

## **Christopher “Kipper” Berven**

### **At-Large Member Statement of Interest**

I am a first-year environmental attorney with Cascadia Law Group eager to support the WSBA’s Environmental and Land Use Law Section as an at-large member. This position offers a meaningful opportunity to contribute to an important community as I continue to develop my own career in the field. Over the three-year duration of this position, ELUL Section’s dual missions of fostering connections among its diverse membership and tracking emerging issues in the field will be more important than ever before. I hope that my experience and enthusiasm will allow me to help to further these important goals.

Much of my academic and professional work has centered around experiences in environmental and climate law that align directly with the ELUL Section’s central focus. Since deciding in high school that I wanted to pursue a career focusing on environmental and climate issues, I have actively sought roles that deepen my understanding of various environmental issues while allowing me to work alongside frontline communities and engage with historically under-represented stakeholder groups. During law school, I co-chaired the Environmental Law Society and served as a Managing Editor on the executive committee of the Environmental Law Review. I also spent my third year of law school developing and teaching an environmental law and policy course to local college students. In my current position I have received invaluable support and mentorship from a diverse group of talented attorneys, and I hope to extend these benefits to the greater community of fellow peers in the state.

Through these experiences, I have developed several various skills essential for an at-large member of the ELUL Section, including collaboration with peers, organization of group meetings and discussions, promotion of novel scholarship, and development of a community that fosters professionalism, courtesy, and mutual respect. While I am relatively new to the practice, I am eager to contribute to the WSBA wherever possible and to form long-lasting relationships with fellow environmental practitioners in the Pacific Northwest. I hope that I get the opportunity to collaborate with the ELUL Section as an at-large member, and look forward to participating with the section in myriad ways as I progress through my career in environmental law.

Sincerely,  
Christopher “Kipper” Berven