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### **Announcing the 2022-24 LWI LEAP Board Member: Maryam Franzella**

The LWI Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Maryam Franzella, Assistant Professor of Legal Writing at Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University will serve as the 2022-24 LEAP Board Member.



Maryam has been teaching legal writing since 2015. In addition to teaching at Hofstra, she taught legal writing and lawyering skills at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. In her application, Maryam stated that as a “nonnative English speaker teaching legal writing,” she is “mindful of the causes of disparity in drafting and communication that exist in large part due to students’ backgrounds and circumstances.” She looks forward to the opportunity to engage in leadership and to share her perspectives and suggestions with the LWI Board and the larger LWI community.

The LWI Board thanks all of the members that applied for the LEAP Board Member position. We had a deep and wonderful pool of applicants. It was not easy to select a single member. Based on the applicant pool, it is clear that we have a wealth of fantastic future leaders in our legal writing community.

The goals of the LEAP program are to invite fresh voices onto the LWI Board and to provide the LEAP Board Member a springboard into other leadership positions. The LEAP Board Member serves a two-year term commencing with the LWI Biennial Meeting and ending with the subsequent LWI Biennial Meeting.

The LEAP Board Member is an advisory member of the LWI Board. The LEAP Board Member actively participates in all board meetings and discussions and will be invited to propose and lead a project or initiative during the member’s term on as LEAP Board Member. Because the LEAP Board Member is selected via an application process by an LWI Board sub-committee and not from an LWI election, the LEAP Board Member is not a voting member of the LWI Board.