April 2025 Statement of Interest – WSBA Solo and Small Practice Section Executive Committee

I am seeking appointment to an at-large position on the Executive Committee of the WSBA Solo and Small Practice Section because I value service to my profession and believe that my experience and interest lend themselves to serving through the SSP EC. I bring a deep commitment to solo and small firm practice and a breadth of experience that aligns with the Section's mission to support and empower attorneys working in smaller settings.

For nearly two decades, I have practiced law across a variety of contexts—from managing member of a respected small firm in Eastern Washington to Chief Operating Officer of a multi-state firm, and now as the founder of Consult With Shea, P.C., a solo practice focused on business advising and offering "urgent care" style legal services. This progression has given me insight into the unique challenges and opportunities solo and small firm practitioners face, particularly in balancing accessibility, professional excellence, and operational sustainability.

Throughout my career, I've been committed to mentoring attorneys, enhancing access to justice, and improving legal practice through education and service. My prior service on the WSBA Disciplinary Board, as President of the Benton Franklin County Bar, and as a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, reflects a long-standing investment in bar leadership and ethical practice. Currently, I also serve in similar roles on solo and small firm sections in Oregon, which gives me a multi-jurisdictional perspective on the evolving nature of small firm practice.

I would be honored to contribute my experience, leadership, and enthusiasm to the SSP EC, and to collaborate with colleagues in creating community and advancing professional causes important to solo and small firm attorneys across Washington.

Thank you for your consideration.