

## **Jennifer Calkins--Statement of Interest**

### **World Peace Through Law Executive Committee At-Large Member**

I am interested in serving as a member-at-large for the WSBA World Peace Through Law Section's Executive Committee for the 2024-2027 term. This section's focus on peace, justice, human rights, and a recognition of the global context of the law resonates with my work in environmental justice, on behalf of more than human beings and my interdisciplinary practice.

As a litigator, I focus on the intersection of environmental justice and the protection of nonhuman species using administrative, federal, and state law. My most recent legal work involves advocating for environmental justice on behalf of rural communities. For example, I have and continue to represent Mason County Climate Justice, a multi-racial, multi-generational organization in rural Washington State. I have also advocated for climate justice in international law.

I bring to my legal work my skills as a Ph.D. in biological science and former professor and researcher. I also actively maintain an interdisciplinary practice that brings together science, the law, and the arts. My legal analysis of the Paris Agreement, published in 2018, provided the basis of a multi-year, multimedia creative collaboration with Anne de Marcken. The result of this collaboration is a collection of poetry and a virtual event for the global gathering at COP26.

In 2023, I developed and launched Delisted 2023 (<https://www.delisted2023.com/>), a creative communal project engaging the extinction crisis. This project involves 34 species, a list generated as a byproduct of the Endangered Species Act's mode for mediating what nonhuman species are protected under law and its intersection with science and extinction. More than 40 artists, thinkers, and practitioners across the globe who are currently creating in relationship with these species—from visual art installations to poetry, from video art to ceremonial practices. I have hosted workshops locally, virtually, and in Mexico, helping attorneys and others connect to their grief, awe, creativity, and community around this crisis.

As a member of the executive committee of the World Peace Through Law I will bring this interdisciplinary approach, my interest in a global perspective, and my skill in organizing and hosting events to support the section's offerings for the legal community in Washington State.