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**STATEMENT OF INTEREST TO SERVE AS MEMBER AT LARGE FOR  
WSBA ELDER LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Please consider me as a candidate for the position of a “Member at Large” of the WSBA Elder Section Executive Committee for the 2022 to 2023 WSBA Section year. I have served in various capacities on the WSBA Elder Law Section Executive Committee and bring my knowledge and experience of section history as well as Elder Law issues.

Thank you for your consideration to this Statement of Interest.

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RÉSUMÉ

EDUCATION

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Legal	University of Pittsburgh School of Law Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania J.D., May 1983 Distinctions: Honors in Legal Writing Program; President, Student Bar Association; Appellate Moot Court; Faculty Scholastic Award.
Graduate	Colgate University Hamilton, New York M.A.T., May 1977 Thesis: Property Tax Funding of Public Education
Undergraduate	Eisenhower College Seneca Falls, New York B.A. in International Relations, May 1975 Distinction: Student Senate Chairperson; Dean's List; Independent Study Honors, Leadership Award

EMPLOYMENT

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October 1998 To Present	<i>Michael J. Longyear, Attorney at Law</i> Reed, Longyear, Malnati Corwin & Burnett, PLLC, Seattle. Member. Personal trust and estate planning, guardianship, trust, and estate administration and related real estate matters. Serve as guardian, guardian ad litem, settlement guardian ad litem, estate administrator, trustee and other fiduciary capacities.
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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (continued)

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September 1993  
to September 1998

*Michael J. Longyear, Attorney at Law.*

Sole practitioner in areas of personal trust and estate planning, trust and estate administration, guardianship, and related real estate matters. Serve as court appointed guardian, guardian ad litem, estate administrator, and other fiduciary capacities.

January 1991 to  
August 1993

*Associate*

Law Offices of George Edensword-Breck, Seattle.

Disability and estate planning; trust, guardianship and estate administration and related real estate matters; drafting and presenting documents for court approval; preparing trust and real estate transfer documents.

February 1989  
to January 1991

*Assistant Vice President, Trust Officer, and Corporate Trust  
Lead Administrator*

First Interstate Bank of Washington, N.A. Seattle.

Responsibilities included: administration of corporate and municipal indentures, escrows, custodial and trustee accounts, including pass-through certificates backed by mortgage pools and other collateral; compliance with IRS and SEC regulations and reports; document review. Supervision of department staff and activities including planning and business development.

September 1988  
to January 1989

*Law Clerk*

Ginsberg and Stanich, Seattle.

Assist in trial preparation, research, memorandums of law, document review.

August 1986  
to June 1988

*U.S. History Teacher*

Cherry Creek High School, Englewood, Colorado

Chairperson, District Committee for the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Co-advisor, Mock Trial Program.

March 1985  
to June 1986

*Management Training/Credit Analyst*

First National Bank of Maryland, Baltimore

Financial analyst to determine credit needs of commercial customers. Bank training program based on RMA OMEGA Commercial Loans to Business Program. Analytical reviews of local, middle market and national companies, foreign banks, maritime industry and port facilities. Experience in commercial bank lending and services, including collateral documentation.

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (continued)

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September 1983  
to February 1985

*Vice President and Trust Officer*

Garrett National Bank, Oakland, Maryland.

Responsibilities included: planning, investment and administration of personal trusts and estates; administration and marketing of IRA and Keogh Retirement Programs; personal financial planning; new business development. Formed a one-bank holding company meeting all necessary regulatory requirements and obtaining shareholder approval.

Summer 1982

*Legal Intern*

Pittsburgh National Bank, Trust Division, Pittsburgh.

Broad exposure to all areas of personal trusts and estates administration, including the appraisal and disposition of decedents' property, consultations with customers, legal research and drafting, coordination of ancillary administrations and participation in each department of the Trust Division: Court Accounting, Investments, Tax, Real Estate, New Business Development and Law Department.

Summer 1980  
Summer 1981

*Law Clerk*

Law firms, Ithaca, New York

Miscellaneous duties including legal research, consultations with clients, interviewing, title searches and real estate closings.

September 1977  
to June 1980

*American Studies Teacher*

Owego Free Academy, Owego, New York

Developed "Youth and the Law" curriculum

Summer 1978

Fulbright Scholarship Program, Egypt

Middle East Teacher Training Program. Curriculum development on Middle East culture and history. Program coordinated by S.U.C. Fredonia and the University of Alexandria, Egypt.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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*King County Bar Association--Member*

Attorney Referral Panel for Estate Planning, Probate, Trusts and Guardianships

Real Property, Probate and Trust Section; Executive Committee; 2015 to 2019

Guardianship and Elder Law Section: Section Chair; 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;  
Executive Committee 1996 to 2003.

