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MOTIVATION FOR RUNNING

My motivation in running for the EC director position of CAPE is to work with our union to ensure that our members' rights and interests are fairly represented and safeguarded, and to ensure that employment related decisions are only made after there has been meaningful collaboration, discussion and dialogue. Decisions affecting the livelihood, rights and well-being of CAPE members must be taken seriously and supported by sound evidence.

PROFILE

I have been blessed and fortunate to call Ottawa my home since 2003. My husband and I are the proud parents of an 11 year old daughter and a 9 month old puppy. Both my husband and I are the children of immigrants who came to Canada with the hope of working hard and building a better future for their families.

I am an energetic and motivated professional who has been privileged to serve since 2018 as a **Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Analyst with Transport Canada**. Prior to moving into the government realm in 2018, I was engaged in the practice of law. I have practiced as a **lawyer** in both the **USA and Canada**.

I have experience in the areas of regulatory affairs, wills and estate planning, estate administration, business law, civil litigation, employment law, not-for-profit organizations, administrative tribunal law, contract drafting, procurement, negotiation and governance. I am fluent in English and Greek, and I am excited to be learning French.

I also have experience in teaching courses at Carleton University, Algonquin College and Everest College, and presenting at seminars before colleagues and clients. Notably, I taught the “Employment Law” course at Carleton University eleven times between 2005 and 2015, and I also taught employment law courses at Algonquin College and Everest College.

In terms of education, I have three university degrees. I obtained my **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Political Science** from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida. I obtained my **Juris Doctor (J.D.)** degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law in Baltimore, Maryland; and my **Master of Laws (LL.M.)** degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. The focus of my **LL.M.** degree was in Labour and Employment law. I have been called to the Bar in the State of Maryland (USA) and the Province of Ontario (Canada).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

I firmly believe in giving back to our community and supporting charitable initiatives. For four years, I served on the **Board of Directors** for the **Hellenic Community of Ottawa**. During my last two years I served in the capacity of President. I was the first woman to be elected President of this organization, which was established in 1929. While on the Board of Directors, I worked with my fellow directors and staff to manage the human and financial resources of the community, to organize and participate in numerous fundraising events to support the community’s initiatives and many worthwhile causes in Ottawa, to ensure the safe and lawful operation of the community’s affairs, and to promote the advancement of the Greek language, Greek culture and the Greek Orthodox Christian faith. I am also a founding member of the Ottawa chapter of the Hellenic Canadian Lawyers’ Association.

INTERESTING FACT

I have attended three Olympic Games: Sydney (2000); Athens (2004); and London (2012). In 2004, I volunteered at the Athens Summer Olympics as a National Olympic Committee Assistant to the delegation from Botswana. One of the highlights of the experience was that I was invited to march in the Closing Ceremony with members of my delegation.