



Dear LIV member,

I am writing to seek your support for my candidacy for the Vice Presidential position at the upcoming AGM. You would have received the notice for the AGM scheduled for 18 November 2020 as well as the proxy form for the Vice-Presidential election.

I am number 1 in the order of candidates on the Proxy Form. Voting closes on 16 November. For us all, the times are definitely challenging and there are many issues facing the legal fraternity, many of which I am passionate about.

I am serving on the Council since January 2017 and LIV Committees for over five years before that. I have been working on many of these issues including LIV support for members during the pandemic, creating better value for our membership, sexual harassment in the legal profession and creating greater diversity in the legal fraternity. I represent the Council on various LIV sections, including the Diversity Committee, Government Law Section, Commercial Law Section, Sport Law Section and the Sexual Harassment Workforce which I am spearheading.

This year was particularly important for LIV as we grappled to deal with the pandemic, the restrictions and the resulting effect on our membership and on the administration of justice. My job is to listen, give support and make representations for your ideas and your concerns for a smoother post pandemic recovery. I believe I have valuable credentials that will make me an effective Vice President.

Firstly, I am a practitioner having significant experience in two legal jurisdictions, having practiced in India for 7 years and over 15 years in Australia at top tiers and the government and now my own practice.

I am the National 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 5 not for profits and am heavily involved in community work.

I am a regular contributor to submissions made by LIV as well as to the LIV Journal. I also speak at various events/forums and am interviewed on TV and radio on diverse topics including legal issues of concern, diversity in law, geopolitics and trade, sexism in the legal profession, racism, access to justice and 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 am, and would continue to advocate against over regulation of practitioners, for greater cultural diversity in the profession, access to justice for CALD communities and for addressing the culture of sexism in the profession.

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 VP role.

Make your vote count

It is very simple. Just appoint the LIV Chair as your proxy and put number 1 next to my name on the proxy form and send it to the address specified. Please note that the other two candidates are up for reelection to Council so you vote will only count if they get reelected.

Yours sincerely,

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