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**The Executive Director
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By Email: liz.lynchuk@lawsociety.sk.ca

Re: Bencher Election 2018- North East Electoral District- Biographical Information

I am a sole practitioner in Melfort, Saskatchewan. With my husband, I have lived and raised two boys, in Melfort, Saskatchewan since 2004. In 2008, I took up employment as a Law Student/Researcher in one of the law firms in Melfort. I Articled in the same law firm a few years later, and was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in February 2011.

Prior to moving to Melfort, I graduated from the Obafemi Awolowo University (O.A.U.), Nigeria in 1993 with an LL.B (Hons) degree. I then Articled and completed the Nigerian Bar program and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1995. I also have a Master's degree in Law (LL.M) from O.A.U., Nigeria, as well as a Ph.D in Law from Howard College, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa. I was Assistant Professor at O.A.U., Nigeria, and worked as Tutor and Facilitator at the *School of Language, Culture and Communication*, South Africa immediately prior to moving to Melfort, Saskatchewan in 2004.

I am trained in Mediation, Facilitation, and in Collaborative Practice and have served on a number of boards including the Melfort Co-operative Daycare Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of Collaborative Professionals for Saskatchewan Inc. I also have keen interest in Public Legal Education and am involved in volunteer work in Public Legal Education and in other areas of knowledge enhancement and community development in and around the City of Melfort.

I am seeking re-election as Bencher as a proud member of Northeast Saskatchewan who has lived in, raised children in, practiced law in, and been a part of, the community for several years. I am certain that I can provide a Northeast perspective; bring observations regarding current trends and developments; and represent unique issues, challenges and perspectives pertaining to Northeast Saskatchewan, to the Law Society.



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Further, having worked for five years in the law firm of a senior practitioner in Melfort, I have experienced and can identify with the experiences of many established law firms in rural Saskatchewan. I can also provide insight and experiential knowledge regarding issues and challenges in Law Office Management from the perspective of a young sole practitioner, having recently started a solo-practice in Melfort.

Lastly, my background and experience in diversity will equip me to enrich conversations where needed and I am confident that my knowledge of and experience in, Facilitation, Mediation and Collaborative Practice will equip me to work collaboratively at all times. It is for the above reasons that I am seeking re-election as **Bencher for the Northeast electoral district in the 2018 elections**. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Foluke Laosebikan