

Entity Regulation Pilot Project Application - Discounted Entity Regulation Pilot Project Application

Application Information

Preamble

The Washington Supreme Court adopted a ten-year Pilot Project for Entity Regulation to test and evaluate innovative legal service models and alternative business structures. The pilot project serves as a mechanism to encourage legal professionals, entrepreneurs, law firms, corporations, and others to experiment with innovative business models for delivering legal and law-related services. The pilot project authorizes entities to provide legal and law-related services in Washington through a monitored, data-driven, and regulated experimental environment.

The goal of the pilot project is to evaluate if entity regulation combined with regulatory reform and innovative service models will increase the accessibility of quality legal assistance to Washington consumers without exposure to undue risk or harm.

Instructions and Additional Information

Please read the [Washington State Pilot Project for Entity Regulation Participant Manual](#) prior to completing this application. As an applicant to a regulatory reform project, you are expected to fully disclose all information as requested in the application and to err on the side of transparency. We may have additional questions or request additional information after reviewing your application.

All information about the Washington State Pilot Project for Entity Regulation can be found on the [entity regulation page of the WSBA website](#).

Entity Information

Entity Information

Provide the following primary or general information for your entity.

Name of Entity Applying	The Evergreen Empowerment Group
Email Address	eegwashington@gmail.com
Phone Number	2532023855
Website URL	https://www.evergreenempowermentgroup.com/
Entity Physical Address 1	1215 MLK Jr. Way
Entity Physical Address 2	
City	Tacoma
State	WA
ZIP Code	98405-3927
Entity Mailing Address 1	1215 M.L.K. Jr. Way
Entity Mailing Address 2	
City	Tacoma
State	WA
ZIP Code	98405-3927
Date entity formed	9-11-2011

Compliance Officer Information

Provide the name and contact information for the individual at the entity who will be the designated compliance officer and primary contact for this pilot project. This individual must complete and submit this application together with an Entity Regulation Pilot Project Character & Fitness Application.

Compliance Officer Name Corwin Ray Scott

Title Executive Director

Business Email Address eegwashington@gmail.com

Business Phone Number 2532023855

Compliance Officer Mailing Address 1 1215 M.L.K. Jr. Way

Compliance Officer Mailing Address 2

City Tacoma

State Washington

ZIP Code 98405-3927

Describe your qualifications to be the compliance officer.

I have been the executive director of the Evergreen Empowerment Group's inception. I have a MBA in business management and marketing. I attended California School of Law (Online) for one year.

Provide the name and contact information for an individual to contact in the event the compliance officer is unavailable. This individual must complete and submit an Entity Regulation Pilot Project Character & Fitness Application.

Secondary Contact Name	NA
Title	NA
Phone Number	NA
Email Address	NA
Mailing Address 1	NA
Mailing Address 2	
City	NA
State	WA
ZIP Code	NA

Entity Structure**Entity Structure**

Does your entity have any alternate names (i.e., a trade name or "doing business as" name)?	No
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Entity Disclosures**Entity Disclosures**

Is your entity registered with the Washington Office of the Secretary of State? Yes

Upload entity formation documents, e.g., articles of incorporation, partnership agreement, etc. and most recent annual report.

Registered Agent Name Corwin Scott

Business Title	Executive Director
Email Address	eegwashington@gmail.com
Is your entity licensed or otherwise authorized to practice law or participating in a regulatory reform project in any other jurisdiction?	No
Are there any shareholder agreements, voting agreements or restrictions, or other agreements that restrict or affect decision making?	No
Is the entity using or intending to use sources of finance?	No
Will your entity share premises, staff, or data with any other person or entity?	No
Is your entity or any affiliated entity (such as a parent company or subsidiary) currently subject to state or federal criminal investigation?	No
Is your entity or any affiliated entity (such as a parent company or subsidiary) currently subject to state or federal civil, criminal, or administrative enforcement action?	No
Does your entity or any affiliated entity (including, but not limited to, any parent companies or subsidiaries) have any history of a state or federal criminal (misdemeanor or felony) conviction?	No
Does your entity or any affiliated entity (including, but not limited to, any parent companies or subsidiaries) have any history of state or federal enforcement action resulting in sanctions (disgorgement, civil penalties, injunction, and/or a consent decree)?	No
Does your entity or any affiliated entity (including, but not limited to, any parent companies or subsidiaries) have any history of filing for bankruptcy?	No
Has your entity or any affiliated entity been (currently or in the past) subject to investigation or enforcement by any other legal regulatory body not already disclosed above?	No

