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RE: Washington State Bar Association Intellectual Property Section
Executive Committee Statement of Interest

Dear Committee Members:

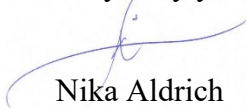
I write to express my interest in serving on the WSBA IP Executive Committee.

Originally from Seattle and a 2007 alumnus of the UW law school, I spent the first half of my professional career as a patent litigator at DLA Piper in Manhattan. I returned to the Pacific Northwest to join Schwabe in 2015, where I have worked out of both its Portland and Seattle offices. As of June 1, I will be returning to Seattle full time. Throughout my career, I have been an active participant in the patent law bar, litigating high-stakes patent, trademark, and trade secret litigations in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. I have also argued numerous appeals before both the Ninth Circuit and the Federal Circuit, the most recent of which required the Court to answer a question of first impression concerning the use of prior art in design patent infringement proceedings. *Columbia Sportswear North Am., Inc. v. Seirus Innovative Accessories, Inc.*, 80 F.4th 1363 (Fed. Cir. 2023).

I am also actively involved in legal education and continuing legal education in the intellectual property field. From 2016 through 2022, I was the patent law professor at Lewis & Clark Law School. Since 2016, I have been the chief editor of Fresh From the Bench, a weekly publication discussing and summarizing all precedential patent decisions that issue each week, which is read across the Pacific Northwest and nationally each week by around 5000 IP professionals. I am also a frequent speaker at CLEs and other events concerning developments in patent law. In 2018, I spoke before the WSPLA about developments in patent law. In 2019, I was invited by the WSBA to speak at the 24th Annual Intellectual Property Institute, providing a recent history of developments in design patent law. I will be a featured presenter, again speaking on design patent issues, at OPLA's Biennial Conference in April.

I look forward to the opportunity to bring my experience to the WSBA IP Executive Committee.

Very truly yours,



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