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Dear ELUL Executive Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to apply for the position of At-Large Member of the ELUL Executive Committee. I have served as the Young Lawyer Liaison for ELUL for almost two years now, and it has been an incredible experience collaborating with and learning from Executive Committee members, as well as ELUL members as a whole. I would be thrilled to continue collaborating, learning, and growing with the ELUL Executive Committee in this different role.

As the Young Lawyer Liaison, I was able to develop an understanding of the Executive Committee's rules, functions, and priorities, which I believe would allow me to immediately contribute to the Executive Committee as an At-Large Member. For instance, I planned many ELUL law student outreach activities, including our annual law student networking event, our summer fellowship program, various student pro bono opportunities, and I co-developed a new law student annual writing competition. I also initiated the groundwork for a law student mentorship program. The mentorship program is still in the development phase, and I would love to continue to work with the new Young Lawyer Liaison, whomever that may be, to see these projects forward, or even adapt them to new, fresh ideas.

As a relatively new lawyer (almost three years out of law school), I know how beneficial the ELUL community is for recent graduates. I can honestly say that my experience with the ELUL Executive Committee helped form my career, and opened doors and new friendships. It has been incredible and eye opening to work with colleagues from various different roles and perspectives. And, I would like to continue to carry that forward as an At-Large Member. Before and after law school, I predominately worked in the public sector. Recently, I transitioned from my role as an Assistant Attorney General in the Ecology Division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office to a new role at Perkins Coie as a Land Use Associate. As an At-Large Member, I would like to continue to support the work of providing opportunities for the exchange of diverse ideas, especially surrounding the diverse ways we practice environmental and land use law in our state. I'd also like to continue to support the work of developing opportunities for connection building and outreach within our ELUL community.

I greatly appreciate your consideration.

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