Co-Chair of Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Training Program in 1998, 1999, and 2000.

Co-Chair Minor Settlement (SPR 98.16W) Training Program in 2002 and 2003.

*Washington State Bar Association--Member*

Real Property Probate and Trust Section; Executive Committee 2013 to 2015

Elder Law Section – Executive Committee 2015 to present; 1999 to 2008, Past Chair Legislative Committee, Treasurer 2005-2006, Chair elect, 1999-2000, Chairperson 2000-2001, Past Chair 2001-2002.

*American Bar Association--Member*

*King County Superior Court*—Certified Guardian ad Litem, Settlement Guardian ad Litem

*King County Superior Court*—Probate and Guardianship Review Calendar Training Program

Instructor in 1997 in trusts; Instructor in 1998, 1999 and 2000 on trusts and probates

Estate Planning Council of Seattle

Washington Planned Giving Council

Northwest Family Business Advisors

Instructor: American Institute of Banking;

City University and University of Washington Extension

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

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Washington Certified Professional Guardian, G.P. #004870

Washington Bar—Member # 18424

Maryland Bar-- Inactive Member

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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*Certified Professional Guardian Board: Board member, appointed by Washington State Supreme Court.* January 2002 to September 2008; Co-chair Education Committee 2005 to 2007

Editor: 2004 to 2007 – Certified Professional Guardianship Manual.

*Atlantic Street Center*—Capital Campaign Board

*Watermark Tower, Seattle, WA - Residential Condominium*—Board member 1995 to 2003.

Former President, former Treasurer for 4 years.

*Fischer Studio Building, Seattle, WA - Residential Condominium*—Board member 1999 to 2005, 2009 to present; Former Treasurer and President;.

*Lifetime Advocacy Plus (Former Foundation for the Handicapped)*—Board of Directors 1994 to June 2001.

Washington Association of Professional Guardians, Board Member; 2007 to present

## SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

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Panel Moderator for Presentation: “Access to Justice in Guardianship and Elder Law and Pro Bono Opportunities”; March 17, 2022; KCBA Guardianship and Elder Law Section

Panel Moderator for Presentation: Changes in Washington State Non-profit Law and Planned Giving update; March 2, 2022; KCBA Real Property Probate and Trust Section

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; November 19, 2021; KCBA

Program Moderator: Estate Planning with Intention; June 3, 2021  
Legal Foundation of Washington

Program Chair; Estate Planning for the 99%; May 14, 2021; KCBA  
Moderator for group discussion: Drafting Wills and Trusts and related planning issues to consider

Panel Member Presentation: Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity; April 9, 2021  
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

Panel Member Presenter: Transitioning Family Members: health Assistance and Fiduciary Management; January 13, 2021; Northwest Family Business Advisors

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; October 23, 2020; KCBA

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; November 1, 2019; KCBA

Program Chair; Estate Planning for the 99%; April 19, 2019; KCBA  
Moderator for group discussion: Drafting Wills and Trusts and related planning issues to consider

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; October 26, 2018; KCBA  
Panel Moderator: Fees and Tax and Accounting issues to Consider

Program Chair; Estate Planning for the 99%; April 19, 2018; KCBA  
Moderator for group discussion: Drafting Wills and Trusts and related planning issues to consider

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; October 26, 2017; KCBA  
Panel Moderator: Fees and Tax and Accounting issues to Consider

Program Co-Chair; Fall Elder Law Seminar: Advising Clients in a Complex World; September 8, 2017; WSBA Elder Law Section; Panel Moderator: Current Issues to Consider

Program Chair; Estate Planning for the 99%; April 12, 2017; KCBA  
Moderator for group discussion: Drafting Wills and Trusts and related planning issues to consider

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; November 19, 2015; KCBA  
Panel Moderator: Fees and Tax and Accounting issues to Consider

Program Co-Chair; Probate Litigation; Non-TEDRA Causes of Action; May 13, 2016; KCBA;  
Panel Moderator: Non-TEDRA Causes of Action

Program Chair; Estate Planning for the 99%; April 28, 2016; KCBA  
Moderator for group discussion: Drafting Wills and Trusts and related planning issues to consider

Program Co-Chair; Navigating Elder Law Systems: Advising Clients in a Complex World; March 4, 2016; WSBA Elder Law Section; Panel Moderator: Current Issues to Consider

