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Call for Applicants for the LWI Board Leadership Experience and Advancement Pipeline (LEAP) Board Member

The Board of Directors of LWI is excited to invite applicants for the 2024-2026 Leadership Experience and Advancement Pipeline (LEAP) Board Member. The LEAP Board Member will gain firsthand experience working with the LWI Board on its initiatives and discussing the projects and issues before the LWI Board.

What's the purpose of the LEAP Board Member?

It can be challenging for new or new-ish members to be elected to the LWI Board or be appointed to other important leadership roles. At the same time, it is important to give newer members the opportunity to develop leadership skills and to include the perspective of newer members in the Board's conversations and decision-making. Thus, the goals of the LEAP program are to invite fresh voices onto the LWI Board and to provide the LEAP Board Member with an opportunity to engage in organizational leadership that could be a springboard to other leadership roles. Additionally, the LEAP Board Member will be invited to propose and lead a project or initiative.

What will be term and service requirements for the LEAP Board Member?

The LEAP Board Member will serve a two-year term commencing with the LWI Biennial Meeting and ending with the subsequent LWI Biennial Meeting.

The LEAP Board Member will be an advisory member to the LWI Board. The LEAP Board Member will actively participate in all board meetings and discussions. Because

the LEAP Board Member will be selected via an application process by an LWI Board sub-committee and not from an LWI election, the LEAP Board Member will **not** be a voting member of the LWI Board.

The LEAP Board Member will be eligible to run for the LWI Board in its general elections immediately after serving as the LEAP Board Member. The years of service as LEAP Board Member will not be included in the calculation of years of Board service for the purpose of term limitations.

Who is eligible to serve as a LEAP Board Member?

The following are the eligibility requirements and selection preferences for the LEAP Board Member:

1. Must be a member of LWI
2. Must not have held a significant leadership position in LWI, ALWD, AALS or similar legal writing organizations (e.g., not a board member or executive committee member, but serving on or chairing a non-executive level committee is not disqualifying)
3. Must not have previously held the LEAP Board Member position
4. Preference for members who've been teaching legal writing for 7 or fewer years (because we know that sometimes our members have changes in their positions that allow them to be more active in leadership roles later in their careers, the 7 or fewer years is a preference, not a requirement)
5. Preference for candidates with diverse backgrounds and diverse perspectives (diversity will be considered holistically and may take into account various traits, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, sex, age, disability, underrepresented school, status of position, work experience, years teaching, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other attributes not included in this list)
6. Preference for candidates who have demonstrated a sincere interest in service to LWI (e.g., by serving on or chairing an LWI committee or publication, publishing in an LWI publication, attending or presenting at an LWI conference or workshop, etc.)
7. Other considerations: Candidates should articulate specific ideas or reasons for their desire to join the Board in this capacity (i.e., more than just a general interest in giving back or getting involved)

How will the LEAP Board Member be selected?

Interested applicants should complete this [form](#) by **5pm ET on May 3, 2024**. A sub-committee of the LWI Board will review the applications and recommend a candidate for the LEAP Board Member position. A successful candidate will be recommended by the sub-committee and approved by an LWI Board vote.

The members of the sub-committee for this year's LEAP application process are:

1. Kim Holst, ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
2. Susie Salmon, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law
3. Abigail Perdue, Wake Forest University School of Law
4. Joe Fore, University of Virginia School of Law
5. Adam Eckart, Suffolk University Law School
6. Maryam Franzella, Hofstra Law School

If you have any questions about the LEAP Board Member position, please feel free to contact LWI President-Elect Abigail Perdue at perduea@wfu.edu and/or current LEAP Board member, Maryam Franzella.