



Dear LIV member,

I am writing to seek your support in my bid to represent the legal profession on the Law Institute of Victoria Council.

You would have received the ballot papers for the upcoming LIV elections. I am number 2 in the order of candidates on the ballot paper. Voting closes on Wednesday 14 November. For us all, the times are definitely changing and there are many issues facing the legal fraternity, many of which I am passionate about.

I am currently serving (since January 2017) on the Council and have been working on many of these issues including better services for members by LIV, preventing increased cost of practicing certificates and creating greater diversity in the legal fraternity. I represent the Council on various LIV sections as well including the Diversity Taskforce, Government Law Section, International Law Section and the newly established Sexual Harassment Workforce which I am spearheading. This year was particularly important for LIV as we take on new premises and restructure the organisation in the best interest of the membership.

My job is to listen, give support and make representations for your ideas and your concerns. I am easily reachable and welcome the opportunity to discuss ideas that can help grow and make the Victorian legal profession even stronger. I believe I have valuable credentials that will make me an effective member of the Council.

Firstly, I am a practitioner having significant experience in two legal jurisdictions, having practiced in India for 7 years and over 12 years in Australia. I also have both significant private sector and Government law practice experience.

I am the Vice President of the Asian Australian Lawyer's Association and the President of the Victorian Chapter of the International Law Association. I also sit on the board of 3 community organisations.

I am very passionate about creating a link between the Australian and Asian legal sectors and have been working on this personally and through the various organisations with which I am involved.

I speak at various events/forums and also on SBS radio on legal issues of concern, diversity in law, Free Trade Agreements as well as strengthening relationships with foreign bars.

I was a finalist in the 'Access to Justice Category of the LIV awards in 2016 and am a recipient of various other awards including the Victorian Multicultural Award for Excellence - Service Delivery for Community Services 2014 and the VMC Multicultural Award (as Victorian Convenor of the organisation Asian Australian Alliance) 2016.

Through my charity work with various not-for profits I have been active in lobbying for changes in the law. I would be keen to champion the interests of overseas practitioners, women practitioners and advocate for greater cultural diversity in the profession and cultural training for judges.

For these reasons I believe that I will bring significant leadership and experience in the role and also a passion. I believe that due to my background I am in the unique position to bring a different perspective to the Council's function. Having been on the LIV Council for the last two year and a few LIV Committees for over five years I understand the needs of the profession.

Make your vote count

It is very simple. You would have received your personal link by email. Just put the number 1 next to my name and click the voting button.

Yours sincerely,

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