

## **Candidate Statement**

Having served as D.C. Bar Secretary in 2021-22, I remain committed to serving the community as a member of the BOG. I bring to the role my devotion to public service as a former UN Legal Officer and now Legal Director of an NGO supporting victims of armed conflict. I believe it is important that representatives of non-profits remain an integral part of the D.C. Bar to ensure that a diverse range of perspectives are brought to bear. As we emerge from the COVID pandemic, long-standing issues such as equitable housing and mental health will regain prominence. Over the coming years, we will also have opportunities to extend a welcoming hand to newly emerging refugee groups, such as those from Ukraine and Afghanistan. If elected, I will actively seek out and promote pro bono opportunities to address these and other issues impacting our community.