




# **Nomination for Position on the Australian Lawyers for Human Rights National Committee April 2017**

<i>(Nominations from new members and from all states and territories are encouraged)</i>	
I,	Sangeeta Sharmin
	(full name)
of	
	(address)
Phone/e-mail	
	(contact details)
nominate for the position of:	Secretary
	(President, Treasurer, Secretary, Ordinary Member)
of the National Committee of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights Incorporated.	
Signed by nominator (may be <u>nominee</u> )	
Date : 26/04/2019	

Please set out below a 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 by reference to the relevant position description:

I graduated with a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Science (Psychology) double degree from the Australian National University and recently finished my Masters in Law (International Law). I have had work published in The Journal of Legal Pluralism and am currently working on another anticipated publication. I have volunteered in a number of organisations focusing on human rights of marginalized groups. After completing two internships overseas, at the Legal Resources Centre in Cape Town and the United

Nations Office of Legal Affairs in New York, I commenced practicing in a private firm in Canberra which involved some human rights litigation.

In mid-2018, I moved to Sydney and am currently working in a private litigation firm. I am also on the NSW Law Society Human Rights Committee as a Committee Member.

I wish to be elected as Secretary of ALHR as I believe I have the necessary experience and knowledge about ALHR procedures and policies as well as knowledge on human rights issues. I believe that through this, I can assist in ensuring the smooth functioning of ALHR in promoting awareness of international human rights standards in Australia.

I have been involved with ALHR since late 2016, first as the Convenor of ACT ALHR and since mid-2018, as a Co-Convenor of NSW ALHR. I have drafted numerous media releases and correspondence to third parties which has required knowledge on ALHR procedures and policies to enable the documents to be settled by the National Committee prior to being released. I have also appeared before the Select Committee on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex) Act and contributed to the submission to Inquiry into Gay and Transgender hate crimes between 1970 and 2010. This has also required knowledge not only of human rights issues, but of going through the appropriate management channel prior to communicating ALHR's position on certain issues to the public.

Having attended National Committee meetings and Planning Weekends etc, I believe I can assist in communicating with the National Committee as require, issuing agendas, taking minutes and ensuring any ALHR meetings and events stay focused as planned.

If you have any queries about the roles and responsibilities of office bearers and committee members, contact the current ALHR executive on [secretary@alhr.asn.au](mailto:secretary@alhr.asn.au).

**Nominations must be delivered by email to: <mailto:secretary@alhr.asn.au>"**  
**[secretary@alhr.asn.au](mailto:secretary@alhr.asn.au)**

**Nominations must be received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, 11 April 2017.**  
**(No late nominations will be accepted.)**

The name of nominees, their state or territory of residence, the position to which they are nominating and their summary of reasons will, if an election is necessary, be sent to all members to enable them to cast an informed vote.

**Please note: only members of ALHR may nominate for a position**

***NB: If you wish to become more involved in ALHR, but do not wish to nominate for the National Committee, please consider joining one of our thematic subcommittees or becoming involved in your State Committee. Visit [www.alhr.org.au](http://www.alhr.org.au) to find out more.***