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HUMAN RIGHTS™

Nomination for Position on National Committee

(Nominations from new members and from all states and territories are encouraged)

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nominate for the position of: ~~Ordinary Member~~

PRESIDENT

(President, Treasurer, Secretary, Ordinary Member)

of the National Committee of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights Incorporated.

4 April 2016

Signed by nominator (may be nominee)

Date

Please set out below a (very short) bio, a brief summary of your reasons for wishing to be elected to the National Committee and describe what you believe you are able to contribute:

I have been a ALHR Qld co-convenor and National Committee Member for over 3 years during which I have been engaged in a broad range of ALHR advocacy work both locally, nationally and internationally. In November 2015 I self-funded a trip to the UN in Geneva to represent ALHR at Australia's second Universal Periodic Review before the UN Human Rights Council.

In conjunction with drafting my IHRL Masters dissertation, in December 2014 I established the national ALHR Human Rights Act subcommittee with a view to reinvigorating the national discourse on the need for a federal human rights act. This led to ALHR being a central part of spearheading the exciting and so-far-successful campaign for a Queensland Charter of Rights which is now being considered by a Parliamentary Committee.

I am a human rights lawyer based in Brisbane at the boutique firm Boe Williams Anderson, Lawyers and Advocates. I graduated from Southern Cross University in 2010 with first class honours a University Medal for outstanding academic achievement. I recently graduated with Distinction from a Master of Studies (MSt) in International Human Rights Law (IHRL) at the University of Oxford. In 2014, I was awarded the Emerging Lawyer of the Year Award by the Australian Lawyer's Alliance and Amnesty International. In the same year, I was awarded two 2014 Southern Cross University Young Alumnus of the Year Awards for my work in human rights. In 2011, I was Associate to Justice Bromberg on the Federal Court of Australia in Melbourne which included hearing the section 18C Eatock v Bolt racial discrimination class action. In 2013, I initiated the Baby Ferouz legal team (which ran a number of High Court and Federal Circuit Court challenges for asylum seeker rights) that was awarded the 2015 Australian Lawyers Alliance (Qld) Civil Justice Award.

I am very passionate about the future direction, efficacy and impact of ALHR. I am energized about working with the new national committee, the State and Territory Convenors and the broader membership in continuing the great work of the current national committee and President in increasing the visibility and impact of ALHR's important work throughout Australia and overseas. I am also very excited to continue building the righteous relationship with La Trobe University who host the ALHR secretariat and looking forward to ALHR's first conference at La Trobe in late 2016.

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 NSW 1235

Nominations must be received by 5:00 pm on Sunday, 10 April 2016.

(No late nominations will be accepted.)

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