## WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Board of Governors 7 South Congressional District Governor Position Candidate Profile



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I immigrated 23 years ago from Canada to the USA. I am a proud gay man, married 9 years and with my love of 23 years I met in Law School. At 56, I recently transitioned from Equity Partner in a large US firm to General Counsel of a famous exercise company.

What is your understanding of the role of the WSBA Board of Governors and how do you intend to fulfill the roles and its obligations?

I am a UK Solicitor (Non-practicing), a Patent Attorney, a Patent Prosecutor, and a first chair litigator. Now I work as General Counsel. I think a governing board may benefit from skills such as a Mechanical Engineer (retired) and Sci-Fi author.

Please share an example of how you've demonstrated your understanding and support of the WSBA mission to protect the public and the members of the Washington State Bar Association, to ensure the integrity of the legal profession and to champion justice?

Truthfully, I have never been involved in any bar association. I am an optimist in love with his country of adoption. As a centrist, an independent, I believe the WSBA and its members may benefit from a different neutral voice. Impartiality and a lack of political motivation could have value.