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To whom it may concern,

About two years ago, I was searching for a way to give back to the Washington legal community while encouraging young attorneys to consider solo and small practice pursuits. That led me to apply to serve as the New Member Liaison to the WSBA Solo & Small Practice Section (“S&SPS”).

As the sole technician, bookkeeper, marketer, manager, and practitioner for The Longhair Lawyer, I have a strong understanding of what it takes to thrive in a solo practice. Over the past two years, I’ve been able to assist the S&SPS by providing insight into the kinds of programming, education, and events that are beneficial to attorneys trying to succeed as a solo or small firm practitioner. I’ve presented CLEs and assisted with the planning of the WSBA’s annual small practice conference. I am a current co-chair of the Section’s Electronic Communication Committee (which maintains the members only area of the Section’s website) and the chair of the Section’s Membership Committee, which is in the process of planning in-person networking events across the state of Washington.

While I love everything the S&SPS has to offer, I wanted to get involved with a group that focuses heavily on the substantive law related to the areas I practice. As a transactional attorney, the Business Law Section was the natural choice. I joined the Business Law Section last year as New Member Liaison and immediately took over planning an outing to a Mariner’s game. In September, I moved into the role of Treasurer where I’ve been overseeing our budget while assisting other section executives with event planning.

If you’re wondering why I’m explaining my involvement in multiple sections, the answer is simple – the MyWSBA platform only allows me to submit a single cover letter for multiple applications. Since my terms are up, it is my sincere hope I will be able to continue on with my involvement in both sections. I hope to continue to serve the S&SPS as an at-large member and I hope to continue to serve the Business Law Section as its next chair-elect.

I think both Sections can benefit greatly from a heavy focus on in-person networking and expansion of events to parts of Washington outside of the Seattle Area. If elected, I will continue to push for more opportunities to bring people together.

Thank you for your time in considering my application.

Sincerely,

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