

Dear members of the Executive Committee:

My name is Saul Tilden. I am a Shareholder in the estate planning and administration group in Stokes Lawrence's Yakima office, known as Stokes Lawrence Velikanje Moore & Shore. I am excited to submit my application for the Probate and Trust Council Director position for a few reasons.

First, my past experiences with the RPPT Section have been invariably positive. I served with the RPPT Section as an Executive Committee Member from 2022-2024 and in 2025 served as a co-chair of the Midyear CLE. In addition, I have co-authored an article for the section newsletter and been a regular attendee of the Midyear throughout my career. Through my involvement with the committee and RPPT Section at large, I have come to understand what a fantastic resource the RPPT Section and its Executive Committee are to Washington's legal community. I would be very grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the legal community as the Probate and Trust Council Director. Selfishly, I am also thrilled by the chance to collaborate with (and learn from) many of my highly respected peers who serve on the Executive Committee.

I also want to help the RPPT Section further its goal of helping its members achieve "the highest standards of competence, professionalism, and ethics in their practices." It is not lost on me that the RPPT Section is in a unique position to provide this service. Practicing in Yakima, the legal resources available to me are not what they might be if I practiced in the Seattle area. We simply have less people and less people means less resources. However, the lack of resources does not diminish the need for estate planning and administration services and quality counsel. Having a strong RPPT section is very meaningful for those of us practicing in less populated areas of Washington. Having a strong RPPT Section ensures that, no matter where an attorney chooses to practice, they will continue to have excellent resources at their disposal and robust continuing education opportunities. This is good for the attorneys and great for the people of Washington. I look forward to seeing this continue and, hopefully, doing what I can to make sure that it does.

Thank you very much for considering my application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Saul Tilden", written in a cursive style.

Saul Tilden