

## Maryam Arif's Notice of Intent

1. Name

Maryam Arif

2. Brief summary of your legal education, experience and background

JD from the CUNY School of Law where I was a student attorney in the Elder Law and Immigrant and Refugee Rights Clinics, and a member of the founding class of CLEAR - Creating Law Enforcement Accountability and Responsibility. As a mini pupil in London, I shadowed Queen's Counsel on the famous liquid bombers case. I have worked on Capitol Hill, in the nonprofit sector, law firm setting, taught law students, and currently work on DEI for a tech company. Published a report on the Convention Against Torture, and coauthored a book on Civic Education.

3. Why do you want to be on the CAMBA Board?

I was asked to serve on the Board.

4. What skills/qualifications will you bring to the CAMBA Board?

As a former Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Fellow, I have a robust network of AAPI organizations (I served on the Board of two). I am a member of Muslim Americans in Public Service, the South Asian Bar Association of DC, and will be serving as Boston University's Events Chair for DC. These are all platforms for potential collaboration with CAMBA and networking opportunities for members.

5. What are your goals for CAMBA?

My goal for CAMBA is to become even more active in hosting and collaborating on educational and professional development opportunities. My hope for CAMBA is to be truly reflective of the diverse Muslim voices among the legal community in the DC area.

6. Please share any additional information about yourself that you would like to add

Having lived and worked abroad, I bring an international perspective to the Board.

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## Dima Atiya's Notice of Intent

### 1. Name

Dima Atiya

### 2. Brief summary of your legal education, experience and background

I attended the University of Michigan Law School and graduated with my J.D. in May 2021. I am barred in both Maryland and the District of Columbia. Upon completion of the Bar exam, I began my legal career as a junior associate at the D.C. office of the law firm BakerHostetler.

### 3. Why do you want to be on the CAMBA Board?

When I was going through the process of applying to law school, I struggled to find mentors and guidance from others like me who had already been through the process. I found it difficult to find mentorship in individuals that couldn't relate to my unique experiences. When I was finally accepted into and began law school, I aimed to serve as a mentor to other young Muslims like myself who had a passion for the career but didn't know where to start, who to ask questions to, and how to succeed in the field. This also influenced my decision to become President of the Muslim Law Students Association at Michigan Law and it is why I seek out opportunities to connect with other Muslims in the field. My goal is to ensure that others don't feel isolated when there is a community of Muslim attorneys around to support them.

### 4. What skills/qualifications will you bring to the CAMBA Board?

I believe my ability to connect with young Muslims is an asset that can help bring new perspective to the Board. Additionally, as a litigator, I seek out opportunities to improve my public speaking abilities and opportunities to be a helpful and effective leader.

### 5. What are your goals for CAMBA?

My goal for CAMBA is to create and foster a community of Muslim attorneys that can serve as a resource for anyone looking to excel both personally and professionally. My hope is for Muslim attorneys here in D.C. to feel that they always have a support system to call upon.

### 6. Please share any additional information about yourself that you would like to add

I am excited about the prospect of being able to help lead this great community of attorneys, and I am always available by email to talk more about my goals for the future!

### 7. Contact information

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO STAND FOR BOARD ELECTIONS

Aisha Mahmood Haley

1. Name: Aisha Mahmood Haley
2. Brief Summary of Legal Education, Experience, and Background

My path began at the University of Georgia, where I obtained a degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. I attended the University of Virginia for my law degree and began working at a patent-specialty law firm, Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox, in Washington D.C. I was fortunate to follow up that experience with a 21-month clerkship for the Honorable Robert W. Schroeder III in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. My time in the judiciary continued as I clerked for the Honorable Alan D. Lourie on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit for two years. At the end of almost four years of clerking, I landed in private practice at a majority woman-owned small trial firm—Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP.

