

**PROPOSAL FOR
SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S
SOLO AND SMALL PRACTICE SECTION**

**Pursuant to Article XIII
of the Bylaws of Spokane County Bar Association**

This proposal is submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA), pursuant to Article XIII, Sections, of the Bylaws of the SCBA. This proposal constitutes the acknowledgement by individuals in good standing with the SCBA that a Solo and Small Practice Section has been proposed and that they intend to join such Section.

The requirements under SCBA bylaws 13.2 Written Request are met in substantial compliance as follows:

13.2.1 Statement of Need: Many attorneys today have made the decision to join a small firm or to go solo, for a variety of reasons. Some attorneys who have been in practice a number of years are seeking greater job satisfaction and greater control over their work decisions by going solo. In today's economy, many larger firms are downsizing or delaying to fill vacancies. Newer attorneys are faced with the decision of waiting for the perfect job or creating one for themselves. Across the board, however, each of these attorneys is in the position to benefit from shared ideas and resources in working as a solo or small firm attorney, and especially to benefit from knowledge of using modern technology and management to provide high quality legal services to clients. By providing a forum for the sharing of information through a solo and small practice section, attorneys benefit from the education and collegiality and clients benefit from more efficient legal services.

13.2.2 Contemplated Jurisdiction: This information is addressed in the Section bylaws at 1.2.

13.2.3 Proposed Bylaws: Attached.

13.2.4 Proposed Committees: Reserved; none at this time.

13.2.5 Proposed Budget (first two years of operation): Reserved.

13.2.6 Statements of Intent: Attached.

**BYLAWS OF SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S
SOLO AND SMALL PRACTICE SECTION**

ARTICLE 1. PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 **Creation:** The Solo and Small Practice Section ("Section") of the Spokane County Bar Association is established pursuant to Bylaws of Spokane County Bar Association ("SCBA"), Article XIII, Sections.
- 1.2 **Jurisdiction:** The jurisdiction of the Section is all aspects of practice for the solo or small firm attorney.
- 1.3 **Purpose:** The purpose of the Section is to provide assistance to solo and small practitioners in improving their practice of law by providing a cooperative forum for the exchange of ideas and resources:
- (a) With special emphasis on using modern technology and management to provide high quality legal services to clients.
 - (b) By sponsoring or otherwise participating in educational, service, and other activities relating to solo and small law firms.
 - (c) By making reports and recommendations to the membership of the Section, and to the Board and Officers of the SCBA, concerning such matters.
- 1.4 **Limitations:** These bylaws have been adopted subject to the applicable Washington Rules of Court and the bylaws of the SCBA.
- 1.5 **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the Section shall coincide with that of the SCBA.

ARTICLE 2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 **Enrollment:** Any active member of the SCBA in good standing may be enrolled as a member in the Section upon request and payment of the annual Section dues in the amount and purpose approved by the Board of Trustees of the SCBA.
- 2.1.1 **Regular Members:** Any regular member of SCBA in good standing who practices in a law firm with five or fewer lawyers shall be eligible for regular membership in the Section.
- 2.1.2 **Associate Members:** Any associate member of SCBA, and any regular member of SCBA in good standing who practices in a law firm with more than five lawyers, shall be eligible for associate membership in the Section.
- 2.1.3. **Honorary Members:** All retired former members of SCBA, Judges and Commissioners in Spokane County, and all faculty members of accredited law schools in Spokane County shall be eligible for honorary membership in the Section.

- 2.2 **The Membership.** Members enrolled as provided in Section 2.1 shall constitute the Membership of the Section. Only regular members shall be eligible to vote on Section business and election of Officers.
- 2.3 **Dues.** Annual membership dues shall be those amounts approved by SCBA for membership in the Section. The dues for the Associate Members shall be in the same amount as for the Regular Members. Honorary Members shall be exempt from the Section dues.

ARTICLE 3. MEETINGS

- 3.1 **Monthly Meetings:** Meetings shall be regularly held on the third Tuesday of each month, or at such other times and places designated by the Chair of the Section.
- 3.2 **Special Meetings:** Special meetings may be held at such times and places and for such purposes as may be deemed necessary by the Chair of the Section.
- 3.3 **Annual Meeting:** An annual meeting of the Section shall be held in September of each year at such time and place as designated by the Chair of the Section.
- 3.3.1 **Annual Meetings - Business:** The principle business at the annual meeting shall be (1) the election and installation of the Chairperson of the Section for the ensuing fiscal year, (2) development of a plan for the Section projects, and (3) such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
- 3.4 **Notice:** Notice of the time and place of the annual or any special meeting of members of the Section shall be given by the Chair to each member of the Section by written notice thereof by email or mailed at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting to the email or mail address on file with the Section.
- 3.5 **Quorum:** The regular members of the Section present at any meeting whereby all members were given notice as stated herein shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 3.6 **Controlling Vote:** Action of the Section shall be by simple majority vote of the regular members present, unless otherwise stated herein.
- 3.7 **Rules of Order:** To the extent not otherwise prescribed in these Bylaws, rules contained in the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all business meetings of the members of the Section.