Controlling and Financing Parties

Controlling Parties

List all persons possessing the legal right to exercise decision-making authority on behalf of the entity. Examples may include: a sole proprietor of a sole proprietorship, a manager of a limited liability company, an officer of a corporation, a general partner of a general or limited partnership, individuals listed as "governors" with the Secretary of State, or a person possessing comparable rights by operation of law or by agreement. ("Controlling Persons"). All Controlling Persons must complete and submit an Entity Regulation Pilot Project Character & Fitness Application.

Are there controlling parties for this entity? Yes

Name (first name, last name) Corwin Scott

Title Executive Director

Email Address eegwashington@gmail.com

Financing Parties

List all persons or entities possessing an economic interest in the entity equal to or more than 10 percent of all economic interests in the entity. ("Financing Persons"). All Financing Persons and Companies must complete and submit an Entity Regulation Pilot Project Character & Fitness Application.

Are there financing parties for this entity? No

Affiliated

Has any person listed in your application been affiliated (i.e. employed or as a controlling or financing person) with any other entity that has applied to the Washington State Pilot Project for Entity Regulation? No

Material

Has any person not listed in your application but who will have material involvement with the proposed model or services been officially associated (i.e. employed or held a position of control/influence) with any other entity that has applied to the Washington State Pilot Project for Entity Regulation?	No
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If you are unsure about any of your above answers or would like to include/disclose anything not captured by the above questions, please explain here



Substantive Legal Areas

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In which legal practice area(s) do you intend to provide services under your proposed service model?	Expungement
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Are there any secondary areas in which you may need to provide services to adequately provide the legal services under your proposed service model?	Yes
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Please select	Other
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Other	Relief of Legal Financial Obligations
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Proposed Services

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Which of the service models below most closely resembles the service model you are seeking to use? Check all that apply.

Traditional law firms innovating – bringing persons who are not licensed to practice (i.e., not lawyers and LLLTs) into firm ownership or using investment from persons not licensed to practice law to expand operations and reach or introduce new service delivery models.	No
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Law-focused entities expanding into legal services – adding legal services to an entity that is already delivering law-related services to the public and is owned by individuals not licensed to practice law.	Yes
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New entities using persons not licensed to practice law to deliver legal services – creating entirely new legal service delivery models with persons not licensed to practice law.	No
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New entities using technology to deliver legal services – creating entirely new legal service delivery models using software or other technology with or without involvement by persons licensed to practice law.	No
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Intermediary platforms – connecting marketplaces of consumers with licensed legal professionals.	No
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Non-law entities expanding into law – new entrants in the legal market that combine law and non-law expertise, by, for example, providing a holistic “one-stop-shop” or new offshoot from their existing services.	Yes
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Other – please describe.	No
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Who or what will provide the legal services under your proposed service model? Check all that apply	Other Persons Not Licensed to Practice Law
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Will any lawyers or other licensed legal professionals provide legal services under your proposed service model?	No
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Will any lawyers or other licensed legal professionals oversee software or individuals not licensed to practice law under your proposed service model?	Yes
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Will any lawyer or other licensed legal professionals operate in any other capacity under your proposed service model?	No
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Who are your target consumers? Check all that apply	Families, LGBTQ+, Low Income, Pro Se Litigants, Young Persons, Other
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Other	Marginilized and underrepresented communities
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How many full-time equivalent (“FTE”) employees will be involved in the proposed service model?	Three
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Refer to the [Participant Manual](#) for guidance in responding to the below items.

