

Statement of Interest

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My 15+ years of experience working at or for labor unions positions me well for the At Large Position Representing Labor Unions on the Labor and Employment Law Section Executive Committee. I have worked both as outside counsel and in-house at unions, and currently serve as General Counsel of PROTEC17, a progressive Pacific Northwest labor union. I have handled nearly all aspects of union-side labor law: federal and state litigation, arbitrations, public and private sector administrative advocacy and hearings before the Public Employment Relations Commission and the National Labor Relations Board, strategic guidance to unions, advice to unions as employers, contract negotiations, and mediations. I am a stalwart and dedicated advocate for unions, worker rights, and economic and social justice. My early work as an attorney was at Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) and I served on the NWIRP board for six years. At the same time, I work to build solid labor relationships with employers, find common ground and agreed resolutions where possible, and strive for collegial and professional relationships with opposing counsel. I would be honored to serve in this position