

April 15, 2024

Washington Bar Association of Washington
ATTN: Washington Young Lawyers Committee
1325 4th Ave suite 600
Seattle, WA 98101

RE: Letter of Support for Fabiola Jimenez

Dear Washington Young Lawyers Committee:

It is with much enthusiasm that we recommend Fabiola Jimenez (hereafter “Ms. Jimenez”) for the position of Board of Governors Young Lawyer Member at Large Governor within the Washington State Bar Association(WSBA). We write this letter as the Washington Leadership Institute Class of 2023 cohort (hereafter “WLI Fellows”). It was our honor and privilege to be fellows alongside Ms. Jimenez. During our fellowship year , we spent countless hours together, discussing difficult and important topics and challenges we face as attorneys, and building our leadership styles and skills. Without a doubt, Ms. Jimenez’s lived experience, drive, intellect, and resilience would be an asset for the Board of Governors Young Lawyer Member at Large Position.

We initially met Ms. Jimenez during our first WLI session in January 2023. From the first time anyone meets Ms. Jimenez, you are drawn to her personality, charisma, and kindness. As we continued on our journey through the WLI program, we learned about her non-traditional path to becoming an attorney and all the obstacles she has overcome during her career, including some very personal struggles that she dealt with while in the WLI program. Yet, with courage and the strength to be vulnerable, she shared her story with the hope that others could learn from her experiences and know they are not alone.

Being selected to be a member of the Board of Governors (BOG) is a prestigious and important position as it determines the general policies of the WSBA including approval of its budget annually. Ms. Jimenez would be an important and incredible asset to the BOG. She would bring lived experience, a racial equity lens, and a unique perspective that would allow the BOG to be more aware of the diverse communities the BOG represents.

Aside from what you can see on her application materials, Ms. Jimenez is a wonderful person. She is incredibly warm and treats everyone she encounters with dignity and respect. She easily creates excellent rapport with others, including volunteers, classmates, staff, and clients, and fosters a sense of community and kinship in the spaces she enters. Ms. Jimenez helps people feel “seen,” which is an invaluable quality that is so rare. Ms. Jimenez prides herself in giving back as much as she can to her community and colleagues.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need more information about Ms. Jimenez.

Respectfully,

Washington Leadership Institute, Class of 2023

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