Describe your proposed service model and what the services you provide under your proposed service model will do for consumers

The Evergreen Empowerment Group (EEG) will provide two types of models. 1. First model will be to provide one-on-one services to provide community outreach so the community is informed about what their options are within the realm of expungement. Provide guidance on county-to-county processes when submitting petitions because each county is different. Finally, providing the appropriate forms and how they should be drafted. For those community members that do not have the means or capabilities of drafting their own documents, EEG staff members will assist. EEG staff will also assist in filing documents throughout the court system. EEG staff will attend court hearings for petitioners as advocates. 2. Second model will be more hands-off because packets for Relief of Financial Obligation and Vacatur will be provided with completed templates. This model will include community outreach, county-to-county and filing information. Both models will focus on underserved and marginalized communities that may have a fear of court rooms and the legal system. Both models will also focus on Limited English Proficiency persons, African American, Southeast Asian, Asian American Pacific Islander, LGBTQ and LatinX communities.

Describe how the services will be provided to consumers under your proposed service model

Community outreach efforts will be made to the communities mentioned in the service model bracket. These outreach efforts will be made in the same communities and community centers that people already visit for social services. Community members will be informed on what's eligible to vacate, guidance on how to gather documents such as a Washington State Patrol Report, Judgment and Sentence and Certificate of Discharge. If the documents cannot be obtained at that time through online services, then an appointment will be set. If documents are obtained at the first sitting, then petitions will be completed and e-filed if applicable.

Describe who will supervise and how they will supervise licensed legal professionals, other providers of legal services, or oversee software and technology providing the legal services under your proposed service model

Corwin Scott will supervise to ensure that EEG staff members are not giving legal advice or interpreting statutes. Any legal professionals that are involved will have a joint supervisory role along with Corwin Scott. The outside legal consultant/attorney will provide oversight over the program.

Describe how consumers will access or receive services under your proposed service model. Include a description of any particular consumer markets you intend to target and why

Community members will be invited to information sessions that will be held at Community Based Organization locations that serve low income areas. This will ensure that community members that need expungement services will be able to access the information. Limited English Proficiency communities will be targeted with community translators present to help everyone understand what is eligible.

Which fee structure(s) does your entity intend to use for collecting fees from consumers for legal services provided under the proposed service model. Check all that apply

Other

Other

The EEG will focus mainly on grant writing because very few can afford the services.

As part of your proposal to test regulatory reform, which regulatory rules governing the practice of law does your entity seek to modify?

RCW 2.48.180(2),
Other

Note: Regulatory rules might include [lawyer Rules of Professional Conduct](#), [LLLT Rules of Professional Conduct](#), [LPO Rules of Professional Conduct](#), the [Unauthorized Practice of Law statute](#), and others.

Other

Describe how each rule would be modified and the reason for the modification

RCW 2.48.180(2) should be modified to allow nonlawyers to assist and/or provide representation in court. This statute forces community members to pay for legal advocates(attorney) to speak on their behalf. The price of a legal advocate can range between \$1,500 to \$3,000, making it impossible for community members to hire someone. The representation by a nonlawyer should be limited to non active criminal cases that require some technical assistance. The nonlawyer should be required to participate in mock/moot court to show and indicate representation skills in court.

Identify how your proposal to test regulatory reform and modification of the rules will allow you to operate, or better operate, your entity and provide the proposed legal services

The EEG is limited in how we can provide services to community members. Many community members are weary of attorneys and the court system as a whole. Some have requested community leaders that they trust to speak on their behalf due to some feeling intimidated by the court system. The EEG is limited in helping those in need because individuals have to speak for themselves and this can be quite daunting and reduce the chances of someone attempting to enter the court system, especially without representation. People speaking is a huge fear for many.

