

## **Candidate Statement**

I am deeply honored to have been nominated for the Secretary of the DC Bar Board of Governors. While our nation's capital has no representation, it is the representative of the most sacred values of our nation, defended by the largest and the most diverse bar. I have been a proud member of the DC Bar since 2016 and such privilege has given me the opportunity to serve our immigrant communities. As a staff attorney at HIAS, I carry the lifetime honor of helping the most vulnerable people. As my mother always reminds me: "Human being cannot survive without food for 20 days, without water for two days, but not a second without hope." And that is what has inspired me to practice and serve my DC Bar family. If chosen, I would work to advance the missions of this wonderful institution: outstanding service, absolute integrity, visionary leadership, and inclusion.