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Katy O'Keefe: Statement of Interest for At-Large Member, Environmental and Land Use Law
Section Executive Committee

WSBA ELUL Section Members:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as an At-Large Member of the Washington State Bar Association Environmental and Land Use Law ("ELUL") Section Executive Committee for the 2026–2029 term. I would be honored to continue supporting ELUL's work to provide meaningful programming, professional development, and community for attorneys practicing in environmental and land use law across Washington.

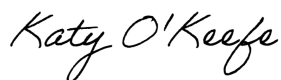
For the past two years, I have served as ELUL's New Lawyer Liaison, with my current term expiring in October 2026. In that role, I have had the opportunity to help connect newer attorneys with the section's resources and programming, including by planning the fall and spring networking events each year, and contributing to ELUL's efforts to make participation accessible and valuable for lawyers at all stages of practice. That experience has deepened my appreciation for ELUL's role in fostering a strong, collegial, and informed environmental and land use bar.

I am a practicing attorney in Seattle with three years of environmental law experience and a growing land use practice. My professional work has given me a practical understanding of the issues facing practitioners in this field, while also reinforcing my interest in the evolving legal, regulatory, and policy questions that shape environmental and land use practice in Washington. I have also attended the section's last three mid-year conferences and had the privilege of speaking at last year's conference, which further strengthened my commitment to ELUL and its programming.

As an At-Large Member, I would bring continuity, enthusiasm, and a commitment to service. I would be excited to help support high-quality CLEs and conferences, encourage engagement by newer and more geographically diverse attorneys, and contribute to ELUL's ongoing efforts to build connections among practitioners. My experience as New Lawyer Liaison has shown me the importance of creating clear pathways for members to participate, and I would welcome the opportunity to continue that work as a member of the Executive Committee.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve the Environmental and Land Use Law Section in this role and to help advance the Section's mission over the next three years.

Best,



Katy O'Keefe