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; November 19, 2015; KCBA  
Panel Moderator: Fees and Tax and Accounting issues to Consider

Program Co-Chair; Probate Litigation; Maintaining a Balance; Ethics and Litigation; August 14, 2015; KCBA; Panel Moderator: Fees, VAPA, Creditors, Debts and Non-probate Assets

Program Chair; Estate Planning for the 99%; April 23, 2015; KCBA  
Panel Moderator: Taxes and related planning issues to consider

Program Co-Chair; Advanced Guardianship Issues; April 1, 2015; KCBA  
Panel Moderator: Emerging issues in Guardianship

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; November 13, 2014; KCBA  
Presentation: *Probate Guardian ad Litem and SPR 98.16 W*

Program: Elder Friendly Futures Conference; University of Washington; October 8 and 9, 2014  
Panel Presentation: Issues regarding Mistreatment of Elders and Vulnerable Adults

Program Chair; Estate Planning for the 99%; April 24, 2014; KCBA  
Presentation: Community Property Issues to consider in Estate Planning

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; November 1, 2013; KCBA  
Presentation: *Probate Guardian ad Litem and SPR 98.16 W*

Program Chair; Estate Planning for the 99%; May 10, 2013; KCBA

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; November 15, 2012; KCBA

Presentation: "*Legislative and Case Law Update*"; Title 11 Guardian ad Litem training April 20, 2012; KCBA

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; November 4, 2011; KCBA  
Presentation: *Administration of Insolvent Estates*

Presentation; "*Managing the Settlement*"; Settlement Guardian ad Litem (SPR 98.16 W) Training Program, October 25, 2011; KCBA

Presentation; "*Caution: Avoiding Conflicts of Interest*"; Ethical Issues in Elder Law Practice, Avoiding Elder Law Malpractice/Ethical Violations; July 20, 2011; WSBA

Presentation: “*Public Criticism of Professional Guardians*”; CPG Spring Training May 23, 2011; WAPG

Presentation: “*Legislative and Case Law Update*”; Title 11 Guardian ad Litem training May 6, 2011; KCBA

Co-Presentation: *Unique Fiduciary Duties/Challenges in Probates, Powers of Attorney, Trusts, & Guardianships: Advanced Issues in Elder Law: So You Think You’re a Fiduciary*; March 18, 2011; KCBA

Presentation: *Best Practices When Serving as a Professional Trustee or Guardian of the Estate: Elder Law Best Practices*; January 21, 2011; WSBA

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; Probate Institute, October 22, 2010; KCBA  
Presentation: *Administration of Insolvent Estates*

Presentation: “*Legislative and Case Law Update*”; Title 11 Guardian ad Litem training May 14, 2010; KCBA

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; Probate Institute, November 13, 2009; KCBA  
Presentation: *Fees and Costs of Administration*

Presentation: “*Staying Out of Trouble: Ethics and Review Code of Conduct*”; Title 11 Guardian ad Litem training April 24, 2009; KCBA

Presentation and Article: *Jurisdiction Disputes and Other Emerging Issues in Guardianship*; Annual Trust and Estate Litigation Seminar; March 13, 2009; WSBA

Presentation and Article: *Guardianship in Washington: Elder Law Essentials*; January 23, 2009; WSBA

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; Probate Institute, November 14, 2008; KCBA

Program Co-Chair; Probate Administration; Probate Institute, November 15, 2007; KCBA  
Presentation: *Closing the Probate; Declaration of Completion and Decree of Distribution*;

Co-Chair; Certified Professional Guardianship Training Seminar, September 20-21, 2007

Program Co-Chair; Guardianship Administration; Guardianship Institute, July 19, 2007; WSBA

Co-Chair: Certified Professional Guardianship Training Seminar, March 29-30, 2007

Presentation: *Advanced Guardianship Issues*, CPG Training Seminar, March 29, 2007

Presentation: *Fiduciary Fee Issues in Guardianship Administration*; March 30, 2007;

Program Co-Chair – Probate Administration – Probate Institute, December 7, 2006; KCBA



Presentation: Fiduciary Fee Issues in Probate Administration; December 7, 2006; KCBA

Co-Chair: Certified Professional Guardianship Training Seminar, September 28-29, 2006

Role of SGAL; Special Needs Trusts- Strategic and Transactional Considerations, June 23, 2006; WSBA

Complex Guardian ad Litem Issues, Title 11 Guardian ad Litem training May 5, 2006

