



I am John Rees and am seeking an opportunity to serve as a bar commissioner. I would appreciate your vote and support.

The bar and legal community are facing significant challenges. The bar commission needs people that will work to achieve reasonable and practical solutions to these challenges. My history includes being a reasonable voice and working together with others to create and implement appropriate strategies that succeed.

I am running for at least three reasons. First, I care deeply about members of the bar and their well-being and success. I want lawyers to find satisfaction in their practice, whatever that may be. Lawyers need to know how to find solutions to problems they face in their practice, and to have support and help to reach their potential. My hope is they will find meaning in what they do. Ours is a noble profession, and lawyers should feel good about their day to day contributions.

Second, I am passionate about the people we serve as lawyers. We represent an incredibly diverse group of people. There are many underrepresented people and clients who need resources to help them navigate through a complex legal system. As a bar, we can continue efforts to help address this problem.

Finally, it is in my DNA to be concerned about the society and community in which we live. Law is foundational to our society, and we as lawyers have a stewardship and significant impact on those laws. We have the ability to help create law, and to address the concerns of the world in which we live every day as we implement legal solutions. We have the obligation to lead appropriate efforts to improve our community through the development and implementation of applicable laws.

My experience has prepared me to serve in the position of bar commissioner. I practiced at Callister Nebeker & McCullough, a major downtown Salt Lake law firm, for over thirty years. I also had the opportunity of serving as general counsel for a client. Most recently, I have been practicing as a solo lawyer. In an effort to help young lawyers be successful, I taught a law practice management course at the SJ Quinney College of Law as an adjunct associate professor

of law. The bar has provided many opportunities for me to serve, including as co-chair of the innovation in law practice committee (which received the committee of the year award in 2018), founder and initial chair of the cyberlaw section, co-chair of one of the bar's annual meetings in Sun Valley, and chair of the business law section.

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