discovery conferences, to contested review hearings or motion hearings, and eventually settlement negotiations or trial. Represent clients in arbitrations and mediations. Attend annual Children's Justice Conference, OPD, OCLA education programs and other relevant case-type continuing legal education.

#### **Carson Law Group, P.S., Everett, WA**

*Attorney*

December 2007 – December 2014

Represented clients almost daily in juvenile law matters, including dependency and termination proceedings, and court-appointed Guardian ad Litem cases at Snohomish County Juvenile Court. Represent the Snohomish County Volunteer Guardian ad Litem program in hearings and trials as needed. Appear in Superior Court for various civil litigation hearings and trials, including family law, guardianships, business law, collection, property, landlord-tenant cases, and domestic violence cases. Represent clients in criminal hearings and trials at District Court and handle estate planning cases. Court hearings involve all stages of the case from preliminary/show-cause hearings and discovery conferences, to contested review hearings or motion hearings, and eventually settlement negotiations or trial. Represent clients in arbitrations and mediations. Attended annual Children's Justice Conference and OPD education programs and other relevant case-type continuing legal education.

#### **Bell & Ingram, P.S., Everett, WA**

*Associate Attorney*

September 2005 – December 2007

Represented clients in juvenile law matters, including dependency and termination proceedings, juvenile offender, and court-appointed Guardian ad Litem cases at Snohomish County Juvenile Court. Appeared in Superior Court for various civil litigation

hearings and trials, including family law, business law, collection, property, landlord-tenant cases, and domestic violence cases. Represented clients in criminal hearings at District Court and handled estate planning cases. Court hearings involved all stages of the case from preliminary/show-cause hearings and discovery conferences, to contested review hearings or motion hearings, and eventually settlement negotiations or trial. Represented clients in arbitrations and mediations. Attended annual Children's Justice Conference and OPD education programs and other relevant case-type continuing legal education.

**Law Offices of Alayne Spaulding, Everett, WA**

*Associate Attorney*

December 2002 – September 2005

Represented clients (parents and children) in juvenile law matters, including dependency and termination proceedings, juvenile offender, BECCA bill, CHINS, ARY, and court-appointed Guardian ad Litem cases at Snohomish County Juvenile Court. Appeared in Superior Court for child support contempt hearings and family law matters, including dissolution proceedings, parenting plan modifications, and child support contempt hearings. Represented clients in criminal hearings at District Court. Court hearings involved all stages of the case from preliminary hearings and discovery conferences, to contested review hearings or motion hearings, and eventually settlement negotiations or trial. Attended relevant case-type continuing legal education.

**United States Attorney's Office, Seattle, WA**

*Legal Intern*

May 2001 – June 2002

Appeared in front of U.S. Magistrate and District Court judges for initial appearances, pleas, sentencings, evidentiary hearings, and other matters; completed legal research; drafted complaints, informations, plea agreements, charging documents, indictments; wrote appellate briefs; collected discovery information; worked with attorneys to collect research and information relevant to the case; met with agents from various federal agencies working on the case.

**EDUCATION**

**Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA**

Juris Doctor, May 2002

Mentor for first-year law students, Fall 2000, 2001

Academic Conduct Board Member, September 2000-August 2002

- Vice President, Spring 2001-Spring 2002

American Bar Association – Law Student Division, 1999-2002

Alternative Dispute Resolution Negotiation Competition, October 2000

Alternative Dispute Resolution Client Counseling Competition, January 2000

**Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN**

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and International Management, 1999

