

# SHONA VOELCKERS

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April 19, 2024

WSBA INDIAN LAW SECTION  
1325 Fourth Ave., Suite 600  
Seattle, WA 98101

RE: Statement of Interest for Indian Law Section At-Large Member Position

Dear WSBA Indian Law Section Members,

I am applying for one of the at-large positions for the Indian Law Section's Executive Committee. I am interested in joining the Executive Committee in order to be more involved with our Indian Law legal community, facilitate ongoing dialogue regarding topics of mutual concern, and support law students in joining this practice area. The perspectives that I bring as long-term counsel for Yakama Nation will be advantageous to the Executive Committee and larger membership. I have enjoyed connecting with many of you informally and hope to build upon that connection as part of the Executive Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

*/s/ Shona Voelckers*  
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## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW | Seattle, WA

Juris Doctor | June 2015

**President, Native American Law Students Association** | Sep 2013–May 2015

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND | Portland, OR

Bachelor of Arts, History, minor in Biology | May 2011

Senior Thesis: *Feminism and the Stolen Generations of Australia*

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA | Fremantle, Western Australia

Semester Abroad | Spring 2009

## ADMISSIONS

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- Washington State Bar Association | Bar No. 50068
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Dist. Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. Dist. Court for the Western District of Washington
- Yakama Nation Tribal Court
- Tulalip Tribal Court

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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YAKAMA NATION OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL | Toppenish, WA | Sept 2015–Present

**Senior Staff Attorney** (July 2022–present): Provide civil legal representation and advice to Yakama Nation elected officials and tribal governmental programs and enterprises, with a focus on land use decisions, water resource management, and large-scale industrial energy projects that impact Treaty-reserved resources.

**Staff Attorney II** (Sept 2018–July 2022)

**Staff Attorney I** (Jan 2016–Sept 2018)

**Legal Fellow** (Sept–Oct 2015)

UW TRIBAL PUBLIC DEFENSE CLINIC | Tulalip, WA | September 2013–December 2014

**Advanced Clinic Student**

BERKEY WILLIAMS LLP | Berkeley, CA | Summer 2014

**Summer Associate**

WASHINGTON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE | Olympia, WA | Summer 2013

**Legal Intern with Torts Division**

COERS MITCHELL LAW LLC | Portland, OR | May 2010–May 2012

**Legal Assistant**