## **Candidate Statement**

It took me more than twenty years of legal practice to see the ABA as a forum where I could express myself and share without judgment or fear of retaliation what I think and how I feel about the functioning of our profession. And it took me less than twenty seconds to decide I wanted to represent you in the ABA House of Delegates. If you elect me as your delegate, I intend to shift the prevalent mindset that the self-regulation of our profession can only derive from every lawyer's mandatory reporting obligation of other lawyers' misconduct. So let's use this forum to seize the opportunity and serve our colleagues by promoting awareness that lawyer self-care is an essential component of a more compassionate self-regulating framework. I believe this moment is precisely the right moment to do this. And I appreciate your consideration. I think this can become a reality.