

**Statement of Gaelle Bastien**  
**Candidate for Steering Committee**  
**Real Estate, Housing and Land Use Community**

I hope to bring my extensive experience in residential real estate to the DC Bar's Real Estate, Housing and Land Use community while incorporating more commercial real estate perspectives. Understanding how both sectors intersect is crucial for legal professionals looking to expand their expertise. I will advocate for programming that bridges residential and commercial real estate law, providing opportunities for practitioners to diversify their skills. Additionally, I will support initiatives that enhance networking, collaboration, and mentorship within our community. Contributing my knowledge while learning from others in this evolving practice area is a priority.