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To Whom it may Concern:

My name is Marc Massie, and I am a partner with Vogel LLP in Calgary. Please accept this correspondence, along with my CBA Nomination for Board of Directors Nomination Form, as my formal application to join the CBA Board of Directors as a Director-at-Large.

I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Concordia University in 2004 and attended law school at the University of Ottawa, graduating in 2008. I completed articles with Gowlings LLP in Ottawa during the 2008-2009 articling session; an experience which unfortunately ended at the height of the global recession and saw 18 of the 20 students articling with Gowlings-Ottawa at that time (myself included) not being hired back. I then moved to Toronto where I spent several years pursuing an interest in journalism and photography when, in October 2013, a surprise response to a job application I had submitted months prior, saw me relocate on two weeks' notice from Toronto to Calgary where I commenced a career in family law. From that day forward I have been afforded many amazing opportunities by the legal community here in Alberta including:

- Representing clients through all forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution including Judicial Dispute Resolution, Early Intervention Case Conferences, Resolution Counsel as well as private settlement meetings or mediations;
- Representing clients and/or assisting with matters being heard and determined at all levels of Court in Alberta including the Alberta Court of Justice, the Court of King's Bench of Alberta and the Alberta Court of Appeal, as well as in private Arbitration hearings;
- Volunteering, for approximately 4 years, at Calgary Legal Guidance's evening clinics where volunteers proffer legal advice to individuals involved in family law matters, many of whom do not have sufficient funds to retain counsel;
- Teaching the University of Calgary's Family Law Clinical course (Family Law 689) for three years (from 2024 through 2026); a course I will continue to instruct going forward. This course teaches law students the practical side of family law, and culminates with each student arguing a mock Application in front an actual Justice of the Court of King's Bench at the Calgary Courthouse;

- Co-authoring an article published by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (see *Consideration of Culture in Canadian courtrooms: Before and after the Divorce Act* amendments);
- Presenting alongside Andy Hayher, K.C. and Krysta Ostwald, K.C., at the 2025 Alberta Litigation Institute on Family Law litigation; and
- Presenting at the 2024 National Family Law Conference in Halifax, on the issue of surreptitious recordings and their use in Family Law matters.

Although the above does represent a lot of hard work, none of it would have been possible if I had not been given the opportunity I was afforded in 2013 when I was welcomed into the legal community here in Calgary, with a big part of that welcome coming from the opportunity to learn from, and meet, fellow family law practitioners at a multitude of CBA events over the years. It is with that in mind that I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Board of the CBA, not only to offer something back to an organization I have benefited from, but to help ensure that the organization continues to offer similar opportunities to people like myself going forward.

Thank you for your consideration of my application. I look forward to hearing from you, and hopefully working with you, in the future.



Marc Massie

