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CBA ALBERTA EXECUTIVE (SECRETARY) – BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

I enthusiastically welcome the opportunity to continue my ongoing engagement with CBA Alberta in the position of Secretary on the CBA Alberta Executive Committee for 2026-2027.

Throughout my professional career as an Alberta lawyer, I have had the opportunity to experience first-hand the relative challenges and priorities of private sector lawyers (during my practice both with a large firm and with a boutique firm), as well as public sector lawyers in my years of practice with the City of Edmonton and in my current role as Director of HR Legal Services & Legal Counsel for the Edmonton Police Service.

Although there certainly are differences in the relative perspectives and concerns as between private sector lawyers and public sector lawyers, or between large firm lawyers and small firm lawyers, my experience in working within each of these environments over the years has continually reinforced my belief that the areas of mutual interest to Alberta lawyers of all stripes far outnumber the areas of dissent. These interests include (to name only a few) advocacy for the rule of law, respectful discourse and civility among lawyers and the judiciary, professional regulatory independence, and the importance of prioritizing mental and physical wellbeing while navigating the wide variety of stressors inherent to working in the legal profession.

My CBA membership “origin story” began in the same way many others’ likely did- with a free pizza lunch at the University of Alberta law school- and I have remained an active member of CBA Alberta ever since. Over my last 15+ years as a CBA member, I have had the privilege of serving in a variety of different CBA positions, including as a Section Chair, a National Section President, as an elected Director for consecutive terms on the first CBA Alberta Board of Directors, and most recently having served as the Chair of the Voice of the Profession Committee since 2020.

The mandate of the Voice of the Profession Committee is to advocate on issues that are of interest to, and to the benefit of, members of the legal profession in Alberta, and it is this focused advocacy work that I am most interested in carrying forward to the CBA Alberta Executive Committee. While the CBA has a laudable record of advocacy in the broader public interest (e.g., issues of access to justice, systemic inequity, fundamental rights and freedoms, etc.), I firmly believe that the CBA’s mandate must also continue to prioritize advocacy on behalf of, and in furtherance of, members of the legal profession in Alberta. I look forward to the possibility of continuing this work and supporting other key initiatives of the CBA as a member of the Executive Committee.

Kind Regards,

