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Environmental and Land Use Law Section
Nominating Committee

Re: Chair-elect position beginning October 1, 2022

Nominating Committee Members:

I am interested in serving as the chair-elect for the Environmental and Land Use Law Section for the term beginning October 1, 2022. I have been an at-large executive committee member since 2019, and would like to continue to strengthen my leadership skills and build connections with the environmental community. I would also like to continue my professional pattern of doing everything Kelly Wood does, but three years later. As both a current and former Assistant Attorney General, in-house counsel, and associate in a private firm, I have personal experience with many of the advantages and challenges the diverse members of our Section face in land use and environmental practice areas in Washington.

During my term as an at-large member, I developed, moderated, and presented at the Environmental and Land Use Law Section's mini-CLEs, provided the Section members with legislative updates, and participated in the Section's networking events, both before and during the pandemic. In addition, I assisted mid-year co-chairs with identifying speakers, and worked with other executive committee members to encourage law student participation and engagement in the environmental bar. I have enjoyed collaborating with the other Executive Committee members and meeting environmental practitioners through the Section activities.

I have been fortunate to observe the leadership of prior executive committee Chairs both prior to and during the pandemic, and I believe that experience will be helpful during the next few years as the Washington State Bar Association and its Section members navigate the new paradigm. I recognize that there will be challenges with modifying past practices and developing new ways for Section members to interact, and I am excited about working with the other members of the Executive Committee during that transition.

Thank you for considering my application.

s/ Martha Wehling