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Statement of Interest

I have had a unique career path that has given me experience in a myriad of different legal environments including private practice, law school administration, the non-profit sector, and Ontario's legal regulator. This path has exposed me to several different perspectives, giving me a deep understanding of the issues impacting the profession. I have been heavily involved in the NALP community for many years, including the Regional Leadership Council and the Annual Education Conference Planning Committee. I have also been given the opportunity to lead a Task Force and a Working Group, allowing me to build relationships with NALP members across Canada and the US with the goal of improving resources and processes for NALP members and beyond. As a woman of mixed Algonquin and settler heritage, I have lived experience and a deep-seeded commitment to creating equitable spaces for law students and lawyers. I am confident that my experiences with NALP have given me an understanding of what it takes to navigate the election process and to be an encouraging voice for those considering running. I am eager to work with and continue to learn from my NALP colleagues across Canada and the United States, and to continue to contribute to the great work done by NALP and its members.

Education

2024 – Present	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Certificate Program , University of Victoria
2009	Lawyer Licensee , Law Society of Ontario
2008	Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) , Osgoode Hall Law School
2005	Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) , Honours English & Communications, York University

Professional Experience

2024 – Present	Manager, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion , Blakes, Cassels & Graydon LLP
2020 – 2024	Manager, Experiential Education & Career Development , Osgoode Hall Law School
2019 – 2020	Counsel, Licensing & Accreditation , Law Society of Ontario
2017 – 2019	Director of Programs & Acting Executive Director , Level. Changing Lives Through Law
2016 – 2017	Professional Development Lawyer , Ontario Bar Association
2015 – 2016	Career Development Counsellor , University of Toronto Faculty of Law
2014 – 2015	Acting Manager, Experiential Education & Career Development , Osgoode Hall Law School
2010 – 2014	Manager, Indigenous Initiatives , University of Toronto Faculty of Law
2010	Associate Lawyer , Glover & Associates

Community Involvement

2018 - Present	Community Council Member , Aboriginal Legal Services
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Involvement with NALP

2019 – Present	Former Chair , now Member, Native American & Indigenous Peoples in the Profession Task Force Member , Gender & Non-Binary Working Group Co-Chair , Toronto Recruitment Working Group Member , Annual Education Conference Planning Group (Boston 2024) Member , Canadian Section Member , Planning Committee for the 2021 Canadian Diversity Summit Member , Planning Committee for the 2021 Canadian Section Winter Meeting Member , Recruitment Survey Working Group Member , Diversity and Inclusion Working Group (Canada) Member , Canadian Section Board Liaison
2014 – 2015	Member , Canadian Section Board Liaison Member , Canadian Section