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ELUL Executive Committee
Washington State Bar Association

RE: 2025 ELUL At-Large Member Application

Dear ELUL Executive Committee Members,

My name is Michelle Furrer and I am writing to express my interest in serving as a 2025 At-Large Member of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section's Executive Committee. As a newer attorney who has founded my own practice focused on both environmental and land use law, I would be honored to contribute to the leadership of a section that has played an important role in my professional development.

Over the past six months, I've had the pleasure of serving as a Co-Chair for the 2025 Mid-Year Conference, working closely with EC members Rachel and Jason. Collaborating with them reinforced my appreciation for the thoughtful, collegial, and mission-driven nature of this committee. Their dedication—and that of the broader EC—has inspired me to deepen my involvement and give back to the section that has been both welcoming and professionally enriching.

My firm operates in a more rural area, primarily serving clients in Skagit County. I believe this geographic perspective would be a valuable addition to the Executive Committee. While the EC is admirably diverse and includes members from all across the state, to my knowledge, there is currently no representation to the north of Seattle. I'd be proud to bring a voice from this region to the table. Additionally, as someone whose practice actively practices both environmental and land use law, I bring a unique dual perspective that reflects the core identity of this section.

More personally, the legal community fostered by ELUL has been invaluable as I navigate the early years of running my own firm. The sense of camaraderie and networking I've experienced through this section has had a lasting impact. Attending a previous Midyear and connecting with many section members was a pivotal point of encouragement when I was considering starting my own practice. Serving on the Executive Committee would allow me to help strengthen those connections for others, especially newer attorneys seeking guidance and community.



Thank you for considering my application. I would be excited to contribute to the continued growth and impact of the ELUL Section, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the board.

Warmly,

Michelle Furrer
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