Describe how your proposed service model will increase the accessibility of quality legal services for Washington consumers; specifically, how it will increase access to justice by enhancing access to affordable and reliable legal and law-related services to

low- and moderate-income Washingtonians

This service model will be delivered by community advocates with a proven track record of helping low income communities with various social services. Trust is key to assisting community members navigate the court system. Some community members have asserted that their criminal convictions are partially based on county provided legal services. Community Based Organizations like the EEG are seen as court system outsiders to community members, therefore, more trusted. The EEG will focus on various low-income communities, those experiencing homelessness, under employed and unemployed. The EEG will work with other social service agencies that provide a myriad of services for low-income and moderate communities. This will coincide with those community resources to offer wraparound services. The services will also be provided to those individuals facing deportation. This process will be conducted as low key as possible to ensure no one's status is revealed.

What data or information will you be able to provide to the WSBA to demonstrate the impact your proposal has on accessibility to affordable and reliable legal and law-related services to low- and moderate-income Washingtonians?

The EEG will provide monthly or quarterly reports to the WSBA that provide demographic information such as zip code, race(if requested by WSBA), age, gender, employment status and housing status. Other information provided will be the nature of convictions vacated, how much in Legal Financial Obligations were forgiven, and counties that heard those matters.

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment - Entity Identified

This section asks specific questions about risk. Risk describes the likelihood and potential impact of harm or negative consequences to consumers resulting from your proposed model of legal service delivery. Responses should be complete, candid, and concise.

Describe the risks to consumers created by waiving or modifying regulatory rules under your proposed study and service model. Include risks present at the time services are received and potential future risks.

You may want to consider potential risks associated with:

- Use of unlicensed legal professionals
- Reliance on technology, software, or automated systems
- Modification of traditional legal professional regulation and compliance

Risk (short descriptor)

Standard risks of business services

Likelihood of Harm

Very Unlikely

Potential Severity of Harm

Manageable

Provide a full description of the risk with an explanation for your categorization

Unlicensed legal professionals providing inaccurate information and giving bad advice. This is manageable due to the compliance officer and the consulting attorney reviewing case files for incorrect information and/or missing information from the intake process. The EEG will be insured to cover any issues.

Clearly describe the specific measures or controls your entity will implement to mitigate or eliminate this risk. Include details such as staff training, process oversight, monitoring mechanisms, technological safeguards, or other relevant practices

The EEG will have required insurance coverages and extra coverage if needed to cover us as well as the participants. The EEG will contract with a licensed attorney to act as a consultant to provide mentorship, legal guidance and to ensure we are in compliance. The consultant attorney will provide ongoing training similar to CLE hours. This training will ensure the EEG is aware of any changes and new legal policies. The EEG will follow the six steps to legal risk formula by utilizing the Quantitative Model (QM). The QM will center on Predictive Analytics, Empirical internal data, Relevant external data and Validated external models. The compliance manager and the consulting attorney will utilize the following methods monthly to analyze data for issues: 1. Avoid the risk by not starting or continuing the inaccurate advice and unneeded services that can create the uncertainty and mistrust 2. Decrease the activity that creates the risk. Any risks that are identified, will quickly cease. 3. Remove the source of the risk at any stage when it's discovered the activity could cause a potential risk. 4. Change the likelihood and/or consequence of the risk by constantly reviewing documents and updating our information 5. Share the risk through contracting or insurance Also, checking in with the WSBA support team for guidance and ongoing support. The EEG will not attempt to interpret the law or give any legal advice to community members.

Risk Assessment - WSBA Required 1

Even if not directly created by your proposed study, address the following risks or risks associated with:

- Inappropriate or flawed legal results
- Failure of consumers to exercise legal rights due to ignorance or incorrect advice

- Purchase of unnecessary or inappropriate legal services

Risk: Inappropriate or flawed legal results

Likelihood of Harm

Very Unlikely

Potential Severity of Harm

Manageable

Provide a full description of the risk with an explanation for your categorization

