Committee: London Public Library Board Trustee Position

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: Kristin Ley

Occupation: Lawyer

Work experience: I practice in a private law firm in the area of administrative or public law. My clients are primarily housing providers, property managers and employers. I specialize in residential tenancies, human rights and appellate advocacy.

Education: I have an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Guelph; a Canadian J.D. from the University of Windsor Law School; and an American J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. I am Certified to conduct Workplace Investigations.

Skills: I am a critical thinker and a problem-solver. I have excellent written and oral communication skills. As a law firm partner, I have management experience and have financial literacy; as a working mother of two young children, I am an efficient task manager.

Interest reason: I believe a public library system is an incredible resource for communities. It brings together individuals with varying backgrounds and experience and provides services and resources for persons who may not otherwise have access to same, as well as to those looking to improve their circumstances and life experience. My family thoroughly enjoys the library and what it offers

Contributions: I can offer my perspective as a library user, being a mother of children who have accessed the library's resources. As a lawyer, I am comfortable reading, reviewing and developing policies and addressing issues of regulatory compliance.

Past contributions: I have served on the London Lawyer's Feed the Hungry (LLFTH) Committee, which allocates funds raised from various events over the years to organizations in need and who have submitted proposals to receive funding. I was also a member of the Courthouse Rocks Committee, the annual event that raises the most money in the year for LLFTH. My role on the Courthouse Rocks Committee has involved advertising, coordinating volunteers, venue decoration and organization and public relations.

Interpersonal: As a partner in a law firm, I am comfortable sharing opinions with others and collaborating with others to arrive at decisions and/or identify strategies. As a full-service firm, we have lawyers with varying levels and areas of expertise and I am often involved in file work that crosses into other areas of law. We all have personal experiences that shape who we are and it's important to hear/receive and value every person's input; it is that collaboration that often leads to exciting new ideas and opportunities.

Interview interest: Yes