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I have practice in Snohomish County for 23 years, working in small firms for 12 years, and as a solo attorney since 2015. I have been the District 2 governor since 2022, and have had many other leadership positions within WSBA, the Snohomish County Bar Association, and Washington Women Lawyers.

KARI PETRASEK

Candidate for District 2 (incumbent)

WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF THE WSBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND HOW DO YOU INTEND TO FULFILL THE ROLE AND ITS OBLIGATIONS?

The BOG oversees creating WSBA policies that support or regulate our profession, sets the annual budget, and oversees hiring and employment of the Executive Director. A Governor is the liaison between our District and the BOG. I will make it top priority to communicate and meet with my constituents on a regular basis, keeping you informed about the work of the BOG and WSBA. As I have as a section leader, I will listen to members, bringing ideas, concerns, and questions back to the BOG for consideration. I will carefully scrutinize the budget to ensure WSBA stays within its means.

HOW HAVE YOU DEMONSTRATED YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF THE WSBA MISSION TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR, TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND TO CHAMPION JUSTICE?

I have served on numerous WSBA committees over the past 23 years, including as chair of the Solo & Small Practice Section, which focuses on access to justice, education, and support for all attorneys including new and small town/rural attorneys. Education, support, and providing valuable member resources to our member lawyers is key to WSBA's mission; for lawyers to be able to serve their communities effectively they need support, training, and resources. Since 2011, I have been responsible for the implementation and continued operation of a quarterly low-income senior estate planning clinic which connects new attorneys with experienced mentor attorneys.