

## Candidate Statement

Ellen is an experienced and effective leader dedicated to serving the community and improving the legal profession. Ellen is committed to increasing access to justice, promoting diversity and inclusion, and supporting our voluntary bar associations and D.C. Bar Communities.

For over two decades, Ellen has held leadership roles locally and nationally. In addition to serving two terms on the D.C. Bar Board of Governors, Ellen served as President of the Women's Bar Association (receiving the D.C. Bar Frederick B. Abramson Award for helping to establish the Family Court Self-Help Center), President of the Barristers, and National and D.C. Chairs of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. Ellen also served on the governing boards of the Bar Association of D.C. and the Washington Foreign Law Society. She currently serves on the boards of the Council for Court Excellence and the American Bar Foundation.

Ellen has worked tirelessly to increase funding for civil legal aid. She served two terms on the D.C. Bar Foundation Board and chaired its Development Committee. Ellen also chaired the Development Committee for the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Presidents Reception and served on the Steering Committee of Whitman-Walker Legal Services "Going the Extra Mile" fundraiser. As President of the Women's Bar Association Foundation, Ellen established an annual fellowship for law students to work with local legal service providers to address the needs of women and girls in the community.

Ellen is a recipient of the ABF Fellows Outstanding State Chair Award and the BADC's Lawyer of the Year and Honorable Annice M. Wagner Pioneer Awards.

Ellen is a former partner, now of counsel, in the antitrust group at Kirkland & Ellis LLP. She is a graduate of Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, *magna cum laude*, and Harvard Law School.

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