ARTICLE 4. OFFICE AND OFFICERS

- 4.1 **Office:** The business address of the Section shall be the SCBA office address.
- 4.2 **Officers:** The Officers of the Section shall consist of the Section Chairperson, a Vice Chair, Chairpersons of the projects and subcommittees of the Section, the immediate past Section Chairperson, and such Officers as may be elected as necessary to conduct the business of the Section, with such Office created and abolished by majority vote of members present at any regular meeting where such Office is properly before the members. Chairpersons of projects and subcommittees may mean persons designated for a representative or liaison capacity with other organizations and groups as needed. Only regular members of the Section shall be eligible to

serve as Officers of the Section. The Officers of the Section shall have authority to transact the regular business of the Section by simple majority vote of the Officers; provided, however, that the Officers shall have the discretion to submit any items of business to the regular members of the Section for consideration and approval.

4.3 Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson: The Chairperson shall be initially elected by a simple majority of regular members. The Chairperson shall then seek nominations from Section members for the Vice Chairperson for the next year of the Section. The Vice Chairperson shall then be elected by a simple majority vote of the regular members of the Section in attendance at the annual meeting. Unless two-thirds of the regular members present at the annual meeting vote otherwise, the currently acting Vice Chairperson shall become the Chairperson for the next year of the Section. Chairpersons of the projects and subcommittees of the Section may be appointed by the Section Chair. Such Officers as may be elected as necessary to conduct the business of the Section shall be elected at such times as the Officer's position is properly before the Section, and the Officer shall then be elected by a simple majority vote of the regular members of the Section in attendance at the annual meeting.

4.3.1 Terms: Each officer shall serve a term of one year, if elected, or the remaining portion thereof, if appointed. Any officer may serve an unlimited amount of terms, including consecutive terms, subject to the vote of the members or appointment by Chairperson as described herein.

4.4 Vacancies: Vacancies in any office arising from any cause during the fiscal year shall be filled at the discretion of the Chairperson of the Section. Officers appointed for any vacant office shall hold such office until the next annual meeting of the Section. In the event the office of Chairperson becomes vacant, a majority of the remaining officers may appoint a new Chairperson to serve the unexpired portion of the Chairperson's term.

4.5 The Chairperson: The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Section, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Section and shall perform such other duties as are incident or appropriate to the Office, or are assigned by the regular members of the Section or by SCBA. The Chairperson may at any regular meeting create projects or sub-committees, and select chairpersons for them.

4.6 The Vice Chairperson: The Vice Chairperson shall maintain the minutes of all meetings of the Section, and shall perform such other duties as are incident or appropriate to the Office, or are assigned by the regular members of the Section or by SCBA. In the absence of the Chairperson the Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.

ARTICLE 5. NON-PROFIT PURPOSES

5.1 Not for Profit: The Section is not organized for profit. No part of its receipts shall benefit of any member of the Section or the SCBA.

5.2 No Compensation: All Officers of the Section shall serve without compensation, but they may be reimbursed for reasonable and appropriate expenses incurred on behalf of the Section. Reimbursements shall be in accordance with policies of the SCBA.

ARTICLE 6. COMMITTEES

- 6.1** **Committees:** The regular members of the Section in attendance at a regular or special meeting shall have the right to establish and to terminate projects or committees of the Section, and to determine and appoint the membership of said committees, by a simple majority vote.

ARTICLE 7. AMENDMENTS

- 7.1** **Amendment of Bylaws:** These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the regular members of the Section in attendance at a regular or a special meeting, properly noted for that purpose. All amendments shall be submitted to and approved by the SCBA.

ANGEL M. BASE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
TITLE 26 GUARDIAN AD LITEM


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Spokane, WA 99201-2623

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, ANGEL M. BASE, am a member of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA). I am aware that a proposal for the establishment of a Solo and Small Practice Section is being prepared for submission to the SCBA Board of Trustees.

This statement indicates my intention to apply for membership in the Solo and Small Practice Section upon its approval by the SCBA Board of Trustees. I understand that by signing this document my name will be included on “[a] list of members of the Association who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section” pursuant to Bylaws of SCBA Article XIII § 13.2.6.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2010.



ANGEL M. BASE, WSBA Bar No. 42500

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, Lara A. Strandberg (print name), am a member of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA). I am aware that a proposal for the establishment of a Solo and Small Practice Section is being prepared for submission to the SCBA Board of Trustees. This statement indicates my intention to apply for membership in the Solo and Small Practice Section upon its approval by the SCBA Board of Trustees. I understand that by signing this document my name will be included on "[a] list of members of the Association who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section" pursuant to Bylaws of SCBA Article XIII § 13.2.6.

Lara Strandberg
Spokane County Bar Association Member Signature

43229
WSBA Bar No.

12/9/2010

Date

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I, Eric J. Roth, am a member of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA). I am aware that a proposal for the establishment of a Solo and Small Practice Section is being prepared for submission to the SCBA Board of Trustees. This statement indicates my intention to apply for membership in the Solo and Small Practice Section upon its approval by the SCBA Board of Trustees. I understand that by signing this document my name will be included on “[a] list of members of the Association who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section” pursuant to Bylaws of SCBA Article XIII § 13.2.6.



