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Via Web Application Portal

Washington State Bar Association
Real Property, Probate and Trust Section

*Re: Statement of Interest - Real Property Council Member
Real Property Probate and Trust Section Executive Committee*

To Whom it May Concern:

I write to express my interest in serving as a council member on the WSBA Real Property, Probate and Trust Section Executive Committee. I am an associate at Miller Nash LLP in Seattle with a practice focused on condemnation and eminent domain, real estate, and commercial litigation, and I am committed to supporting the Section's CLE programming, publications, and member engagement.

In my eminent domain practice, I represent municipal agencies and property owners from pre-project planning through negotiations, litigation, trials, and appeals. I also represent clients on a number of commercial and residential disputes, including issues arising from purchase and sale agreements, lease agreements, commercial landlord/tenant disagreements, and adverse possession.

I am a contributor to the Washington real estate bar. I presented "Washington Eminent Domain Law: A Primer" for the WSBA RPPT Section's Spring Refresh CLE in April 2026. I have also presented on condemnation valuation topics and advocacy strategy, including programs for the Appraisal Institute and The Seminar Group. I am active in the right-of-way community through my involvement with and presentations for the International Right of Way Association (Puget Sound Chapter). I am also a current member of the WSBA Litigation and RPPT sections.

I bring practical litigation experience and a nuanced perspective that I believe will be valuable to the Executive Committee. If selected, I would contribute to the Section and its members by: (a) developing or coordinating condemnation and real property litigation CLEs; (b) enhancing outreach to newer lawyers and public-sector practitioners; and (c) advocating for the section, its members, and the practice of real estate law. I would be honored to support the Section's mission and the broader real property bar through Executive Committee service.

Thanks,



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