

## **Candidate Statement**

I am the Executive Director of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program, Co-Chair of the DC Consortium of Legal Services Providers, Co-Chair of GWAC Foundation and a member of the DC Access to Justice Commission. Recognizing that we are in the midst of far-reaching change, I want to dedicate my energy and experience to assisting the DC Bar to meet the challenges ahead. The pandemic has re-exposed societal inequities, not only in healthcare, housing, and economic opportunities, but also in representation and advocacy. It will take a collaborative effort between government, legal services, and private bar attorneys to fill that gap and ensure access to justice for all. Throughout my career I have advocated for the underserved: as an attorney and Executive Director, as a public interest law firm attorney lobbying Congress, and as a Senior Executive at HUD. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work.