Participants not receiving favorable outcomes by judges. The compliance officer and the consulting attorney will have a brief discussion with each participant explaining the process and possible outcomes. This is an unlikely issue due to the participant being well informed. This harm is manageable due to discussions about outcomes and 'Plan B' Participant may not be aware of their rights due to EEG staff not understanding or sharing the laws and rules. A review of intake forms by the compliance officer and consulting attorney will ensure each participant is aware of all applicable rules and laws. This is manageable due to the various steps of the process before any court forms are delivered to participant. Participant receives incomplete court forms resulting in wasted time and effort. This is manageable due to the compliance officer and consulting attorney reviewing each and every case for correctness and accuracy

Clearly describe the specific measures or controls your entity will implement to mitigate or eliminate this risk. Include details such as staff training, process oversight, monitoring mechanisms, technological safeguards, or other relevant practices

The compliance officer and the consulting attorney will review each participant's case to check for any issues or problems. This review will take place before the participant receives any court forms or guidance. This method will virtually eliminate any issues because no one will receive services before a review is complete. Payment by the participant will take place after the review. The consultant attorney will ensure that participants are not receiving any incorrect legal advice and will be available to provide information on outcomes for participants. If someone feels they received unfair, unjust or unnecessary legal services, they shall receive a refund after the consulting attorney agrees that the participant did not receive the proper assistance.

Risk Assessment - WSBA Required 2

Risk: Failure of consumers to exercise legal rights due to ignorance or incorrect advice

Likelihood of Harm

Very Unlikely

Potential Severity of Harm

Manageable

Provide a full description of the risk with an explanation for your categorization

Participant is not provided relevant information to make an informed decision on what is eligible and what is not. This is unlikely and manageable due to the intensive intake process, followed by the compliance officer and the consulting attorney reviewing all intakes for best possible outcomes for each person.

Clearly describe the specific measures or controls your entity will implement to mitigate or eliminate this risk. Include details such as staff training, process oversight, monitoring mechanisms, technological safeguards, or other relevant practices

Workshops will be provided to the community, free of charge, to provide basic expungement/vacatur information. The compliance officer and the consulting attorney will meet before hosting any workshops to ensure we are providing accurate and updated information. Any changes will be made to the workshop, prior to hosting. The compliance officer and the consulting attorney will hold expungement/vacatur workshops leading up to providing services. Questions can be answered about eligibility and access. This will act as a prescreening measure so all individuals are aware of what they can and cannot do.

Risk Assessment - WSBA Required 3

Risk: Purchase of unnecessary or inappropriate legal services

Likelihood of Harm

Very Unlikely

Potential Severity of Harm

Manageable

Provide a full description of the risk with an explanation for your categorization

A participant may purchase an expungement service that they do not need. This is unlikely due to an extensive intake process to ensure the participant is going to receive the services that are needed. Maybe the person needs an actual expungement due to non-conviction data, instead of a vacate due to an actual conviction. This is manageable due to the review process following the extensive intake process.

Clearly describe the specific measures or controls your entity will implement to mitigate or eliminate this risk. Include details such as staff training, process oversight, monitoring mechanisms, technological safeguards, or other relevant practices

The intake specialist will interview the participant and "run" a Washington State Patrol cWATCH Report to gain all necessary information. Based on the answers received, the intake specialist may request a judgment and sentence to help further. After this step, the compliance officer and consulting attorney will review for accuracy of documentation and services that are needed. No one will be sold anything, that they do not need. We also will welcome the WSBA to review our reviews and participant files.

Consumer Protection

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Describe the specific measures your entity will have in place for public protection. Include:

- Methods to identify and track consumer harms
- Contingency plans for unforeseen risks
- Methods to reduce implicit bias, such as algorithm bias

The EEG will utilize a consumer compliance risk assessment each month to ensure that consumers are not harmed. This will be a multiple step process that will include: Identifying risks, assessing outcomes, prioritizing risks, mitigation strategies and monitoring controls. If a harm is identified, the action will stop completely and the EEG will evaluate the harm done and ways to correct it. In case someone is harmed, a contingency plan will be activated immediately. The plan will include referral to another agency, if paperwork is incorrect and has caused harm. If the harm comes in a different form, we will provide the EEG's insurance provider information. Or perhaps there is a way to remedy the situation, in-house. If the risk is computer related, the EEG will use all possible means to correct the system and employ professionals that can assist. The methods to reduce implicit bias will be a three-pronged approach that will start by pre-processing our approaches and adjust the data before delivering the service process. Next, In-processing which will approach the data as it's given and adjust the services process itself. Finally, the post-processing approach will take a fully completed service and adjust the outputs to reduce bias.

