

Dear colleagues,

I feel like I have been a part of this profession all of my life, as I am sure many of you do. Some of us started very young, lived abroad or were simply immersed in a bilingual world where language barriers resulted in meaningful connections.

It was these meaningful connections that drew me to the profession and I am now a Judicial Certified Interpreter in the states of California and Ohio in the Spanish language. Every day that goes by, I never stop learning or pushing forward in advocating for our unique profession. It has been many years since I decided to embark upon this adventure and not a day goes by that I regret it.

Being a member of NAJIT has been a key factor in my daily professional growth. It was an honor to serve on NAJIT's Advocacy Committee in Washington D.C. in 2016-2017 which was truly a motivating experience and a step forward for our profession. Additionally I was on the NAJIT Conference Committee during the 2017-2019 terms. I am an active member of ATA and participated with the ATA Interpreter's Division as Blog Content Editor during 2019.

If elected to serve on NAJIT's Board, I will continue being committed to advocating for the integrity and understanding of our specialized and demanding profession and serving our members to the best of my ability.

I believe that, as certified judicial interpreters, we have an ethical duty to protect the record, bound and under oath as neutral parties. By adhering to all ethical standards and maintaining a high quality professional conduct, we serve and assist the courts in carrying out due process. We are members of a learned profession who are dedicated to public service, and we strive to promote public confidence in the administration of justice.

Should I be elected, I promise to work relentlessly towards a better understanding of our profession in all the fields we are summoned to assist. NAJIT is our voice, that represents and showcases our skills and talents to the world; it would be a great honor and welcomed responsibility for me to serve on its board. I am very grateful for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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