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To the Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association:

We would like to introduce you to the Washington Appellate Lawyers Association (WALA).  
Our purposes are:

- to foster and encourage improvements in the practice of appellate advocacy;
- to promote among members of the Bar enhanced skills to such practice;
- to promote and encourage changes and reforms in appellate procedure designed to insure effective representation of appellate litigants and more efficient administration of justice at the appellate level;
- to cooperate with Bar Associations for the purpose of promoting proper representation of appellate litigants, the efficient administration of justice, and improvements in the law;
- to establish relations and cooperate with the Judiciary, the Legislature, and such other organizations and committees as may be involved in matters relating to the appellate practice;
- and to actively support the integrity of the appellate process and principles of ethical appellate advocacy in the spirit of a free and independent Bar.

We have generally relied on word of mouth to draw new members, but that passive approach likely shrinks the circle of applicants. To attract interested practitioners from a broader spectrum, we are reaching out to all the minority and specialty Bar associations. We hope you will circulate this letter amongst your members. Individual lawyers who meet our requirements are welcome to apply. An application form is attached.

We realize that lawyers who are newer to appellate work are not likely to qualify for membership. Nevertheless, we would be happy to meet with any lawyers who may be starting, or even thinking about, a career in appellate law. Please let us know if your group has any interest in such a meeting. Also, feel free to contact us if it appears that our organizations might collaborate toward common interests.

Thank you for your consideration.

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