

Austin Michael Watkins, WSBA # 53646 – Statement of Interest

I offer my application to serve as an At-Large Member of the Environmental & Land Use Law Section Executive Committee. My interest is based on my dedicated passion for land use and environmental law. I currently practice as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Seattle in the Land Use section. Prior to this role, I practiced as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Jefferson County focusing on land use and environmental law practice areas. In addition to my practice experience, I hold an LLM in Environmental law from Lewis & Clark Law School and have 10+ years of professional land use planning experience for local governments and the US Department of Defense.

My past legal volunteer experience includes being the President and Vice President of the Jefferson County Bar Association and serving on the Board of Directors for the Clallam – Jefferson County Pro Bono Lawyers. In these roles, I provided organizational leadership, coordinated CLEs, organized events and fundraisers, managed scholarship funds, and provided community outreach for the local legal community. It would be an honor to serve on the ELUL Executive Committee as an At-Large Member.