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Nominating Committee  
Corporate Counsel Section  
Washington State Bar Association

**Re: Application for At-Large Executive Committee Member Position**

Dear Nominating Committee:

I would like to be considered for one of the available at-large executive committee member positions with the Corporate Counsel Section of the Washington State Bar Association. I believe that I am a strong candidate for the position because I have significant experience as a practicing attorney representing corporations and collaborating with in-house counsel, and because I can contribute to the development of meaningful networking opportunities and professional education for in-house counsel and lawyers representing businesses and nonprofits.

During my second and third year at Northeastern University School of Law, I chose to concentrate in the area of Business and Commercial Law. This involved not only upper-level courses related to corporate and employment law, but also full-time legal internships with Northeastern University's Office of General Counsel and the General Counsel for the public agency in Massachusetts working with businesses, nonprofits, financial institutions, and communities to stimulate growth across the state.

As a litigation attorney in private practice, my developing area of expertise has been in providing high-quality representation to companies—ranging from small, family-owned enterprises to regional corporations to some of the largest banks in the United States—as they seek to manage risk and effectively resolve disputes. Through litigation and alternative dispute resolution venues, I have assisted companies in successfully navigating contract and employment disputes, business tort claims, government investigations, repossession of commercial property, tax appeals, eviction proceedings, and sensitive trust administration issues. I find great enjoyment in working with business owners and in-house counsel to achieve solutions to legal issues that are also financially sensible.

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I believe a leadership position with the Corporate Counsel Section would be a great fit considering my professional interests and level of legal experience. It would truly be a privilege to serve the Washington State Bar Association and to collaborate with attorneys from a variety of backgrounds in offering professional education and networking opportunities for fellow members of the State Bar who serve as in-house counsel and who (like me) focus on counseling businesses and nonprofits.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

SMITH ALLING, P.S.

*/s/ Richard B. Lumley*

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