

2019 CAMBA Elections Notices of Intent

Candidate: Lukman Azeez

I am a trial and appellate litigator at Wiley Rein LLP. My work as a trial and appellate litigator runs the gamut: I've represented individuals and corporations in Chapter 13 bankruptcy matters, Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act cases, False Claims Act cases, civil rights cases, and criminal investigations. I've also practiced before the United States Supreme Court, having drafted several briefs at both the certiorari and merits stages. Prior to private practice, I clerked for Honorable Judge Evan J. Wallach of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. I graduated from the University of Michigan (BA); Yale Law School (JD), and the Yale School of Management (MBA).

I am interested in serving on the CAMBA Board because I've witnessed its incredible potential and would like to be a part of further cultivating and developing the organization. CAMBA is much more than a bar association. It is a community that promotes inclusion, mentorship, and fellowship. By serving on the Board, my hope is to continue to build and develop many of the important work CAMBA is already doing.

Moreover, I believe my background/skill set would be a welcome addition to the CAMBA Board. I currently serve on my law firm's diversity and inclusion committee. I've also had the opportunity to be invited to speak at different law schools on the importance of diversity in clerkships and in law firms. However, my most important qualification is the passion and thoughtfulness I will bring in driving home CAMBA's core mission.

As for my goals for CAMBA, first and foremost, I envision CAMBA as a mentorship pipeline for young practitioners, educators, and most importantly, students. With respect to student mentorship, my goal is for the organization to not only target Muslim law school students, but students of Muslim background who are contemplating going to law school. My hope is that this endeavor will increase future participation in CAMBA, which in turn will embroider CAMBA's developing network. Moreover, I hope the organization can continue to serve as a space that inspires, stokes, and encourages the passions and interests of its members. Specifically, I hope the organization increases its community outreach activities; generates new and interesting events and discussions that are of interest to practitioners and students alike; and gives back to the Muslim community by volunteering—whether that be providing pro bono services or providing mentorship to high school or college students. I would be honored to be considered for a membership on the CAMBA Board.

Candidate: Justin Eisele

Please consider this notice of my intent to stand for board elections.

My name is Justin Eisele and I am a criminal defense and immigration attorney. I have been practicing four fourteen years, and a criminal defense attorney for twelve of those years. I attended law school at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

My primary goal in running is be of service and to offer a unique perspective to CAMBA. I am originally from the South, I am a Muslim convert, and I've never worked for a big law firm. I think this, along with my criminal defense experience, puts me in a position to offer something very specific to the organization.

I spent a little over a year as a assistant deputy prosecutor, but I started giving everyone probation and I eventually moved into criminal defense. For my entire criminal defense career I have been doing some form of indigent criminal defense. My job is in the Constitution and I take it seriously. I tell my indigent clients that they get the same quality of representation as my retained clients. Prior to moving to the DMV, I served as president of the Arkansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and worked as an assistant federal public defender.

I have handled state and federal criminal cases in Arkansas, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. I currently work for Mirriam Z. Seddiq at the Seddiq Law Firm. There we handle federal and state criminal trials, appeals, and post-convictions. I also work on immigration matters with Mirriam.

In 2017, sitting with my law partner, we heard the news about the Muslim Ban. Mirriam and I knew we had to go to Dulles. The Muslim Ban was not the country we knew. Hundreds banded together and we eventually became the Dulles Justice Coalition. (Point of pride- I came up with the name) I suspect we each put in over 200 hours at the airport.

Anyway, I look forward to running and meeting people during the process.

If anyone would like to ask me questions, here is my contact information:

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