

Molly Barker is an associate at K&L Gates in the Environmental, Land Use, and Natural Resources group. Molly has long demonstrated her commitment and passion toward civic involvement and community engagement at the state, local and regional level, and for this reason believes she is well equipped to serve as Chair Elect for the Washington State Bar Association's (WSBA) Environmental and Land Use Law (ELUL) Section.

For example, within the state-sphere, Molly has been on the WSBA's ELUL Section's Executive Committee since October 2019, and in that role has served as Secretary and as the Co-Website and Communications Liaison. Molly has also held leadership positions on the board of Washington Women Lawyers that took the form of Publicity VP between 2014-2016, Membership VP between 2016-2017, and VP of Professional Development between 2017-2018. At the local level, Molly currently sits as VP of External Affairs for the Seattle Chapter of Women in Renewable Industries and Sustainably Energy since she took on this role in 2019; she held the position of Communications Chair between 2015 and 2016 and the position of Section Chair between 2016 and 2017 for the King County Bar Association's Environmental and Land Use Section; and she was a member of the founding Ambassador Team of Friends of Waterfront Seattle between 2014 and 2015. More regionally, Molly currently serves as an Olympic Chapter Committee Member of the Northwest Environmental Business Council and is on the Events Committee for CleanTech Alliance.

Molly strongly believes that regional, state and local community and industry engagement is important to support young workers' growth in entering the workforce (both junior attorneys and laws students alike), as well as to support the economic health of our region by facilitating platforms that foster new relationships and connections. Molly is excited for the opportunity to serve as Chair Elect for the WSBA ELUL Section and, through this role, provide scholarship opportunities for young lawyers, develop exciting CLEs on relevant cutting edge environmental and land use topics, and organize networking events for the statewide environmental and land use legal industry.