Dean's List: Spring and Fall 1997, 1998, 1999

College Judicial Board Member 1997-1999

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SKILLS**

WSBA Member, in good standing, November 2002 – present

- WSBA Pro Bono Publico Service Commendation, every year since 2006
  - Solo & Small Practice Section, Member 2009 – present
    - Chair, April 2018 – September 2020
    - Chair-Elect, October 2016 – April 2018
    - Executive Committee, 2012 – present
    - Electronic Communications Committee, Chair 2014-2015, Member 2014 – present
    - Solo & Small Firm Conference Steering Committee, 2018 – present
  - WSBA Board of Governors, District 2 Governor, October 2022 – present
    - WSBA Treasurer, October 2025 – present
  - WSBA Coronavirus Response Task Force, 2020 – 2021
  - WSBA Rural Practice Project, November 2020 – March 2021
  - WSBA Small Town and Rural Committee, Chair, October 2022 – present
    - Education & Outreach Subcommittee, Chair October 2021 – present
  - Juvenile Law Section, Member
    - Executive Committee, 2021 – present
  - WSBA Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, September 2010 – August 2016, September 2020 – September 2022
  - Mentorship Workgroup, 2014
- Washington Young Lawyers Division, member 2002 - 2013
- WYLD President, 2010 - 2011
  - WYLD President-Elect, 2009 - 2010
  - WYLD Snohomish District Trustee, 2005 - 2009
  - WYLD Board of Trustees liaison to WSBA Solo Small Practice Section, 2008 - 2009
  - Trial Advocacy Program, Chair: 2008, 2009; Co-Chair: 2010
  - WYLD/ATJ GAAP committee, 2006 - 2010
- Washington Women Lawyers, member 2007 - present
- State Board Treasurer, October 2017 – present
  - State Board Membership Co-VP, April 2017 – September 2017
  - Joint Minority Mentorship Program, Mentor 2020 – present
  - Snohomish County Chapter Board member, 2012 – present
  - Snohomish County Chapter Treasurer, October 2018 – present
  - Snohomish County Chapter Representative to State Board, October 2015 – September 2016
  - Snohomish County Chapter VP and chair of Membership and Marketing, 2013-2016
  - Chapter Member of the Year, 2013 and 2021
  - Joint Minority Mentorship Program, Mentor, 2021 – present
- Washington Association for Justice, Eagle Member, 2015 – present
- Snohomish County Bar Association, 2002 - present
- Treasurer, January 2021 – January 2024
  - President, 2015
  - Awarded the 2017 President’s Award
  - Board Member, 2012 - present
  - Snohomish Co Superior Court GAL Committee, SCBA Representative, January 2021 – present
  - Mentorship Committee Co-Chair, 2012 - 2018
- Snohomish County Legal Services

- Serving Our Senior Will Clinic Attorney Recruitment volunteer and participant, 2011 - present
- Board Member January 2006 - December 2012
- Family Law Clinic Volunteer and Direct Representation Attorney
- SCLS Founders' Award, 2023

Snohomish County Young Lawyers Division, founding member, 2003-2013

- Trustee 2003-2006, 2007-2009
- President 2006-2007

American Bar Association, member 2002 - present

- ABA At-Large Delegate to the House of Delegates, September 2017 – August 2020, September 2022 – present
- ABA State Membership Chair - Washington, September 2019 – present
- ABA Standing Committee on Membership, September 2023 – present
- ABA Technology & Communications Committee, September 2024 – present
- ABA Standing Committee on Technology & Information Systems, September 2020 – 2023
- ABA Cybersecurity Legal Task Force, September 2021 – August 2024
- ABA Membership Advocate, 2017-2019
- GP|Solo Member 2005 – present
  - Council Member, 2014 – 2020
  - Corporate Sponsorships Committee, Chair, 2017 – 2019; Vice-Chair, 2015 – 2017; Member 2015 - 2020
  - Director of Division 2: Member Benefits, September 2019 – August 2020
  - Director of Division 1: Administration, September 2018 – August 2019
  - Director of Division 4: Practice Setting, September 2017 – August 2018
  - Director of Division 3: Practice Specialty, September 2016 – August 2017
  - Women's Initiative Network, September 2016 – present
  - Long range planning committee, 2015 - 2018
  - Solo & Small Firm Summit Committee, 2014 - 2016
  - Technology & Resource Committee, Chair, 2019 – present; Member 2015 - present
  - Programs Board, Co-Chair, 2020 – 2021, member 2021 – present
  - Solo Strong Committee Vice-Chair, September 2013-2014, member 2014-2015
  - Juvenile Law Committee Chair, September 2013 - 2016; Co-Chair, September 2012 - August 2013, Member since 2010
  - Young Lawyers Committee Member, 2010 – present
  - Membership Board Member, 2011 - 2015
  - Star of the Quarter, October 2013, October 2014, February 2016, July 2021
  - Amicus Curiae Committee Co-Chair, September 2012 - August 2013
- Judicial Division, Lawyers Conference, 2009 – present
  - Executive Committee Member, September 2022 – present
  - Vice-Chair, September 2024 – present
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow 2015 – present
- Youth at Risk Advisory Commission, September 2016 – 2018
- Children and the Law Committee, 2009 – 2016
- YLD Fellows, Member 2014 – present

