

Dear Members of the Washington State Bar Association Creditor-Debtor Rights Section,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the open seat for the Northern Division of the WSBA Creditor-Debtor Rights Section. When I moved to the Seattle area and began practicing here in 2015, my family life with a one-year-old demanded nearly all of my time outside of work. Fast forward nine years, and my boys, now four and nine, require less of my immediate attention. This change allows me to offer my 14 years of experience in creditor/debtor work to serve our community and contribute to advancing our professional standards.

Since being admitted to the Ohio Bar in 2009 and the Washington Bar in 2015, I have dedicated my career to navigating the complex intersections of creditor and debtor law. My commitment to this field was evidenced through my active participation in the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, where I served on the executive committee and contributed to various initiatives. Additionally, I have been a member of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys since 2011 and have had intermittent involvement with the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI). I am a current member of the Honorable Thomas T. Glover Mediation program for the Western District of Washington Bankruptcy Court. My experiences with these organizations have not only honed my skills but also deepened my appreciation for the collaborative efforts required to enhance our legal practices and community engagement.

As my youngest child approaches kindergarten age, I find myself at a fortunate juncture where my personal commitments align with my professional aspirations, allowing me more time to dedicate to the bar. I am particularly passionate about leveraging my experience to foster dialogue, mentorship, and professional development within the Washington State Bar.

I believe that my background and enthusiasm for debtor/creditor law make me a strong candidate for the Executive Committee. I am eager to contribute my insights and learn from the esteemed colleagues in this vibrant legal community. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to our shared goals.

Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the possibility of contributing to the Creditor-Debtor Rights Section and eagerly await the opportunity to bring my perspective and ideas to the table.

Warm regards,

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