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Dear ELUL Executive Committee,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to apply for the position of At-Large Member of the ELUL Executive Committee. I first joined the ELUL in 2021 upon my acceptance to the Washington State Bar and I have found the section to be a great resource for my professional development. This past week, I served as a co-chair for the 2024 ELUL Midyear, an experience that further demonstrated the value of being an ELUL member. The Midyear was both a great opportunity to meet my peers and an excellent chance to learn from some of the sharpest minds in the field. I am excited about the opportunity to join the ELUL Executive Committee and continue assisting with the great work the section does.

As a new attorney, I have leaned on many members of the section for advice, guidance, and mentorship. As an Assistant Attorney General in the Ecology Division of the Attorney General's Office, I have the pleasure of working alongside many members of the ELUL, including some past and present Executive Committee members. They are talented attorneys, willing mentors and consummate professionals. They have shown me what it takes to be a successful attorney in our field and have stressed the importance of developing good working relationships with other ELUL attorneys (even those that are not section members). In my work, I have crossed paths with my fair share of ELUL section members from outside the AGO and I always find myself impressed with their professionalism and competence, even when we are on opposite sides of an issue. I believe the work that the section does to build community among environmental and land use attorneys pays massive dividends in our day-to-day work, facilitating an environment where even parties that vehemently disagree can engage in productive, respectful discourse and find common ground where it might otherwise seem impossible.

I also believe that the work that the ELUL section does to welcome new attorneys is critical to maintaining a healthy and successful community of environmental and land use attorneys. I want to facilitate the success of these young attorneys and know no better place than the ELUL. Although I am a relatively new attorney myself, I understand that the learning curve is steep and believe that encouraging collaboration, mentorship and community is the best way to ensure long-term success across the section, regardless of where someone works. I would love the chance to play my part in welcoming talented young attorneys into our field of practice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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