Statement of Farhad Fatakia Candidate for Steering Committee Public Interest and Courts Community

I moved to D.C. nine years ago to learn from what I consider the nation's best litigators—the members of the D.C. Bar. Since then, I have been an associate at Paul Hastings LLP, clerked at D.C. Superior Court and served as a criminal prosecutor at the D.C. Office of the Attorney General. Over the past nine years one key lesson I've learned is that the practice of law is so much more rewarding when we build relationships with attorneys on either side of the 'v' in our cases, courtroom staff, and judges. If elected, I would work to create engaging programs and events that bring together the broadest range of public interest and court system professionals. A graduate of the D.C. Bar's John Payton Leadership Academy, I am running to give back to the Bar that has profoundly shaped my professional growth. Thank you for your time and consideration.