

Zachary Ashby

Happy to serve another term on the committee. I think I was the only one from Eastern Washington during my last term. Even if I'm not the only one next time, I'll do what I can to bring the interests of Eastern Washington to the conversation.

My name is Christy Carpenter. I am a Limited License Legal Technician and I'm running for a position on the Washington State Bar Association's Family Law Executive Committee. I have served one term on FLEC and would appreciate your vote for a second term.

I have the requisite experience, proven work ethic as to public service and volunteerism, dedication to the advancement of the family law profession, and the desire to work cooperatively with the other members of FLEC to advance its goals, and have done just that over the last three years.

If elected as a legal technician member of FLEC, I would be honored to represent the voices of the family law section and family law practitioners, in general, and specifically the family law legal technician members of the bar association. I also would work diligently to be a voice for the distinct niche of clients that LLLTs serve, primarily low-income pro se family law litigants. Of particular interest to me is working to foster collaborative and symbiotic relationships between family law attorneys and legal technicians.

I have a BA in Political Science from the University of Washington and a Paralegal Certificate from Edmonds Community College. I began my career in family law in 1994 and was a family law paralegal for most of the years between then and 2017, when I opened my solo LLLT firm. I recently joined a large northwest family law firm, and I am enjoying being back in that environment. My diverse experience working in nonprofit legal services, boutique solo offices, larger law firms, and owning my own firm, has developed my strong work ethic, honed my communication skills, and has earned me the respect of the attorneys, law office staff, peers, and clients with whom I have worked.

Currently I have the pleasure of serving on the WSBA LLLT Board, the Board for Judicial Administration Court Recovery Task Force established after the onset of COVID, and the SCJA Unrepresented Litigant Ad-Hoc Workgroup.

I would sincerely appreciate your support and your vote for continuing my service on the Family Law Executive Committee.

My name is Kimberly Loges. I have been mainly practicing family law in King County and Snohomish County over the past ten years. I have also popped into other counties on occasion. I am currently the Secretary for the Family Law Executive Committee and have acted in this role the last three years. I am running for another three years to continue the work I started in 2019. While a member of FLEC, I have diligently taken the minutes for all but one meeting. If elected, I would continue to be available if anyone would like to discuss, learn, or participate in the work FLEC performs. I have worked to ensure the family law attorneys and LLLTs that I work with are aware of legislative work potentially impacting family law. If I am re-elected, I will be able to continue to not only help shape future CLEs and trainings, but also inform others of the work (be it legislative, WSBA-related, or educational) FLEC does on behalf of attorneys and LLLTs. I have enjoyed my work with FLEC and would appreciate being re-elected for another term. Thank you for your consideration.

WSBA Family Law Executive Committee

At Large Member Statement of Interest: Susan O'Toole

I would like to serve on the Family Law Executive Committee for several reasons. First, I believe strongly in giving back to the community and to the legal profession. I am licensed in Oregon, Washington, and California, and while I did a lot of volunteer legal work in Oregon and California, I have not had the opportunity to do so in Washington because for several years I spent a lot of time caring for my elderly parents. Now that they are doing better and I am working at a firm that strongly encourages giving back and community involvement, I am really excited by the opportunity to do so again.

Briefly, my past volunteer experience includes serving on the executive board of Oregon Women Lawyers for several years, including as Leadership Committee Chair and President, serving on the Multnomah County Equality Committee, serving on the Oregon State Bar Pro Bono Committee and as a House of Delegates member, volunteering as a pro bono attorney for DV restraining order hearings for Legal Aid of Oregon for five years, and coaching a We the People constitutional law team at Parkrose High School for several years (winning two unit awards!).

Second, besides giving back I enjoy all the professional development aspects of this sort of position. I love talking with other lawyers about improving the profession, I enjoy policy work and making recommendations for legislation, and I really want to be a part of the Family Law Section work in all those areas. Finally, I find the Family Law bar to be an especially collegial one, and I look forward to talking with other family law attorneys about their experiences, what they would like changed or improved, their ideas, and working to make family law in Washington State better for practitioners, clients, and so many who are affected every day by how we do our jobs and the outcomes we accomplish for individuals and families. I'm grateful for the opportunity to run for this office, and I would appreciate your vote.

