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Candidate Statement – SAYLA Board of Directors

Hello SAYLA friends!

Since becoming licensed in Texas, I've been a proud and active member of SAYLA—attending nearly every event (work permitting, of course) and building lasting relationships across the legal community. It's been one of the most fulfilling aspects of my early legal career, and I'm excited to now run for a position on the SAYLA Board of Directors.

I'm a fully bilingual attorney, licensed in both Texas and Mexico. Growing up between the U.S. and Mexico gave me a strong appreciation for cross-border collaboration, cultural fluency, and international legal systems. I earned my law degree from the Monterrey Institute of Higher Technology and Education (ITESM) with a dual focus in Law and Political Science, and expanded my legal training through a program with Garrigues in Madrid, Spain. After completing my LL.M. at St. Mary's and becoming licensed in Texas, I found my professional passion: civil litigation and the courtroom, primarily in the family law context.

While there's no denying I've developed a passion for family law, it's the litigation aspect—the strategy, the advocacy, the opportunity to argue in court—that truly drives me. My practice now focuses primarily on family law litigation, but I'm equally passionate about other civil litigation matters, including breach of contract, business, and real estate disputes. That love of courtroom work is what has shaped the direction of my career—and family law happens to be one of the most dynamic and challenging places to put those litigation skills to work.

Over the years, I've also worked in intellectual property, immigration, criminal law, and corporate matters. That broad background gives me a well-rounded understanding of the legal profession and allows me to bring meaningful, practical insight to SAYLA. I want to help create programming that connects with litigators, transactional attorneys, and everyone in between.

In a city like San Antonio—where bilingualism, cultural exchange, and cross-border dynamics are part of daily life—SAYLA benefits from leaders who understand that international context firsthand. My background helps me engage with that reality authentically, and I look forward to helping SAYLA strengthen its reach across cultures, languages, and areas of practice.

As a Board Member, I'd bring a “work hard, play hard” mindset. I'm passionate about growth and excellence in our field, but I also believe deeply in community and balance. Whether through CLEs, mentorship, wellness initiatives, or just good conversation over a drink, I want to help our members feel supported, seen, and connected.

Outside the office, you'll find me staying active, traveling, or experimenting with craft cocktails (I'll happily bartend the next happy hour). I'm always looking for ways to bring people together—and I'd be honored to do that in service of SAYLA and its members.

Thanks so much for your support—I'd be truly grateful for your vote!