

Committee: **London Public Library Board**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Denise Marshall**

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Occupation: **Lawyer**

Work experience: **I graduated from the University of Western Ontario Law School in 1995. I then articulated with Harrison Pensa law firm (then Harrison Elwood). I was called to the Ontario Bar in 1997. I then entered private family law practice with Alfred Mamo and Associates. In 2000 I joined the Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex as in house legal counsel. Prior to attending law school I worked as the manager of a medical practice in Toronto for four years, and as a sales representative for an educational publisher (Fitzhenry and Whiteside) for three years.**

Education: **I hold a B.A.(focus on history and women's studies) from the University of Toronto, and an LL.B. from the University of Western Ontario. I am a member in good standing of the Law Society of Upper Canada.**

Skills: **I believe I have a skill set which could benefit the Library Board. I am trained and skilled in negotiation, research, analysis, and the construction and delivery of argument. I have excellent listening, and written and verbal communication skills. In addition, I have strong organizational and time management skills. I am trained and skilled in statutory interpretation.**

Interest reason: **I am looking to make a further contribution to my community through service on a Board of Directors or Trustees, as I have done on other Boards in the past. I have lived in London for approximately 28 years and am dedicated to the continuing quest to make this the best city it can be for the people who call it home. I am passionate about literacy, about the empowerment that books and knowledge can bring to any person's life, and about the enrichment that I believe a strong public library system brings to a community.**

Contributions: **I believe I can assist in strategic planning and in the "nuts and bolts" of bringing those plans to fruition through the application of skills I have acquired over the years through education and professional experience.**

Past contributions: **I served on the Board of Directors for Daya Counselling Centre in London, and on the Advisory Board for the Parkinson's Society (London branch). I also served as a trustee for the Middlesex Law Association, and was on the Library committee there, as well as editor of the newsletter and was Chair of the Entertainment Committee.**

Interpersonal: **I have experience on other Boards, where such exchanges are common practice. In my law practice I engage in arguments before the Court, in mediation and in negotiation regularly. Further, the nature of my work for the Children's Aid Society requires that I attend internal meetings and consultations regularly wherein there is a discussion and sharing of opinion and ideas as between different professions (social work and law).**

Interview interest: **Yes**