My name is Patrick Rawsley and I am currently the Immediate Past Chair of the Family Law Executive Committee and its Legislative Liaison to the Washington State Legislature. It has been a privilege to serve on FLEC over the last seven years and with your support, I would ask to be allowed to continue to do so.

FLEC Candidate Statement

Tonilynn Savage, WSBA 51126

Yakima, WA

I am a solo practitioner in Yakima, Washington and submit my candidacy to serve on behalf of the Family Law Executive Committee. My firm focuses on all aspects of family law. I enjoy sorting out complex issues of law and helping families achieve outcomes all parties can comfortably live with. I received advanced training in trial techniques at National Institute for Trial Advocacy in Boulder, Colorado. I also completed the American Association of Certified QDRO Professionals training.

I enjoy litigation and fighting for my clients but appreciate the value in compromise. I believe in a personal and compassionate approach to family law. I attended Pepperdine University School of Law's comprehensive mediation training. I enjoy assisting others with mediating matters to resolution.

In addition to litigating family law cases, I am appointed as a Title 26 Guardian ad Litem in Yakima County, Kittitas County, and Klickitat County. I also provide private consulting on family law cases in several counties in Washington State.

I am pleased to advocate for families in the community I grew up in. I enjoy being an active member of our community and serve as a Board Member for Rod's House and Next Step Housing. My experiences will add value to the Family Law Executive Committee in addressing unique challenges in the family law profession.

I would appreciate your vote.



April 10, 2022

Sent via WSBA Portal

WSBA Family Law Section

Re: Application for WSBA Family Law Section
Executive Committee

Dear WSBA Family Law Section Nominating Committee:

This letter serves as my Statement of Interest to serve as an At-Large Member of the WSBA Family Law Section Executive Committee. I started practicing law in 2010 in California as a dependency attorney representing primary offending parents. I moved to South Carolina in 2012 and began practicing as a project attorney assisting in pre-trial discovery litigation teams in class action matters and offered my services as a volunteer attorney representing clients in adoption matters. In 2018, my family and I moved here to Washington State where I began solely focusing my practice in family law. As my practice has grown at DuBois Cary Law Group, I have become more involved in professional organizations that lead, educate, and give back to our community. I see my involvement with the WSBA Family Law Section as an Executive Committee At-Large Member as an opportunity to deepen my connection and commitment to this group of practitioners and colleagues across Washington State.

I am presently serving on the Board of a small non-profit organization, International Families Justice Coalition ("IFJC"), co-founded by Judge Anthony David Gipe. I am also a volunteer attorney for IFJC where I represent immigrants and foreign nationals that have limited or no English proficiency in family law matters. My work at IFJC is important because there are a very limited number of Chinese-American attorneys and almost no Chinese-American family law attorneys that speak Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin). With these same skills, I am also a volunteer attorney for the Asian Bar Association of Washington's pro bono program.

I also serve on the Board of Family Law CASA - King County based non-profit group that gives children a voice in court to prevent trauma and promote their health and safety through the work of Volunteer CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates). This is a just a sampling of the organizations in which I am involved. I have always been committed to pro bono work and volunteering to help diverse and indigent communities.

In each of the engagements I am involved with, I have learned the power of teamwork to provide services, education, and an opportunity connect to members. I also learn about cultural awareness and sensitivities in working with diverse and low-income populations, with an understanding of how I can directly help our diverse communities to develop trust and confidence in the judicial system and provide those communities the access and education required to understand the judicial system. I am committed to raising consciousness regarding legal issues involving the ethnic communities to improve the concept, perception, and system of justice and its accessibility to diverse communities. I believe I can leverage my experiences and background and offer a unique perspective for the benefit of our section members and provide the group a better understanding of the struggles that underrepresented communities face.

I am inspired to step up and serve my professional community in this capacity by those who serve as personal mentors – Amanda DuBois, Monica Cary, and Lucia Levias, among others. It is more important now than ever that we commit ourselves to organizations that provide meaningful engagement, education, promotion, access, assistance, mentorship, and connection in our practice. I believe the WSBA Family Law Section is such an organization and I look forward to helping it both remain, and develop into, the resource Washington Family Law practitioners need.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or require references.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mei Shih', written in a cursive style.

Mei Shih
mei@duboislaw.net