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Tracey V. Munger
Executive Committee Chair
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Via e-mail to mungerlaw@gmail.com

RE: Letter of interest to join executive committee as an at-large member representing the defense bar

Ms. Munger,

Thank you for letting me know that I can submit this letter of interest about serving as an at-large member representing the defense bar. I understand that I just missed the deadline to formally apply. Nevertheless, I am hoping that the Executive Committee will decide to let me serve with you until the next election cycle.

I have been a Washington State criminal defense attorney since 2002. At present, I work for myself, and my practice focuses on post-conviction representation in complex felony matters.

Most of my career experience has been as a King County public defender, but I represent clients in all our appellate courts. As a private practitioner, I have defended clients charged with felonies in Clark, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Mason, Pierce, and Thurston counties. My CV details my career trajectory including my experience in jurisdictions large and small.

I understand that the Criminal Law Section Executive Committee is a statewide body for criminal defense attorneys and prosecutors to regularly meet to discuss issues where both sides are equally represented and can find common ground.

While I pride myself on being a zealous advocate for my individual clients, I recognize that thoughtful problem solving requires collaboration. I agree that improvements in the systematic administration of justice in Washington are most likely to be effective if prosecutors and defense counsel join forces.

A couple of years ago, I helped the Seattle Clemency Project put on an all-day training about resentencing practice. A colleague and I spent six months developing the "Second Look Summit" curriculum. We made sure to include a broad range of perspectives, including from both sides of harm. I ran a small discussion group and led the development of a resource library. At the training, held simultaneously in Seattle and in Spokane, we brought judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys for collaborative learning and problem solving.

I have been invited or hired to train lawyers and law students on other occasions. For example, I have provided classroom support for "Rule 9" externs working for prosecuting attorney's offices and public defender agencies as an adjunct professor for a Seattle University School of Law criminal externship course and I have spoken with new law students about ethics in our profession.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Criminal Law Section's Executive Committee, to do my part to foster the exchange of ideas in the areas of criminal law, correction, procedure, and evidence.

Thank you for considering my interest.

Yours truly,

/s/ Mick Woynarowski

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