

## **Candidate Statement for Board Member Position**

**Dear Members of the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators,**

I am honored to present my candidacy for a position on the Board of Directors. As a dedicated court interpreter, interpreter trainer, and now a PhD student in translation and interpreting studies, I have witnessed firsthand the critical role we play in ensuring access to justice for linguistically diverse communities. My commitment to this profession, coupled with my experience in legal and court interpretation, language access advocacy, and professional development, drives my desire to contribute to our association's mission at a leadership level after seven [eight?] years on NAJIT's Training & Education committee.

Throughout my career, I have worked tirelessly to uphold the highest standards of interpretation, advocate for interpreter rights, and promote professional training and certification. I understand the challenges we face—ranging from fair compensation and working conditions to the need for greater recognition of our expertise within the legal system.

The technological world is evolving in ways never imagined regarding AI. Needless to say AI is becoming more and more important (and dangerous!) in our working environment. Legislation, in the other hand, is somewhat behind such revolution and we should be up to speed. Planning, preparing and thinking forward is a challenge we should face together, as a team.

I have also read the current Board's recent Case Statement and am passionate about many of the projects they are pursuing, including a viability study of a NAJIT-owned certification exam, to advance our profession and help develop leadership skills among NAJIT members.

As a board member, I will work collaboratively to strengthen our profession, expand educational opportunities, and foster a more inclusive and supportive environment for all judiciary interpreters.

I believe that through unity, advocacy, and continued professionalization, we can elevate the field of judiciary interpretation. I would be honored to serve as your representative and work alongside you to achieve these goals. I appreciate your support and look forward to the opportunity to make a meaningful impact.

**Sincerely,  
Jaqueline Nordin**

