

Candidate Statement for Kari Petrasek

It has been my great pleasure to serve on the Solo & Small Practice Section (“SSPS”) Executive Committee (“EC”) for the past 13 years. I have greatly enjoyed meeting so many Section members over the years. All the EC members are wonderful people to work with and I hope to have the opportunity to continue working with them. During my time on the EC, I have served as the Chair of this Section (March 2018 through September 2020), a member of the annual conference planning committee for approximately seven years, and have been a member of the Electronic Communications Subcommittee for 11 years. This committee has worked extremely hard to enhance the member benefits available on the members-only part of the SSPS page on the WSBA website. If reelected to the EC, I will continue to work hard with this committee on implementing our goals for the coming year which will further enhance our members-only page and help address issues that concern solo and small practice attorneys as well as increase this Section’s membership.

I have extensive civil litigation experience primarily focusing on juvenile law, elder law, estate planning, guardianships, and family law. After spending 13 years as a trial attorney in a small firm setting in Everett, I started my own solo firm in January 2015. Given the experiences I have had in both the small firm and solo practice settings, I fully recognize and understand both the similar and different concerns colleagues have about being a solo attorney as well as a small firm attorney.

I have been extremely involved with this Section for many years even prior to being on the EC. I served as the WYLD Liaison to the SSPS and then worked with the SSPS while WYLD President and President-Elect in helping to create events and CLE’s geared towards newer and younger WSBA members who need guidance and advice. I continue to believe that by fostering relationships with newer members of the legal community and providing valuable resources to them, we can help them become the best attorney possible as many enter the solo world. I still have a lot to continue to offer this Section and would be honored to continue to serve on the Executive Committee. Thank you for your support.