

Statement of Interest

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Dear ELUL Section Members:

I am pleased to submit this Statement of Interest for an At-Large position on the ELUL Executive Committee. The ELUL section has been a great connection to the environmental and land use bar in my early years of practice. I am grateful to have benefitted from excellent programming such as vibrant professional events, networking with law students, and of course learning and connecting with our community through various CLE opportunities like the Midyear. These key ways in which the section interfaces with its members and other interested attorneys and students are just a few aspects of the section's work that I hope to further support.

To support the work of the EC, I will bring a unique and balanced professional background as well as my deep personal interest in the protection of our shared environment. I chose to move to the Pacific Northwest not only for the mountains and the forests, but particularly because of the well-rounded environmental and land use bar this region is known for. My experience as a law student and a new lawyer was and continues to be shaped by time spent among peers and mentors with a similar interest and commitment to a healthy, shared environment, along with plenty of discourse with folks whose approaches and careers differ from my own. Thus far, working in both public and private sector roles, I have found an open-minded and collaborative approach to be critical to my development and to cultivating relationships. I believe more interpersonal connection amongst practitioners in this section will lead to greater collaboration as professionals. I hope to bring this experience and outlook to the EC through event planning, educational programming, and section leadership.

As an At-Large member of the EC, I will continue to look for ways to support this section's core purposes, including creating a forum for the interchange of ideas, and seeking common ground and educational opportunities around our shared practice interests. I am especially passionate about near-peer mentorship, and will seek out ways for newcomers to legal practice to connect with other new attorneys and interested law students, and to strengthen our existing outreach across the state. Similar opportunities helped me to pursue the path I am on, and I am motivated to collaborate and create more ways to pay it forward, as my mentors do for me.

My time spent volunteering with the section, including supporting the blog efforts and supporting mini-CLE planning, has been rewarding. The ELUL section is small but mighty, and I am eager to build on this strong foundation that brings people together and supports the lawyers and students in our community. I am enthusiastic about contributing to the ELUL section as an At-Large member, and would be honored to have your support.

Thank you for your consideration,

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