3. Why do you want to be on the CAMBA Board?

I have been incredibly fortunate in my so-far legal career to be connected with interesting jobs and clerkships through a series of incredibly lucky breaks. It is important for me to pay that back and, particularly, focus on bringing up the community of Muslim lawyers in the DC area. I see the CAMBA Board as a way to help others who were in my shoes and continue the work of previous Boards to continue to build up this community.

4. What skills/qualifications will you bring to the CAMBA Board?

I have been an Administrator for the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court, the IP Inn of Court associated with the Federal Circuit, for about four years. I am familiar with some of the logistical challenges presented by hosting events, etc. and could leverage that experience in CAMBA. Other than that, I don't have any previous Board experience, but I am always willing to learn and take on new challenges.

5. What are your goals for CAMBA?

When I was coming up in law school, Virginia didn't have a Muslim law students organization. I asked around and had been informed that one had existed but had fell off a few years prior. I think Muslims face uniquely difficult challenges in finding their way in this profession, and I wished I had a guide to help me navigate my transition into my legal career. I would love to grow CAMBA's affiliations with and connections to local (even as far as Charlottesville!) law schools to help develop mentorship and community for younger lawyers.

6. Additional information

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## Maher Mahmood's Notice of Intent

1. Maher Mahmood

2. Currently I am a Senior Staff Attorney at Democracy Forward in DC. Prior to joining Democracy Forward, I was an Assistant County Attorney for Hennepin County in Minnesota. During my time at the County Attorney's Office, I argued several motions and gained trial experience. I also worked in private practice focusing on areas of employment, white collar, and corporate law. I went to the University of Minnesota Law School.

3. I am passionate about helping lawyers organize and create professional and social networks with other Muslim lawyers and non-Muslim allies. CAMBA is an important resource for Muslim lawyers, law students, and prospective law students to find support, mentorship, and professional development.

4. I have prior experience as a founding board member for the Minnesota Muslim Bar Association. I've helped draft bylaws, statement of purpose, and other organizational materials. I am familiar with how a bar association operates and hope to transfer those skills to CAMBA.

5. My goals for CAMBA is to provide networking opportunities through brown bag lunches, dinners, and social activities; provide tangible benefits that enhance members' professional development through providing opportunities to attend and teach CLE courses; reach out to local law schools to create networks for Muslim students and be a resource for law schools on issues that affect Muslim lawyers and the Muslim community; and encourage and develop opportunities for Muslim lawyers to gain seats on state and federal benches.

6. I recently moved to the DMV area from Minnesota, let me know if you have any restaurant recommendations!

7. My email is [maherm27@gmail.com](mailto:maherm27@gmail.com), feel free to reach out with any questions.

## Dina Moussa's Notice of Intent

1. *Name:* Dina Moussa
2. *Brief summary of your legal education, experience and background:*

Dina is an Attorney Advisor/Special Counsel in the Chief Counsel Branch of the Market Participants Division of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, where she supports the Commission's efforts in protecting market participants by ensuring the financial integrity, fitness, and fair business conduct of derivatives market participants and their customers. Prior to joining the Commission, she served as the Judicial Criminal Law Clerk for Magistrate Judges G. Michael Harvey, Robin M. Meriweather, and Zia M. Faruqui of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. She also clerked for the Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. Before clerking, Dina was an associate attorney at Cozen O'Conner, where she focused her practice on white-collar criminal defense, parallel civil proceedings, and internal investigations as well as data privacy and regulatory compliance. She also worked at Cozen as a law clerk during her last year of law school. While working full-time, Dina received her J.D. with honors from the Georgetown University Law Center, where she was a founding staff member of the Georgetown Technology Law Review, a global teaching fellow on terrorism, extradition, and human rights, and served as a research and teaching assistant. She worked at the U.S. Department of State for four years after receiving her undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University.