Spokane County Bar Association Member Signature

28376

WSBA Bar No.

December 13, 2010

Date

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, Ken Zyger (print name), am a member of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA). I am aware that a proposal for the establishment of a Solo and Small Practice Section is being prepared for submission to the SCBA Board of Trustees. This statement indicates my intention to apply for membership in the Solo and Small Practice Section upon its approval by the SCBA Board of Trustees. I understand that by signing this document my name will be included on “[a] list of members of the Association who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section” pursuant to Bylaws of SCBA Article XIII § 13.2.6.

Ken Zyger

Spokane County Bar Association Member Signature

41723

WSBA Bar No.

12-10-10

Date

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, KYLE NOLTE (print name), am a member of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA). I am aware that a proposal for the establishment of a Solo and Small Practice Section is being prepared for submission to the SCBA Board of Trustees. This statement indicates my intention to apply for membership in the Solo and Small Practice Section upon its approval by the SCBA Board of Trustees. I understand that by signing this document my name will be included on “[a] list of members of the Association who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section” pursuant to Bylaws of SCBA Article XIII § 13.2.6.


Spokane County Bar Association Member Signature

27073
WSBA Bar No.

12/10/10
Date

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, Casey A. Quiroga (print name), am a member of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA). I am aware that a proposal for the establishment of a Solo and Small Practice Section is being prepared for submission to the SCBA Board of Trustees. This statement indicates my intention to apply for membership in the Solo and Small Practice Section upon its approval by the SCBA Board of Trustees. I understand that by signing this document my name will be included on “[a] list of members of the Association who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section” pursuant to Bylaws of SCBA Article XIII § 13.2.6.

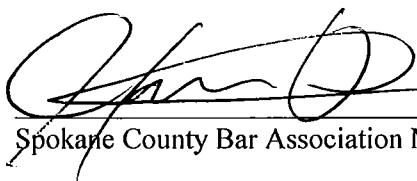
Casey A. Quiroga
Spokane County Bar Association Member Signature

39695
WSBA Bar No.

12/09/10
Date

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, Hector E. Quiroga (print name), am a member of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA). I am aware that a proposal for the establishment of a Solo and Small Practice Section is being prepared for submission to the SCBA Board of Trustees. This statement indicates my intention to apply for membership in the Solo and Small Practice Section upon its approval by the SCBA Board of Trustees. I understand that by signing this document my name will be included on “[a] list of members of the Association who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section” pursuant to Bylaws of SCBA Article XIII § 13.2.6.



Spokane County Bar Association Member Signature

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WSBA Bar No.

12/9/10

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, Duane Schafeld (print name), am a member of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA). I am aware that a proposal for the establishment of a Solo and Small Practice Section is being prepared for submission to the SCBA Board of Trustees. This statement indicates my intention to apply for membership in the Solo and Small Practice Section upon its approval by the SCBA Board of Trustees. I understand that by signing this document my name will be included on "[a] list of members of the Association who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section" pursuant to Bylaws of SCBA Article XIII § 13.2.6.

Duane Schafeld
Spokane County Bar Association Member Signature

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WSBA Bar No.

12/10/10
Date

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, Robert Payne (print name), am a member of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA). I am aware that a proposal for the establishment of a Solo and Small Practice Section is being prepared for submission to the SCBA Board of Trustees. This statement indicates my intention to apply for membership in the Solo and Small Practice Section upon its approval by the SCBA Board of Trustees. I understand that by signing this document my name will be included on “[a] list of members of the Association who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section” pursuant to Bylaws of SCBA Article XIII § 13.2.6.

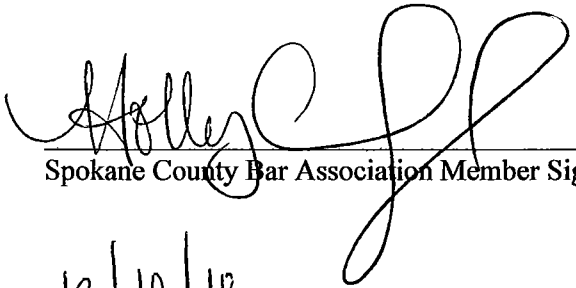
Robert Payne
Spokane County Bar Association Member Signature

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WSBA Bar No.

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Date

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, Holly Crawford (print name), am a member of the Spokane County Bar Association (SCBA). I am aware that a proposal for the establishment of a Solo and Small Practice Section is being prepared for submission to the SCBA Board of Trustees. This statement indicates my intention to apply for membership in the Solo and Small Practice Section upon its approval by the SCBA Board of Trustees. I understand that by signing this document my name will be included on “[a] list of members of the Association who have signed statements that they intend to apply for membership in the section” pursuant to Bylaws of SCBA Article XIII § 13.2.6.



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