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## Statement of Interest

Serving as Chair of the LGBTQ+ Section of the Washington State Bar Association would build on my earlier leadership with OutLaws, where I served as both Vice President and President while in law school. With OutLaws, I helped organize community events, fostered collaboration between student groups, and advocated for greater visibility and inclusion within the law school. I'd like to continue that work. I've always believed that effective legal work goes beyond technical accuracy. It requires empathy, clarity, and the ability to bring people together. The section reminds me to stay engaged with the broader legal landscape, to continually challenge assumptions, and to advocate with both precision and purpose. Above all, the section allows me to stay in touch with a community I never thought I would have as a young queer person.