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Dear fellow Guilford County lawyers,

I am excited to submit my candidacy to represent the Greensboro division of our judicial district on the North Carolina State Bar Council. I hold myself to the highest of ethical standards and am confident that I can represent you with integrity and professionalism on a statewide level.

I remain current with the North Carolina State Bar structure and the N.C. Rules of Professional Conduct through my various statewide Bar leadership positions. Most recently, I served as a two-term President of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, currently serve on the Board of Directors for Legal Aid of North Carolina, and currently serve as a member of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice Board of Governors.

One of my greatest life passions is serving my community, whether it be the legal community, Guilford County, or North Carolina. I dedicate a large portion of my time and practice to pro bono and low bono services. Additionally, I serve as a volunteer Guardian ad Litem for Guilford County.

I respectfully ask for your support in the upcoming local N. C. State Bar Councilor elections. I am confident that I can and will represent each of our colleagues with the utmost ethical and professional standards.

Sincerely,

Manisha P. Patel, Esq.



## **Manisha Pravinchandra Patel**

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**LICENSURE:** North Carolina State Bar, 2012; United States Federal Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 2017.

### **EDUCATION**

**Elon University School of Law**, Greensboro, North Carolina **May 2011**  
Juris Doctor, Specializations in General Practice and Business  
*Activities:* Women's Law Association: Vice President, Professional Chair; Student Bar Association: Elections Committee; Family Law Society: Vice President Finance  
*Honors:* Phi Alpha Delta, Graduation Marshall 2010

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**, Blacksburg, Virginia **May 2008**  
Bachelors of Arts in Economics, Bachelor of Arts in History  
*Activities:* Residence Hall Federation (RHF), Virginia Association of College and University Residence Halls (VACURH), Alpha Gamma Delta International Fraternity  
*Honors:* National Residence Hall Honorary, A. Alan Baird Award and Scholarship, Rho Lambda, RHF Distinguished Service Award, RHF Student of the Year, Order of the Gavel Leadership Society, VACURH State Board Recognition Award, RHF Officer of the Year, VACURH Four Year Service Award

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Law Office of Manisha P. Patel, PLLC**, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Managing Attorney and Owner (Practice limited to NC Family Law)

**Ward Black Law, PA**, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Attorney (Practice limited to NC Family Law)

**The Law Office of Afi Johnson-Parris**, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Contract Attorney; Law Clerk

**Wills Drafting Clinic at the Elon Clinical Law Center**, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Student Lawyer

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- ❖ National Conference of Women's Bar Associations: Board of Directors (2021-Present)
- ❖ Legal Aid of North Carolina: Board of Directors, 2020-Present
- ❖ North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys: Immediate Past-President, 2021; President, 2019 & 2020; President-Elect, 2018; Vice-President, June 2017- December 2017; Secretary, January- June 2017; Education Co-Chair, 2017; Education Chair, 2016; Education Committee, 2013
- ❖ Piedmont Triad Women Attorneys: Immediate Past-President, 2018 & 2019; President, 2016 & 2017; Treasurer/Secretary, 2015
- ❖ North Carolina Bar Association: Solo, Small Firm, & Technology Section Council 2019-Present (Young Lawyers Division Liaison); Women in the Profession Committee; Young Lawyers Division (Nominating Committee); Family Law Section (Family Law Council, Pro-Bono Committee Co-Chair, 2016-2018); Task Force on NCBA Pro-Bono Project Free Legal Answers
- ❖ North Carolina Advocates for Justice: Board of Governors (2020-Present); Family Law Section (Chair 2020-2021), Membership Chair 2017- 2019); Women's Caucus; Membership Committee; New Lawyers Division (Education Co-Chair 2019-2020); Education Committee

- ❖ Greensboro Bar Association: Pro Bono Committee Chair (2020-Present); Herb Falk Society Chair (2018-2020); Young Lawyers Section; Family Law Section; Holiday Committee
- ❖ 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Local Rules Committee
- ❖ American Bar Association: Young Lawyers Division; Family Law Section; Law Practice Management Division; Women Rainmakers Committee Board Member
- ❖ South Asian Bar Association of North America
- ❖ Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

- ❖ Virginia Tech Alumni Association
- ❖ Alpha Gamma Delta International Fraternity
- ❖ Elon University School of Law Alumni (past Council member)
- ❖ McAlister Woods Homeowners Association: Member (2016-Present), President (2017- 2019), Vice-President (2016-2017)

