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I am a mom, a wife and an attorney. I have been a member of the Florida Bar since 1994. I am also the daughter of an attorney, the wife of an attorney, the niece of attorneys and the daughter-in-law of an attorney. I am proud beyond words of my profession and what it represents; and, I want very much to represent the 7th Circuit on the Florida Bar Board of Governors and work to advance our profession.

MY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

My professional experience is primarily in the governmental sector. I represented the State of Florida as an Assistant Attorney General in Tallahassee. I represented the City of Tallahassee as an Assistant City Attorney and most recently I represented the City of Ormond Beach as the Deputy City Attorney. These positions exposed me to a wide variety of issues and practice areas including class action litigation, employment law matters, law enforcement matters, land use and environmental concerns, contract and procurement disputes, negligence cases, appellate issues, civil rights cases, regulatory issues and administrative matters.

I am practicing now as a full-time mediator with the Upchurch Watson White and Max Mediation Group which provides me with a broad perspective. Presently, because of my experience in the governmental sector, the primary focus of my mediation practice is the resolution of intergovernmental disputes and disputes involving governmental entities however, I also mediate a wide array of circuit civil matters including commercial and tort cases.

WHAT I CAN OFFER THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Part 1

It is my desire to bring to the Board of Governors the observations and talents of a broadly-experienced alternative dispute resolution practitioner and government lawyer. Across the spectrum of practice areas Florida attorneys have much to offer as a profession and should consider active, productive and ethical engagement in the town square of the 21st Century as it pertains to social networking, marketing and communications, areas in which I have a special interest.

I am interested in many facets of membership on the Board of Governors and the service the Board provides. Perhaps the most important to me is continuing the Board's efforts to improve the image of attorneys in the eyes of the general public. I want to provide the public a picture of the attorneys I know and with whom I practice and of their personal, professional and service-related commitments and accomplishments. I want to shine a light on the many positive contributions of my colleagues in a manner that serves to improve the image of the profession as a whole. Additionally, it is terribly important to preserve and protect traditional areas of legal practice and, in order to protect the public, work to prevent the encroachment of non-lawyers into areas traditionally served by attorneys.

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WHAT I CAN OFFER THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Part 2

As I run for the Board of Governors I am meeting many of the attorneys in the 7th Circuit for the first time. I am a member of the Volusia County Bar Association, Putnam County Bar Association, Flagler County Bar Association and St. John's County Bar Association. I commit to each of these organizations and to their members that I will provide a meaningful bridge between these organizations and the Florida Bar. I commit to providing routine updates for the association newsletters and email blasts; and, I commit to attending the bar meetings of these associations no less than once each quarter so attendees can share their bar-related thoughts, concerns and suggestions directly with their representative on the Board. I want to know what bar issues are important to the 7th Circuit attorneys so that I can specifically work to address those needs.

A LITTLE ABOUT ME

In what spare time I do have, when I am not at the soccer fields or the beach with my husband, John, and two sons (ages 2 and 10), I serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia, as the Chairperson of the Coalition's Community Outreach initiative and as a member of the Coalition's Executive Committee. With two working parents my sons have benefited enormously from and thrived in quality early childhood care situations and the Coalition child care subsidies allow access to such opportunities for all children regardless of the socio-economic status of their families.

MY PROMISE TO ATTORNEYS OF THE 7TH CIRCUIT

I hope to offer much to the Board of Governors on behalf of the 7th Circuit. Above all, I commit to contributing to the Board enthusiasm, compassion, vibrancy and a strong work ethic.

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