

April 10, 2024

Dear WSBA Board of Governors:

My name is Brynn Felix, and I serve as General Counsel and Medical-Legal Partnership Director for a community health center in Kitsap County. I write to highly recommend Fabiola ("Fabi") Jimenez to serve as a member of the WSBA Board of Governors.

Fabi and I were fellows together at the Washington Leadership Institute ("WLI"). Over the course of this intensive, eight-month program, I grew to know Fabi as family. Her resume speaks for itself; she is an accomplished attorney whose experience providing general counsel to businesses has prepared her well to take on the fiduciary responsibilities of a governing-board member. Beyond her professional qualifications, however, Fabi has exceptional interpersonal skills that set her apart as a colleague and leader.

Fabi arrived at each WLI session masterfully prepared. During each session we were challenged to honestly introspect, to think critically, and to discover how we can lean into our individual strengths to serve our legal community. Fabi enthusiastically engaged in discussions, keen to share her reflections. But more importantly, she always arrived eager to hear others' perspectives, driven by her curiosity and genuine interest in others. Fabi instinctively tends toward collaboration and inclusivity, naturally bringing quieter voices into the fold. Not one to avoid difficult discussions, she skillfully embraces these moments as growth opportunities for all involved. Her leadership style blends deep listening and empathy with a strong conscience and voice.

In addition to being a wonderful colleague with a sharp mind and wit, Fabi brings to this position an impressive record of and commitment to mentorship. As a first-generation Latina attorney from rural Eastern Washington who has defied the odds, she tirelessly mentors youth, young women, and mentees of color who are interested in joining our profession. She cares about people and about the future of our bar. For these reasons, she would be an outstanding addition to the WSBA Board of Governors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brynn E. Felix". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Brynn E. Felix