3. *Why do you want to be a CAMBA Board Member?*

As a CAMBA Board Member, I want to empower the voice of the Muslim legal community in the Capital Area by connecting communities and building alliances to further common goals. Reflecting on the last decade since my move to D.C., I never realized that there were other first-generation, Muslim Americans also struggling to find their people and their voice within the legal community. As a Board Member, I plan to create a space that supports its members, builds a strong community, and provides resources to CAMBA members.

4. *Skills/Qualifications you will bring to the Board:*

As the vice chair of the Community Development Committee of the Junior League of Washington, our group expanded our community outreach this year by providing services to additional local organizations that provide shelter and housing programs for underserved women and those who struggle with their mental health. Through building these partnerships, I have learned the value and the strength of connecting people to better serve our community, to make a positive impact, and to bridge people of different backgrounds. Throughout my three years with the League, I've designed, prepared, and presented trainings to underserved women on topics involving life skills (*e.g.* financial literacy, budgeting, borrowing basics, resume writing, job searching) and personal development (*e.g.* goal setting, stress management, conflict management, nutrition). As a Board Member, I will continue to provide resources to develop and empower Muslim legal professionals in the DMV.

5. *Goals for CAMBA:*

Some of my goals for CAMBA include (1) fostering community partnerships with and between CAMBA members; (2) providing practical and useful resources for professional development and network building; and (3) connecting with individuals within our community in the DMV area.

6. *Additional Information:* None.

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## Noha Moustafa's Notice of Intent

I, Noha Moustafa, submit the below application with the intent to stand for Board elections.

1. Name: Noha Moustafa

2. Brief summary of your legal education, experience and background:

University of Michigan Law School (2015), former Associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, current Security Counsel at Google LLC.

3. Why do you want to be on the CAMBA Board?

I would like to be involved with the Capital Area Muslim Bar Association and to assist with organizing events and with growing the community.

4. What skills/qualifications will you bring to the CAMBA Board?

I hope to bring my background in recruiting / mentoring of Muslim Law Students and to expand our reach so that we can positively mentor and impact younger generations pursuing careers in law.

5. What are your goals for CAMBA?

Those who know me are aware of my interest in mentorship and outreach to law students. Similar to the skills outlined above, I hope to involve CAMBA more closely with MLSA's across the country and to help plan and participate in events with lawyers-to-be.

6. Please share any additional information about yourself that you would like to add

7. Contact information

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## **Sabrin Qadi's Notice of Intent**

### **1. Name**

Sabrin Qadi

### **2. Brief summary of your legal education, experience and background**

I graduated from the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law. During law school, I was on Moot Court and involved in the Muslim Law Student Association. I was also a Student Attorney in my school's Legislation Clinic and Juvenile Justice Clinic. I went to law school because I'm passionate about helping people and using the law as an instrument to socially engineer more equitable communities. This is reflected in my work history where I've interned exclusively with public interest organizations such as the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the Public Defender Service for DC, and The Sentencing Project.

I'm originally from Kansas City, Missouri and attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City. I majored in English Literature and minored in Irish Theater. My parents are Palestinian immigrants and I'm a first-generation graduate professional.

### **3. Why do you want to be on the CAMBA Board?**

I am running to be on the Board because I have a vision of what the CAMBA community has the potential to become. My vision for what CAMBA should be is a close-knit community of likeminded professionals who are passionate about guiding emerging Muslim lawyers/law students to their legal path through mentorship and financial resources; and uplift established Muslim lawyers into positions that will amplify our community's legal interests and provide other professional resources.

### **4. What skills/qualifications will you bring to the CAMBA Board?**

I bring to the CAMBA Board three skills necessary to be an effective and valuable Board member: leadership, teamwork, and creative.

