

**Statement of Gaelle Bastien
Candidate for Steering Committee
Early Career Lawyers Community**

I hope to bring a commitment to making the early career experience more accessible and enriching. Navigating the legal profession as a new attorney presents challenges, but with the right resources and mentorship, those challenges can be eased. I will advocate for more networking events, mentorship programs, and practical guidance to help early career lawyers feel supported and empowered. Connecting mentors with mentees is essential for fostering long-term success in the profession. Strengthening professional relationships and creating opportunities for growth will be my focus within this community.