

Jonathan Barnard
WSBA – IP Law Section
Executive Committee Candidate Interest Statement
At-Large Member

I am asking for your vote to serve on the Executive Committee of the WSBA Intellectual Property Law section as an at-large member.

A bit about me, professionally: I am a registered patent attorney at Stoel Rives in their technology and IP practice group. My practice encompasses patent prosecution, IP counseling, licensing, and post-grant proceedings across diverse industries, including hardware, software, telecommunications, artificial intelligence, and energy systems. I offer a unique blend of deep technical expertise and a practical, business-oriented approach to intellectual property law.

Why am I running: I deeply value our Section's dedication to education, outreach, and policy engagement, and I see a strong alignment between its mission and my own professional priorities. Specifically, our IP Section's CLE programming and support for law students are particularly meaningful to me, as I believe that empowering current and future practitioners through education strengthens both our profession and the broader innovation ecosystem. For example, I currently serve on the board of directors of the Washington State Patent Law Association (WSPLA), where I have had the privilege of supporting and shaping Washington's IP community. Additionally, I lead the continuing legal education efforts within my firm's TIP group and have presented at WSPLA's Federal Circuit Year-In-Review/Developments in Patent Law annual meeting for the past three years—experiences that underscore my commitment to thought leadership and professional development in the IP space. If elected, I would bring a collaborative mindset, extensive subject-matter knowledge, and a passion for advancing IP law and supporting our community—through thoughtful legislative input, robust educational offerings, and meaningful engagement with practitioners and students alike.

A bit about me personally: I am a born and raised Pacific Northwestern with a strong connection to the patent community in Washington. I love animals, running half and full marathons, Spartan racing, traveling, and movie marathons. Prior to joining Stoel, I was in private practice at two AmLaw100 firms where I had a varied practice representing leading technology clients in patent prosecution and patent portfolio analysis. I graduated with honors from Seattle University School of Law where I served as an editor on the Seattle University Law Review. I received my B.S. in Mathematics, with honors, from Gonzaga University, where I also served as a mathematics tutor and physics teaching assistant, and was Vice President of Gonzaga's Club Swim Team.