

To the Low Bono Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to apply for the Chair-Elect position on the Low Bono Executive Committee. I have had the privilege of serving on the executive committee of the Low Bono Section for the last four years. Throughout my time on the committee, we have been able to accomplish some amazing things. I look forward to bringing the mission of the Low Bono Section forward if I am chosen as the Chair-Elect.

A little about me. My name is Marya Noyes and I work at Genesis Law in Everett, WA. I graduated with a double major in Business Economics and Environmental Science from Mills College in Oakland, California. On June 1, 2017, I was granted the 23<sup>rd</sup> limited license legal technician license in the State of Washington. I am currently in my 18<sup>th</sup> month of the Rule 6 Law Clerk program with the WSBA. Additionally, I received my MBA from Seattle University in June of 2019.

I am applying to the Chair Elect position because I truly wish to continue my mission of revolutionizing the legal system, so it works for everybody. At present, we know the current extent of the justice gap is horrifying. For example, according to the civil needs study published by the Washington State Supreme Court in 2015, over 76% of low to middle income citizens of our state with a legal need received no legal assistance. Additionally, every year the Legal Services Corporation publishes a Justice Gap Report, and every year the problem remains unresolved. Clearly, our legal system needs to do more to provide access to justice to low to middle income families.

The legal community knows there is a problem, yet identifying a problem is not equivalent to solving it. We need fresh solutions. One of those solutions may lie in educating the legal community why providing low bono legal services is a smart and profitable business decision. Looked at through a business lens, the justice gap provides a tremendous business opportunity to those willing to adapt their business model to accommodate a different economic demographic.

I also believe we can share this vision with the rest of the legal community through education. As the Chair Elect, I plan to schedule as many CLEs as possible to educate members of our Section and the legal community about these options. Additionally, scheduling several low cost CLEs will not only benefit our Section's members financially because they will get them for free; they will also benefit our Section by increasing our membership numbers. If chosen for this position, I believe I can continue to help the Low Bono Section with its mission of attracting and assisting members in their Low Bono work.

I appreciate your time and your consideration.

Warm Regards,

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