- YLD Member Service Team Coordinator, September 2012 - August 2013; member 2009-2010
  - YLD Star of the Quarter, October 2011
  - Chair of Seattle Host Committee for the 2011 ABA YLD Fall Conference
  - YLD District 29 (WA/OR) Representative, 2010-2012
  - YLD Awards & Subgrants Team, Judge 2011-2012, 2008-2009, Vice-Chair Judge 2007-2008
  - 2008 National Outstanding Young Lawyer Nominee
- Seattle University School of Law 1L Mentorship Program, Mentor 2017 – present  
 Washington State CASA, member 2003 - present
- Snohomish County VGAL of the Month: June 2008 and March 2010

## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION & PROGRAMS

“Good Practice Habits That Don’t Go Out of Style.” Washington State Bar Association, Solo & Small Firm Conference. September 13, 2019.

“So You Want to be the Boss – What it Takes to Start Your Own Firm.” American Bar Association Solo, Small Firm & General Practice Division Spring Conference. May 2, 2019.

“Kids in Need of Defense” training. American Bar Association GP Solo & Small Firm Division Fall Conferences: October 25, 2014, September 24, 2015, October 19, 2017, October 26, 2018; American Bar Association Midyear Meeting: February 14, 2020.

“Planning Your Bar Year: Keeping Membership Active.” American Bar Association Young Lawyer Division Teleconference. September 21, 2011.

“Overcoming Barriers to Public Service and Incorporating Public Service Into Your Bar Year.” Washington State Bar Association ATJ/Bar Leaders Conference. June 4, 2011.

“How to Start Your Solo Practice.” Washington State Bar Association CLE. May 5, 2011.

“Reset Your Practice in a Reset Economy.” Washington State Bar Association ATJ/Bar Leaders Conference. June 5, 2010.

## LEGAL ARTICLES

“The Child Client.” American Bar Association, *GPSolo*, Volume 34, Number 2, March/April 2017.

Articles discussing ways for lawyers to become involved in the Snohomish County Bar Association and informative interviews of attorneys and judges in Snohomish County. Snohomish County Bar Association, *SCBA News*. Every month March 2015 to February 2016.

“Avoiding Common Pitfalls in Your Job Search.” American Bar Association, *The Young Lawyer*, Volume 17, Number 9, July/August 2013.

Articles discussing ways for new and young lawyers to get involved in the moderate means program, other public service activities and the Washington State Bar Association. Washington Young Lawyers Division, *De Novo*. Every two months between October 2010 and August 2011.

“Succession Planning: Who It’s For, and Why It’s Important.” Washington State Bar Association, *Bar News*. February 2010.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Archbishop Murphy High School mock trial coach, 2011 – 2022, 2023 - 2024

Rotary Club of Everett, 2017 – present

- World Community Service Committee Chair, July 2023 – present
- Program Committee Chair, July 2021 – June 2022
- Vice President, July 2020 – June 2021, July 2024 – present
- Fellowship Committee Chair, August 2018 – June 2020

Gustavus Adolphus College Seattle Alumni Chapter President, 2015 – present

Gustavus Adolphus Student Mentoring Program, Mentor, 2019 – present

Gustavus Adolphus College Alumni Board Member, 2014-2017

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Alumni Board Task Force, 2017-2018

Camp Fire of Snohomish County, Governing Board Member, 2021 – present

- Secretary, 2022

Susan G. Komen 3-day, 60-mile Walk for the Cure, 2011 and 2012

Everett Symphony Board Member, 2007