### **5. What are your goals for CAMBA?**

- (1) Rewrite and reestablish fresh objectives under section 2 of CAMBA's bylaws that reflect the values and mission of the association;
- (2) Investigate and recreate new goals for CAMBA community by asking members/area law students what they need;
- (3) Create a mentorship network for Muslim law students through DC Law School's MLSA organizations;
- (4) Explore the opportunity of creating a law student member run CAMBA newsletter reporting on substantive legal issues of interest to the community;
- (5) Investigate gaps in access to financial resources for Muslim law students/recent graduates and develop solutions for those gaps;
- (6) Opportunities for speaking engagements and presentations by members;

- (7) Create a DC referral lawyer directory (free for members; small fee for non-members)
- (8) Create and maintain a members-only job board;
- (9) Develop connections on a need basis with a community of awesome muslim legal professionals!

**6. Please share any additional information about yourself that you would like to add**

I am passionate about building empowered community. This is a value deeply rooted in my love for humanity. And exercising that love means sharing the abundance of resources available. And if the resource doesn't exist, it will be created for those who need it. That's ultimately what a bar association is about: harmonizing the diverse voices of its legal community and building and achieving common goals.

**7. Contact information**

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## Abbas S. Sadiq's Notice of Intent

1. Name

Abbas S. Sadiq

2. Brief summary of your legal education, experience and background

Rutgers University (B.A. Philosophy); Temple Law School (J.D.); I am currently building a small private practice with a focus on employment law. I live in North Potomac, MD, and I am married with three children.

3. Why do you want to be on the CAMBA Board?

Because CAMBA is an outstanding organization that has room to grow, in terms of new events, meet ups (coffee/after work events) and attracting new members. Most importantly, networking and assisting our members in their professional goals.

4. What skills/qualifications will you bring to the CAMBA Board?

I manage a large organization, and my skill set includes execution of goals, interaction with a diverse group of stakeholders and customer service.

5. What are your goals for CAMBA?

I would like to see CAMBA expand to include more events, such as early morning networking and after work or weekend informal meet ups where members can network and reach some of their professional goals.

6. Please share any additional information about yourself that you would like to add

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# ADNAN M. SULEMAN

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- 1) Adnan Suleman
- 2) I attended Tulane University Law School from 2012 to 2015. Upon my graduation, I moved to Washington, D.C. from New Orleans, LA. I became a member of the D.C. Bar and was employed as an Attorney Advisor in D.C. Government at the D.C. Office of Risk Management for 5 years. I worked in the Tort Liability and Legal Divisions supporting and administering D.C.'s Public Sector Workers Compensation Program, primarily through litigation and mediation efforts. In June 2022, I decided that I wanted to take a pivot in my career, and joined the non-profit organization, Islamic Relief USA (IRUSA). As the US Grants & Network Manager, I manage the domestic grants IRUSA gives out to grantees who in turn use the funds to facilitate projects in their communities, primarily through health care, refugee services and food insecurity projects.
- 3) I hope to join the CAMBA Board to stay connected to the Muslim legal professional network, to provide our members with quality events that will connect them with their peers and to provide them an opportunity to network within the diverse Muslim legal community. I also hope to be a resource for members who are interested in exploring non-traditional legal career paths.
- 4) During my time in D.C. Government, I was able to network extensively in the D.C. legal community and I hope to leverage and share the relationships I have made for the benefit of our members. As a Manager at Islamic Relief USA, I have also forged relationships within the philanthropic community that I believe our members would be interested in learning more about and becoming involved in themselves. In my current role, I have gained experience in supporting and organizing community development projects and I believe this will help me in supporting CAMBA in holding quality professional events for our members.
- 5) As we continue to move past the Covid-19 pandemic, I hope to expand CAMBA's membership, help facilitate a return to more frequent in person gatherings and expand the opportunities our members have to interact with legal professionals who may be outside of traditional law firms or government positions. Attorneys have the ability to work in a variety of areas and I believe the CAMBA Board should be reflective of our diverse Muslim legal community. I hope to provide a different voice to the Board and represent that diversity.
- 6) I have lived in Washington, D.C. for the past 7 years. I current reside in NE D.C. with my wife and son who recently turned a year old.
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Sincerely,

/s/

Adnan Suleman