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Statement of Interest

I have dedicated my career to supporting students, breaking down taboos, and promoting inclusivity in the legal profession and beyond. In my current role as the Assistant Director of the Career & Professional Development Office at the University of Calgary Faculty of Law, I have been actively engaged with the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) and Canadian Legal Career Development Network (CLCDN). Through participating in these organizations, I have relished the opportunity to learn from and alongside other NALP and CLCDN members.

Through my volunteer work with the Canadian Association of LGBTQ2S+ Lawyers' annual PRISME conference, I have gained valuable experience collaborating with national teams to engage members, disseminate information, and recruit new volunteers. All my work and volunteer experiences to date have taught me the importance of meaningful engagement with organizational stakeholders and members, the value of developing systems to increase efficiencies and organization, and how to lead collaboratively. I am confident that these skills will enable me to effectively serve as Regional Representative.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my work on the NALP Canadian Winter Meeting Planning Committee, most recently as co-chair. I look forward to the new opportunity to engage NALP members as Regional Representative. As a bonus, I studied Canadian regionalism during my undergraduate degree and am well aware of the diverse needs and perspectives across our NALP Canadian cohort. As Regional Representative, my goal would be to act as a seamless liaison between all Canadian markets, providing resources and support to NALP members across the country.

Relevant Professional Experience and Community Involvement

University of Calgary Faculty of Law, Calgary, AB

Assistant Director, Career & Professional Development Office

April 2024-Present

Senior Career Advisor, Career & Professional Development Office

Sept 2022-April 2024

Ontario Bar Exam Coach, Remote

Aug 2020-Present

Founder and Coach

PRISME Conference, National

Director, Student & Volunteer Programming

July 2024-Present

Planning Committee Member: Logistics Team and Local Market Team

Dec 2023-July 2024

National Association for Law Placement, National

July 2023-Dec 2024

Canadian Winter Meeting Planning Committee Co-Chair (2024) and Committee Member (2023)

Off the Tracks Podcast, Remote

Feb 2021-Jan 2024

Co-Founder and Co-Host, Recipient of a Canadian Law Blog Award for Best Podcast (2022)

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Feb 2021-Sept 2022

Advisory Counsel, focused on anti-racism work

Education

Called to the Bar, Law Society of Manitoba

2020-2022

Called to the Bar, Law Society of Ontario

2020-2021

Juris Doctor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law

2016-2019

Bachelor of Arts, Canadian Studies & Sociology, Mount Allison University

2012-2016