

Marguerite (Maggie) C. Smith, LL.B. Hons; J.D; PG DIP Hons in Child Rights and Family Law.

I am submitting the following for consideration of my candidacy for the At- Large positions.

I believe that it may suggest a willingness and ability to step into various roles that may present themselves.

Work Experience:

- For about the last 30 years, the focus of my practice in Washington State has been on family law. I practice general family law, international child issues and closely held business assets in divorce/separation. I tend to limit my immigration work to volunteering and issue spotting in family law cases.

Bar Memberships:

- I am admitted to the Bars of Washington State, Minnesota, District of Columbia and England and Wales. I am actively practicing only in Washington State.

Law Degrees:

- PG DIP Hons in Child Rights and Family Law from University College Cork (during my sabbatical academic year in Ireland); J.D from William Mitchell College of Law, Minnesota; LL.B. Hons from the University of London, England.

Volunteer work:

- I have volunteered in numerous legal clinics over the years. In 2019 I spent 8 weeks living with and working for migrants in Mexico and El Paso. In Mexico, I worked in a legal clinic (also the kitchen and other duties). I have also volunteered at El Centro

de la Raza in Seattle in the legal clinic and kitchen.

- I have been actively involved in various bar associations over many years, including the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL), American Bar Association, Washington State Bar Association, King County Bar Association. My prior bar positions have included chair of the King County International Law Section; co-chair of the ABA International Law Section Family Law Committee; member of the ABA International Family Mediation Task Force; member of the Professionalism Committees of both King County and Washington State. In approximately 2020, I participated in an ad hoc committee at the IAFL to discuss whether to actively encourage the US to ratify the 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention.

Publications:

- I am the co-author of the International Law chapter of the *Washington State Bar Association Family Law Desk Book*. I have authored the *USA-Washington State Chapter of Family Law Jurisdictional Comparisons, European Lawyer Reference*, published by Thompson Reuters, and the "USA -Washington State" Family Law section of *Practical Law Guide*, an international online guide, by Thompson Reuters. I have also authored *The New Standard, Marriage/Divorce, Protecting the Closely Held Business* (Lulu Press, 2012).

I have written numerous articles that have been published in legal periodicals, for example, in the Bar Bulletin in 2019 concerning my time volunteering in the Tijuana migrant shelter.

Speaking Engagements:

- For many years I have been a frequent CLE presenter both locally and internationally. My presentations have included closely held business interests in family law, negotiation skills, international family law, international mediation, asset protection, and international prenuptial agreements. In Mexico, I gave presentations (in Spanish!!....the audience was very kind) on immigration matters. I recently (2026) presented to the International Academy of Family Lawyers, Child Relocation Committee on Enforcing Foreign Orders in USA.

Interests outside the Law:

- Running; group walks; reading; travel; international culture and languages; dogs