## **ACCOLADES**

- ❖ 2021 Super Lawyers Rising Stars
- ❖ 2020 Greensboro Bar Association Pro Bono Award
- ❖ 2020 North Carolina Lawyers Weekly: Top Leaders in the Law
- ❖ 2020 North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society, Supreme Court of North Carolina
- ❖ 2020 Greensboro Bar Association Herb Falk Society- Pro Bono Honor Society (393.25 hours)
- ❖ 2020 Super Lawyers Rising Stars
- ❖ 2020 Business North Carolina Legal Elite for Family Law
- ❖ 2019 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) Department of Economics Commencement Speaker
- ❖ 2019 North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society, Supreme Court of North Carolina
- ❖ 2019 North Carolina Bar Association Young Lawyer's Division Pro Bono Attorney of the Year
- ❖ 2019 Greensboro Bar Association Herb Falk Society- Pro Bono Honor Society (651.5 hours)
- ❖ 2019 Super Lawyers Rising Stars
- ❖ 2019 Triad Business Journal Top 40 Leaders Under 40
- ❖ 2019 Business North Carolina Legal Elite for Family Law
- ❖ 2018 Greensboro Bar Association Herb Falk Society- Pro Bono Honor Society (623.5 hours)
- ❖ 2018 Young Alumna of the Year (Elon University School of Law Women's Law Association)

- ❖ 2018 Business North Carolina Legal Elite for Family Law
- ❖ 2017 North Carolina Bar Association Leadership Academy
- ❖ 2016 Greensboro Bar Association Herb Falk Society- Pro Bono Honor Society (162 hours)

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- ❖ North Carolina Advocates for Justice Fall Conference for Paralegals: Diversity and Inclusion Perspectives
- ❖ North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys 2021 Annual Conference: Pro Bono for NC Attorneys Continuing Legal Education
- ❖ Elon University School of Law: Perspectives on Perseverance and Success
- ❖ North Carolina Family Law: Lexington Continuing Legal Education
- ❖ Elon Law LLP: How to be a Successful, Culturally Competent, Summer Intern
- ❖ North Carolina Bar Association Minorities in the Profession & Young Lawyers Division: How to Build Your Brand as a Diverse Attorney
- ❖ High Point Bar Association: Microsoft Office 101 for Lawyers
- ❖ Elon University School of Law: Solo & Small Practice Course Panelist
- ❖ North Carolina Bar Association: Professionalism for New Attorneys (PNA)- Associate Breakout Panel
- ❖ 2018 Child Support Enforcement: Representing Respondents- Advocacy in Contempt Cases (University of North Carolina School of Government, March 1, 2018)
- ❖ WFMY News 2- 2 Wants You to Know: Filing for Separation? You Don't Have To
- ❖ Elon University School of Law: Preparing for Your Law Career- Practice Area Panel
- ❖ Elon University School of Law: Elon Law Admitted Students Panel

### **PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE**

- ❖ Planning Committee: Greensboro Landlord-Tenant Eviction Mediation Program, 2020
- ❖ North Carolina Justice Center: Driver's License Restoration Clinics, 2019-Present
- ❖ Name Change Clinics for Gender Transitioning Individuals, 2019-Present
- ❖ North Carolina Justice Center: Power of Attorney Clinics for Immigrants, 2016-Present
- ❖ North Carolina Bar Association: Free Legal Answers (FLA) Task Force, FLA Volunteer Attorney, 2017-Present
- ❖ Legal Aid of North Carolina- Volunteer Attorney for Pro Se Divorce Clinics, 2015-Present
- ❖ Volunteer Judge for Elon Law Moot Court Competitions
- ❖ Elon Law Preceptor for 1L students

- ❖ Legal Aid of North Carolina- Volunteer Attorney for Lawyer on the Line Program, 2012-Present
- ❖ North Carolina Bar Association 4ALL Volunteer Attorney, 2012- Present
- ❖ North Carolina Advocates for Justice Annual High School Mock Trial- Soring Juror and Presiding Judge, 2012- Present

## **INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES**

International Travel, Burn Boot Camp, Running (10 half marathons completed to date plus numerous smaller races throughout the United States and Canada), Reading, Gardening, Virginia Tech (Hokies) Athletics, Alpha Gamma Delta International Fraternity (former Advisor to Gamma Eta Chapter), Triad Hokies Alumni Chapter

## **LANGUAGES**

English, Elementary Gujarati (conversational), Elementary Italian (conversational)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

[Celebrating National Pro Bono Week](#) (NC Bar Association Blog)

[Tying the Knot in North Carolina? Four Simple Steps to Making it Official](#) (Saathee Magazine)