

Mieko Iyama

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

I am honored to accept the nomination for Nominating Committee Representative. The past several years, I have taken a step back from my involvement in NALP, focusing on work and family responsibilities. With this nomination, I hope to re-engage and once again give back to the organization which has helped me in so many ways. Given the opportunity, I would apply enthusiasm and energy towards the election of the next group of NALP leaders. My strengths include attention to detail, organizational skills and responsiveness – all critical to the nomination process. Thank you for your consideration.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Current Employment:

Sidley Austin LLP

Washington, D.C.

Director of Partner Recruiting, July 2020-Present.

Senior Manager – Partner Recruiting, July 2013-July 2020.

Responsible for the firm-wide recruitment and integration of partner candidates. Work directly with Firm management, Practice Group leaders and hiring partners to support strategic partner hiring needs for the Firm's practice groups and offices. Serve as Firm liaison with partner recruiter agencies. Oversee fee agreements and the lateral partner due diligence process. Prepare periodic lateral partner recruiting status reports for Firm stakeholders.

Legal Recruiting Manager, May 2010-June 2013

Responsible for Washington office associate, counsel, entry-level and clerkship hiring. Responsible for all aspects of the fall recruiting process and summer associate program. Active participant of the Washington office Diversity Committee and Committee on Retention and Promotion of Women. Develop and maintain relationships with law schools, placement agencies and professional organizations.

Past Employment:

Bingham McCutchen LLP, Washington, D.C., Legal Recruiting Manager, August 2007-May 2010.

Nixon Peabody LLP, Washington, D.C., Firmwide Attorney Recruitment Administrator, June 2004-August 2007.; Human Resources/Recruitment Coordinator, August 2002-June 2004.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Urbana-Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Science, Advertising, August 1995

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The National Association of Law Placement, Inc. (NALP), Member (2002-Present), Conference Planning Committee Vice-Chair (2021-2022), Conference Planning Committee Coordinator (2014-2015), Diversity Section Bulletin Articles Co-Chair (2012), Diversity Summit Planning Committee Member (2008)

Washington Area Legal Recruitment Administrators' Association (WALRAA), Member (2002-2024), Board Member (2005-2008, 2010, 2013-2014), Diversity Committee Member (2005-2024), Strategic Planning Committee Member (2009, 2014), President (2013), Vice President (2007), Treasurer (2005), Summer Associate Diversity Reception Co-Chair (2004), Summer Associate Diversity Reception Planning Committee (2003)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Co-Presenter, *America's Got Talent! But How Do You Find It?*, NALP Annual Conference (2013)

Panelist, *Moving Beyond the Mainstream: A Closer Look at Three Unique Law Student Diversity Initiatives*, NALP Annual Conference (2012)