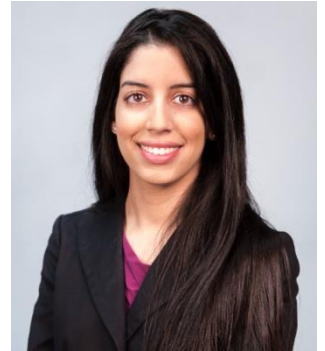


From the Desk of the President

Dear DHHBA Members,

2024 is such a year of promise! Our first in-person conference! We hope to see you in July! It is with great pleasure and much gratitude that I share this update with you. As always, please direct your comments and suggestion to us at: admin@deafbar.org.



A few exciting updates following the first quarter of the second year of the Board term:

Last year the Board instituted these quarterly updates to provide open communication and insights into the Board's work and priorities. This effort is in addition to readily publishing the minutes on the DHHBA website. We hope that you agree this is a worthwhile communication. This year, in an effort to focus resources on the upcoming 2024 conference in Chicago, we intend to publish the Update bi-annually, at the end of the first and third quarters. We are open to your feedback about this change and if you have anything to add, please email us at our email address listed above.

We're excited to host the upcoming DHHBA Conference on July 1 -2, 2024 in Chicago, Illinois. Our website for the conference is live, too. You can find it here: <https://www.deafbar.org/2024-conference/>. The theme is: Reconnect, Advocacy, Community. We will continue to add more information over the next few months.

Please help spread the word with your employers or other potential sponsors. Sponsorships mean add-on networking events that serve the core of our mission. We would so appreciate your help with bringing in sponsors. Presentation proposals are due February 29, 2024, and presenters will get a \$25 discount off their conference registration. Additionally, conference attendee registration is now live. Register by April 30 to take advantage of the early bird discount!

All the above details are available on our conference website. If you want to serve on the DHHBACon committee, please email us at admin@deafbar.org.

Finally, this last quarter the Board said "goodbye" to our terrific Recorder, Jessica Kennedy, who resigned recognizing her need to commit to exciting new projects in her life. She encourages anyone wanting to give back to consider serving – email the board for more information about board, committee, or project participation.

The DHHBA Board of Directors is grateful for your advocacy, and especially the honor to serve and support you in 2024.

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