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Below is my statement of interest for Chair of the WSBA Liquor, Cannabis, and Psychedelics Law Section.

I have been invested in this Section from the very beginning. As one of its original champions, I helped lead the effort to gather signatures and build the support needed to get the Section formed. It has been incredibly rewarding to watch this community take shape, and I would be honored to help lead its next chapter.

I was encouraged to pursue the role of Chair by my colleague (and former Chair) Fabiola Jiminez, and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve. If selected, I hope to bring fresh energy, greater visibility, and consistent engagement to the Section. In particular, I would like to help expand programming through regular lunchtime CLEs, timely educational events, and opportunities for members to connect around the practical and evolving issues in this area of law.

Like many attorneys, I balance a very full professional and personal life, so I appreciate that meaningful leadership requires both commitment and creativity. Still, I am genuinely excited by the chance to bring new life to this Section. Our subject matter is dynamic, our membership is thoughtful, and there is real potential to make a more active and interesting section. At a minimum, I can promise to keep things organized, engaging, and only slightly less complicated than the agency we work with.