



NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS ASSOCIATION  
2018 EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION

## CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

**Edgar Ndjatou** (Washington, DC)

Date of admission to practice: **2010**

Your present position: **Partner**

Size of your firm: **2 attorneys**

Year you became a NELA member: **2008**

Name of NELA Affiliate(s): **Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association**

What percentage of your professional legal work is devoted to the representation of employees and/or their interests? **95%**

I started working for myself almost five years ago and I would have never had the courage to go out on my own if it were not for the strong relationships I have created through NELA and its local affiliate, the Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association (MWELA). I first became a NELA member as a law student. An experienced NELA colleague told me at the time that joining NELA would be one of the more valuable investments of my career. That colleague's statement proved itself to be true. NELA has provided me opportunities to learn new tools to provide the best representation for my clients. I have also been blessed to be part of a network of passionate attorneys who devote their time to advocate for workers' rights. Through NELA, I have created not only a robust professional network, but a wide circle of friends.

I have been an active participant in the plaintiff-side employment law bar through my leadership in MWELA and partaking in NELA activities. I have served on the MWELA Board since I started my law career in 2009 and have worn many hats. I have served as Co-Chair of both the Membership and New Lawyers Committees. Through my work on both committees, I have helped increase MWELA's engagement with other voluntary bar associations and the academic community to increase membership. I am also very active on the Bench Bar Committee. Within the Bench Bar Committee, I created a Pro Se litigant program. The program matches Pro Se litigants who have filed cases at the DC federal and local courts as well as the local Office of Human Rights with MWELA volunteer attorneys.

Since 2014, I have served on MWELA's Executive Committee. I first served as Secretary and now I am on the second year of my two-year term as MWELA's Vice President. My most important duty as Vice President is to Chair the Annual Conference Committee. One of my proudest accomplishments as a member of the MWELA Executive Committee was organizing MWELA's first group swear-in at the Supreme Court of the United States.



In regard to my NELA activities, I Co-Chair the Low Wage Workers Practice Group. I am a member of the Membership Committee and have assisted in outreach efforts to recruit new NELA members. I have also served on the Nominating Committee and participated in NELA's last Lobby Day. I have also attended recent NELA conferences in Washington, DC, New Orleans, Boston, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and San Antonio.

I am excited about the prospect of serving on the NELA Board. I believe that I will bring energy, passion, and a commitment to NELA's continued growth as an organization. Thank you for your consideration.