My name is Jason A. Foust and I am running for Chair-Elect of the Environmental & Land Use Law Section (ELUL) of the Washington State Bar. I have been in the practice of law for the past 17 years. I began my career doing criminal law in South Florida and later became a civil trial attorney. As environmental law was what first brought me to law school, I decided to pursue my LL.M. in Environmental Law at Vermont Law School. After completion of my LL.M., I accepted a position in the Natural Resources Division (now Public Lands and Conservation) of the Washington State Attorney General’s Office. Currently, my practice focuses upon Wildfire and Forest Practices litigation. I also serve as Advisor to the Law Enforcement wing of the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Additionally, I am a member of the Executive Committees of the ELUL and Animal Law Sections, as well as serve as a Fire Commissioner for the McLane Black Lake Fire Department.

I feel that environmental issues are one of the most serious concerns facing our world today. Effective advocacy and understanding are key to the long-term solutions that we need. As Chair-Elect of the ELUL, it would be my goal to increase participation and visibility of the section to aid in effectively helping to create answers to those problems. By working together, we can reach the goals of the ELUL and the environmental law community as a whole.

I would greatly appreciate your vote. Thank you for your time and consideration.