

Candidate Statement

Dear DC Bar Members,

I ask for your support to elect me as DC Bar President-Elect.

Following my graduation from law school, I embarked on a career of helping others. After various jobs, I finally combined my economics degree (Stanford University) and law degree (University of Michigan Law School) into a 20+ year career in mortgage and housing advocacy. I am currently the director of legislative policy and external affairs at New American Funding, where I shape the company's legislative and regulatory research and analysis and work with national organizations to advance the company's mission of increasing minority homeownership.

My professional background includes work with legal services, Federal Government, DC Government, leading consumer advocacy organizations including the Center for Responsible Lending and the Consumer Federation of America, and the NAACP, a civil rights institution. Helping low-and-moderate income persons, servicemembers and their families, persons facing foreclosure and loss of their homes, and now helping minority homeowners to buy their first home has given me a broad perspective on the various ways that the practice of law can serve others.

If elected, I will draw upon my previous D.C. Bar volunteer service as both a member and co-chair of the District of Columbia Affairs Community, Treasurer of the Bar, and Member of the Board of Governors to assist me in moving the D.C. Bar forward. Key areas of opportunity include the D.C. Bar becoming a leader in diversity, equity, and inclusion; increasing the interest and participation of young lawyers; and working to continue to share and expand the D.C. Bar's rich resources including its Communities, CLE classes, and Pro Bono Center.

As members of the D.C. Bar, I believe that we all play a role in our legal community and the broader communities in which we live. Let's make a difference!