## Zachary Strom

I am a second-year litigation associate at PWRFL in Seattle. Prior to assuming this role I served as a law clerk for the Honorable Stephen J. Dwyer at the Washington Court of Appeals and to then-Chief Magistrate Judge J. Richard Creatura at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. I obtained my J.D. from Northwestern Law in 2018.

Beyond a desire to get involved in the broader community of professionals, I am seeking to serve in an at-large section committee position because I want to be part of a group that raises professional standards for attorneys around the state. As a former clerk I have seen firsthand the burden that uninspired and uninformed representation imposes not only on clients (and their opponents) but on the justice system as a whole. Conversely, in my admittedly short time in practice I have seen how impassioned, informed, and tireless advocacy can get incredible results for clients who might have been written off as not having a case. In a time of considerable uncertainty (and anxiety) about the viability of individual rights under the law, I want to contribute to the education of my fellow attorneys on new developments. Moreover, in a time when law firms are subjected to political attacks based on the cases they take, I want to be part of an organization that builds rapport and solidarity between members of the bar.