Co-Chair: Certified Professional Guardianship Training Seminar, March 30-31, 2006

Presentation: Advanced Guardianship Issues, CPG Training Seminar, March 30, 2006

Program Chair – Probate Administration – Probate Institute, December 8, 2005; KCBA

Presentation: Creditor Claims in Probate Administration; December 8, 2005; KCBA

Presentation and Panel Member: Health Care Directives and Durable Powers of Attorney; Washington State Senior Lobby Conference; October 21, 2005

Co-Chair: Certified Professional Guardianship Training Seminar, September 29-30, 2005

Presentation: Advanced Guardianship Issues, CPG Training Seminar, September 29, 2005

Presentation: Transactional Capacity, Title 11 Guardian ad Litem training May 13, 2005

Co-Chair: Certified Professional Guardianship Training Seminar, February 10-11, 2005

Presentation: Advanced Guardianship Issues, CPG Training Seminar, February 10, 2005

Presentation: Special Issues of Concern for Settlement Guardian ad Litem, October 8, 2004; KCBA.

Presentation: Ethical Issues in Elder Law, September 24, 2004; KCBA

Presentation: Ethical Issues Advising Fiduciaries: WSBA Elder Law Section Annual CLE, September 10, 2004; WSBA

Selecting a Trustee- Establishing, Managing and Terminating the Special Needs Trust, July 14, 2004; WSBA

Presentation: Certified Professional Guardian ad Litem training, May 20, 2004; KCBA

Presentation and Article: Creditor Claims Procedures – Trust and Estate Litigation; April 20, 2004; WSBA

Presentation and Article: How to Represent the Guardian: Be Prepared for the Unusual; The New Essentials For Elder Law, January 30, 2004; WSBA

Program Co-Chair - Settlement Guardian ad Litem (SPR 98.16 W) – Advanced Topics, December 4, 2003; KCBA

Presentation and Materials: Guardianship Certification Board; Advising Fiduciaries, November 13, 2003; WSBA

Symposium Presentation: Proposed Legislative Changes to the Vulnerable Adult Act; Vulnerable Adult Seminar, October 15, 2003; WSBA

Presentation: Creditor Claims and Guardian ad Litem in Probate; King County Probate Manual; May 30, 2003; KCBA

Legislative Update: Advance Mental Health Directives and DSHS issues; Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Training, May 9, 2003; KCBA

Presentation and Article: Complex Capacity Issues - Intermittent Capacity, Undue Influence, Dueling Durable Powers of Attorneys Advanced Guardianship Issues II; March 21, 2003; KCBA

Program Co-Chair - Settlement Guardian ad Litem (SPR 98.16 W) Training Program, November 6, 2002; KCBA

Presentation: Guardianship Practice and Procedure; "How to Probate and Handle Post-Mortem Matters"; October 11, 2002; WSBA

Presentation on TEDRA and Guardian ad Litem Issues; Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Training, May 10, 2002; KCBA

Probate and Trust Guardian ad Litem & Special Representative Issues; Program Co-Chair; TEDRA; Nuts & Bolts & Beyond, February 22, 2002; KCBA

Presentation: Estate Recovery Issues; Medicaid Seminar; December 3, 2001

Presentation and Article: Capacity and Undue Influence - Guardianship and Durable Power of Attorney; Real Property, Probate and Trust Seminar, Mid-year June 8-9, 2001; WSBA

Panel Presentation on Guardian ad Litem Issues; Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Training, May 10-11, 2001; KCBA

Presentation and Article; Capacity – A Transactional Issue; Advanced Guardianship Issues; March 23, 2001; KCBA

Presentation and Materials; Guardianship of the Estate; Program Co-Chair - Guardianship Issues for Paralegals; January 19, 2001; KCBA

Presentation; Guardianship Model Forms for Guardianship of the Estate; Guardianship Model Forms; December 10, 2000; KCBA

Panel Member and Presentation on Guardian ad Litem Issues; Program Co-Chair - Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Training, May 11-12, 2000; KCBA

Panel Member and Presentation: Changes to the Guardianship Statute;  
Guardian ad Litem Forum Seminar, March, 2000; WSBA

Panel Member and Presentation on Guardianship Issues;  
Guardianship Issues, November 9, 1999; KCBA

Program Co-Chair - Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Training, May 13-14, 1999; KCBA

Program Co-Chair - Title 11 Guardian ad Litem Training, May 28-29, 1998; KCBA  
Presentation and Article: Attorney for the Alleged Incapacitated Person and  
Presentation on Interviewing the Alleged Incapacitated Person;