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To Whom It May Concern:

I've been complacently and silently a member of the Washington State Bar for the last 14 years with every intention of becoming "more involved" every year and doing nothing. I've watched colleagues take up the challenge and do an excellent job educating, writing, and advocating for the legal profession. Last year, while attending and speaking at the Solo and Small Practice Conference, I attended an awards ceremony celebrating incoming and outgoing members and was finally stirred to action.

At this point, I have spent the vast majority of my career in small practice, focusing on various aspects of small business and trust planning and I am passionate about supporting other practitioners. I remember being a new attorney and being a new business owner and would not have been able to "make it" had it not been for mentorship and coaching.

Like many of my fellow small practitioners, I am no stranger to outreach, organization, financials, and following up with people: things that make up a large part of my job as a business owner and attorney and, also, would likely be a large part of being on a committee. Furthermore, at our firm, we are consistently researching new ways of practicing law, new ways of being a successful business, and keeping up-to-date on our areas of law, which I am always happy to share with others.

I hope to be considered for this position and to be a worthy candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'Shreya Ley'. It starts with a large loop on the left, followed by several smaller loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Shreya Ley  
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