

My name is Jason A. Foust and I am running for the position of At-Large Member for the WSBA Environmental and Land Use Law Section (ELUL). I am currently an Assistant Attorney General in the Public Lands and Conservation (PLC) Division Regulatory Section and tasked with litigation and advice for DNR Wildfire, Forest Practices, and Surface Mining. Additionally, I serve as a Fire Commissioner for Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 9. I also previously provided advice and litigated matters in the PLC Proprietary Section regarding various upland, aquatic, and renewable energy issues.

Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, I received an LL.M. in Environmental and Energy Law from Vermont Law School, where I completed my studies while clerking at EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training, Legal Counsel Division.

Before transitioning into environmental law, I served as a Public Defender for the 13th Judicial Circuit in Tampa, FL, State Prosecutor for the 12th Judicial Circuit in Sarasota, FL, and Civil Trial Attorney for two private law firms in Tampa.

The protection of our environment is what originally drew me to the practice of law. I believe that proper environmental laws coupled with effective advocacy measures can serve and provide protection for our environment and the State of Washington.

The ELUL is at the forefront of these issues and provides the guidance required to further the protection of our shared environment and to assist in creation of the proper protocols to follow when addressing environmental and land use in our state. If elected to as an At-Large Member, I would relish the opportunity to be involved in providing information through the website, being involved in law school outreach to foster interest in environmental law, reviewing and updating environmental and land use legislative actions, assisting with alternative dispute resolution, and overall CLE planning.

I believe that my experience in trials, appeals, mediations, and client advice in a wide variety of legal issues, inside and outside of environmental and land use law, will provide a fresh viewpoint regarding not only the environmental issues we face today, but those that we will see in the future. I will endeavor to work closely with all members of the ELUL to provide a meaningful direction and consensus to our work.

I would appreciate your consideration in the upcoming election and would be honored to serve the WSBA as an At-Large Member of the ELUL. Thank you.