Clearly describe the process your entity will establish for receiving, reviewing, and resolving consumer complaints under your proposed service model. Include:

- How complaints will be submitted by consumers
- Timelines for review and response
- Escalation pathways for unresolved issues

Consumer complaints can be online in-person or by telephone. Each mode of communication will be accompanied by a complaint form that will list all parties involved, the issue itself, and next steps. The complaint will be reviewed by the executive director and board members. The executive director will recuse himself if he is mentioned in the complaint. After a complaint form is completed, it will be sent immediately to board members for review. and possible for more information. After the review, the board will compel the staff member appear before them for questioning purposes. The complainant will be asked if they would like the opportunity to meet with the board but this is optional. The complaint stands on its own. The review and interview process will take approximately two weeks. An independent community group will be brought in and paid for by the EEG to resolve any unresolved issues. This community group will be comprised of community elders from various parts of the servicing area. The EEG has assembled a small cohort of community elders from different backgrounds and ethnicities to provide this service. If a resolution cannot be found, the EEG will ask the Washington State Bar Association to weigh in.

Describe in detail how your entity will demonstrate financial responsibility to adequately compensate consumers harmed due to negligence, errors, or malpractice. Include specifics such as:

- Professional liability or errors and omissions insurance (coverage limits)
- Audited financial statements or other financial assurances

The EEG has two insurance carriers that can meet the desired coverage if a consumer is harmed. The EEG will all endorsements that meet the specifications of the Washington State Bar Association. The EEG currently has a licensed independent auditor working with us to stay compliant with state and federal regulations. This independent auditor will audit the bookkeeping practices of the EEG and ensure that all laws are being followed.

Does your entity or any affiliated entity plan to share or sell consumer data in any form to third parties?

No

Describe your entity's policies, procedures, and technological systems for ensuring confidentiality, privacy, and security of client records and information. Specifically address:

- Data encryption and security protocols, both within your entity and for any service providers to your entity (for example cloud data storage or processing)
- Staff training and access control policies
- Procedures for data breach notification and response

External harddrives will be used and only in use during work hours. After hours, the harddrives will be stored under a two lock system. Google Drive will also be used to share information internally. Google Drive encrypts all files by default. Webroot software will be introduced to limit access to consumer information by staff members. The executive director will have full access but no one else. The board will monitor access control by the executive director and anyone else that is privileged to the information. A training on cyber security will be mandatory for all staff members. Staff members will receive training on Mobile Communication Devices, IT Security, and safeguarding clients information. A Virtual Private Network (VPN) will be available to all staff members. The VPN will help to encrypt data before sending it to a server. Protocols are currently in place that include strong passwords and limited access to clients information. In case of a data breach, everyone that may be affected will receive notification by mail/email and credit monitoring will be provided by the EEG for one full year. New practices and software will be implemented to ensure this does not happen again.

Clearly describe your entity's policies and procedures for identifying, managing, and avoiding conflicts of interest.

The EEG utilizes standard practices for identifying conflicts of interest by evaluating staff members positions within the company and with outside activities that may cause an issue. Each staff member signs a pledge that if a conflict of interest does arise, that staff member must report it immediately to the executive director. The executive director may call upon board members if it is needed. Weekly check-ins between staff members and the executive director can help avoid any possible conflicts. The standing policy says that any staff member at the EEG must disclose any known conflicts. The executive director will evaluate conduct, processes utilized and means of service provided to consumers. The board of the EEG will do the same concerning the executive director. Annual training will be mandatory for all staff members to learn more about how to identify, manage and avoid conflicts of interest.

