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April 15, 2024

Re: Chair-Elect Position

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

I am writing to apply for the Chair-Elect position. Given the opportunity, I believe my experience serving as the Secretary-Treasurer makes me a strong candidate for the position.

Sincerely,

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EXPERIENCE

Interim Legal Director

Oct. 2021 - March 2024

Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Darrington, WA

- Managed the Tribe's legal department.
- Handled ICW, criminal, and civil cases.
- Advised Tribal Council on a broad range of legal issues.
- Represented the Tribe and its enterprises in various proceedings.
- Handled, managed, and oversaw litigation in state, federal, and tribal court.
- Researched, developed, and drafted codes, resolutions, handbooks, and policies.
- Negotiated and drafted intergovernmental agreements on taxation and jurisdiction.
- Collaborated with state legislators to craft and advance tribally supported legislation.

Deputy Tribal Prosecutor

Nov. 2020 - April 2021

Lummi Indian Business Council, Bellingham, WA

- Prosecuted felony, misdemeanor, and civil cases.
- Drafted complaints, motions, pleadings, and briefs.
- Evaluated cases, negotiated with defense, extended plea offers, and resolved cases.
- Advised law enforcement, victims, and witnesses on criminal process and procedure.

Court Clerk

Oct. 2018 - Oct. 2020

Edmonds Municipal Court, Edmonds, WA

- Pioneered the City's first community court.
- Developed easy to file motions for pro se litigants.
- Assisted clients, attorneys, and judges navigate the legal process.

EDUCATION

Vermont Law School

May 2017

J.D., South Royalton, VT

Central Washington University

June 2013

B.A., Law and Justice, cum laude, Ellensburg, WA

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington State (Feb. 2020); **U.S. District Court of Western Washington** (Dec. 2022); **Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe** (Oct. 2021); **Lummi Nation** (Nov. 2020).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Language Skills: Proficient in American Sign Language.

Volunteerism: Indian Law Section; Northwest Indian Bar Assoc.; Tribal In-House Counsel Assoc.

Interests: Mariner's baseball, and Seahawk's football. Fly fishing, baseball, and tennis.