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Washington State Bar Association Family Law Executive Committee

Dear Family Law Section Members:

I am excited to continue on FLEC as a Member-at-Large to continue providing insight and input on all issues that affect our Section, practices, and, most importantly, our clients. FLEC needs members passionate about Family Law, and with ability to listen, learn, and form opinions based on relevant experience. My experience in private practice and performance on the bench demonstrate that I am well suited to fit this need of the Section.

My private practice has been committed to providing affordable legal services to the less affluent or less represented segments of our population, while I also have experience with high-asset cases. Special focus has been on advocating for domestic violence victims and those stigmatized with mental health issues; I am also acutely aware there are people falsely accused of violence or those impacted by another's mental health struggles. I approach all aspects of family law through a trauma informed approach.

Sitting as a King County *pro-tem* family law commissioner, I quickly learned the ways in which we as practitioners can work to gain a better result for our clients. I also learned the areas in which we need more advocacy for rule and policy change.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your vote to elect me to FLEC.

Sincerely,

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