Explain how your entity's policies and operational procedures will ensure that the entity prioritizes the best interests of the client over its own interests. Provide examples of specific policies or practices you will implement.

The EEG's governing board has provided the following for polices and procedures that will ensure the EEG will prioritize the best interests of the client over its own: Customer-First Decision Policy The EEG has a policy that establishes guidelines to ensure that customer needs and outcomes are prioritized over internal convenience, preferences, or short-term business gain. The purpose is to build community trust, deliver meaningful value to marginalized community members, and maintain longstanding community relationships. Core Principles Needs before profit is one of the paramount polices the EEG has at its core. Recommendations and services must be based on what the customer actually needs, not solely on what generates the most revenue for the EEG. No customer will be recommended any services that arent warranted. Transparency Customers must be given clear, honest information about options, costs, risks, and expected outcomes so they can make informed decisions before any exchange of money. The EEG will recommend a bar certified attorney to clients as an option. No Unnecessary Services Services should only be offered when they provide a clear and reasonable benefit to the customers situation. Informed Consent Customers must have the opportunity to review and approve services before work begins whenever possible. Fairness and Respect Customers will be treated respectfully and without pressure tactics, manipulation, or misleading claims. Responsiveness Customer concerns and communications will be addressed promptly and thoughtfully by EEG staff. Decisions will favor long-term trust and customer success over short-term gain. Decision standard practices the EEG will us when evaluating a decision, the following questions should be considered: Does this action clearly benefit the customer? Would I recommend this if I were in the customers position? Is this the simplest effective solution? Am I being fully transparent about costs and outcomes? Would this decision withstand customer review or external scrutiny? Continuous improvement customer feedback will be reviewed regularly by board members to identify opportunities to better align services with customer needs and expectations.

Does your entity require customers to waive certain rights as a condition of service?

No

Certification

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On behalf of the entity named in this application and identified below:

- I understand and acknowledge that the Washington State Pilot Project for Entity Regulation is a pilot project and experiment. As such, policies and requirements are subject to change as more information is gathered.
- I understand that (1) this application may be subject to a public records request in accordance with [GR 12.4](#); (2) proprietary data, trade secrets, and other information that relates to unique methods of conducting business or data unique to the product or service of the entity may be redacted under applicable statutes, such as [RCW 42.56.270\(11\)](#); and (3) [GR 12.4\(d\)\(3\)](#) provides that if a public records request is made, the WSBA may notify the entity before disclosing the records and tell the subject they may present information opposing disclosure.
- I have read [Washington Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-721](#) dated Dec. 5, 2024, and the [Washington State Pilot Project for Entity Regulation Participant Manual](#).
- I acknowledge knowingly or intentionally making false or materially misleading statements or omissions in this application is a basis for loss of authorization to participate in the pilot project for entity regulation and that other

criminal and civil sanctions may also apply.

- I agree if there are changes to any of my answers to the application questions related to entity disclosures or the proposed regulatory reform and business model, I, or my designee at the entity, is responsible for updating the information with the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) and that failure to promptly update information might delay or affect the decision to authorize the entity.
- I agree to respond to additional questions or requests for information during the application process and that failure to promptly update information might delay or affect the decision to authorize the entity.
- I consent to WSBA sharing my and my entity's contact information with approved researchers, whose projects are entirely independent of the work of the WSBA and the regulatory process so that the WSBA can facilitate impartial, independent studies of Washington's evidence-based regulatory experiment to promote legal services innovation and consumer protection.
- I acknowledge, by virtue of participating in the pilot project, I, my entity, and my entity's staff are subject to the WSBA's enforcement procedures for the pilot project.

By submitting this application, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Yes

Name

Corwin Ray Scott

Title

Executive Director

Entity

The Evergreen Empowerment Group

City where certifying

Tacoma

State where certifying

WA

Today's Date

3-20-2026