

# Cristal Robinson

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## **Candidate Statement: Cristal Robinson for Vice-President, National Lawyers Guild**

I am seeking the Vice-President position for the 2026–2029 term.

My relationship with the Guild spans nearly twenty years from the Michigan Chapter during law school, through national membership, to my current home in the North Carolina chapter. That arc mirrors my growth as a lawyer: from a student learning what it means to practice in service of people, to an attorney who has built a national disability and civil rights practice around that commitment.

My background is unusually broad for a movement lawyer. I hold a finance degree, an MBA with an emphasis in accounting, and a law degree, and I am licensed in three states and the District of Columbia. That combination of financial fluency and legal range means I can engage with the Guild's institutional challenges, budgets, governance, strategy with the same depth I bring to advocacy.

Within the Guild, I have presented at two Conventions on Disability Justice, organized the Anti-Racism Committee seminar, served on the NEC, and helped develop the Capital Campaign through the Finance Committee this year.

As Vice-President, I will focus on:

**Fundraising.** I have raised six-figure amounts for Girl Scouts, USA Pride, the Pauli Murray LGBTQ+ Bar Association, the National Coalition of Sexual Freedom, and others. I will put that experience to work for the Guild's long-term financial health.

**Convention planning.** I bring years of large-scale convention experience with WorldPride, InterPride, and USA Pride, coordinating complex multi-stakeholder events with high visibility. I will bring that same discipline to our annual convention.

**Anti-oppression & transformative work.** Supporting TUPOCC, the Transformative Caucus, and intersectional anti-oppression work centering disability, race, gender, sexuality, and class through decades of education, programming, and organizing.

**Regional & committee support.** As Chair of the Disability Justice Committee, I know what it takes to move work forward. I will actively support Regional VPs, chapters, and committees with consistent engagement, coordination, and follow-through.

The Guild needs people who will do the unglamorous, sustained, collaborative work to keep this organization as principled as the movements we serve. I am ready for that.

***cristalrobinson.com | In solidarity, Cristal Robinson***

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## EXPERIENCE

**Attorney (Robinson Law and various others)**

**November 2007 – Current**

- *Represented or helped over 1050 clients - immigration, bankruptcy, family, criminal, and probate law, currently focused on education, disability justice, and entrepreneurship*

## ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Accessibility Committee, Finance Committee, Governance Committee - InterPride, International Fellow – American Bar Foundation, National

Secretary, Consent Counts, & DEI Committee - National Coalition for Sexual Freedom, National Treasurer - USA Prides, National

National Executive Committee: Anti-Racism Co-Chair - National Lawyers Guild, National Disability Justice Chair - National Lawyers Guild, National

DEI Committee - National Coalition of Bar Presidents, National

Treasurer & Founding President – Pauli Murray LGBTQ+ Bar Association, Statewide

Treasurer and Founding Board Member - RevUpNC, Statewide

Vice President - North Carolina Democratic Party Disability Issues Caucus, Statewide

Founding President - Union County Pride, Local

2nd Vice Chair - Union County Democratic Party, Local

Treasurer - National Organization for Women Charlotte Metro, NC Chapter, Local

## VOLUNTEER

| PRO-BONO ATTORNEY                                                                                                                 | SPEAKER                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| North Carolina Department of Labor; Remote<br>North Carolina Bar Foundation; Remote<br>Legal Aid of North Carolina; Charlotte, NC | North Carolina LEAP; Remote<br>Mecklenburg County Bar; Charlotte, NC<br>State Bar of Texas; Austin, TX and Remote |

## EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (J.D.) – Thomas Cooley Law School; Lansing, Michigan

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A) – West Texas A&M University; Canyon, Texas

Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance – West Texas A&M University; Canyon, Texas

## LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS, & COURT ADMISSION

| MULTI-STATE LICENSED ATTORNEY                                                                        | MULTI-DISTRICT FEDERAL COURTS            |
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| State Bar of Texas – 24060505<br>North Carolina State Bar – 55692<br>District of Columbia – 90002408 | Northern Texas<br>Western North Carolina |