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**KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES HIRING OF
CHRISTINA ENTREKIN COAD AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Seattle, Washington: King County Bar Association Board of Trustees announced today that Christina Entrekin Coad will fill the role of Executive Director at the King County Bar, a position that has been empty for the past eight months.

Ms. Coad joins KCBA from the University of Washington Alliance for Professional Development, Training and Caregiver Excellence where she has been Executive Director since 2019. Beyond her history of organizational leadership, Ms. Coad has also spent time working as an attorney, at both the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs and the Northwest Justice Project, Native American Unit. Her well-documented commitment to social justice and DEI makes her an excellent fit for KCBA, where equity and inclusion in the administration and practice of law is part of the organization’s mission. Ms. Coad is an Indigenous woman of Oneida and European descent.

KCBA Interim Executive Director, Kathleen Jensen, commented “KCBA has been undergoing an inordinate amount of growth and change over the past few years, with staff numbers doubling and demand for pro bono programs increasing. KCBA was looking for an experienced leader to guide KCBA through these changes and into the future. We believe Christina Coad fits the job description perfectly and we look forward to working with her for many years to come.”

Outgoing KCBA Board President, Tahmina Watson, said, “We are delighted that Ms. Coad will lead our organization. Her passion and vision will bring energy to our goals and mission.”

Incoming KCBA Board President Karen Orehoski, said “After an extensive search process, it is clear that Ms. Coad’s extensive experience in non-profit leadership and her vision for the future of KCBA and its role in promoting equitable justice, professionalism and service in our community make her the right person to serve as our new Executive Director.”

Scott Collins, the outgoing Board President of the King County Bar Foundation, the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of KCBA, and co-chair of the Executive Director search committee, added, “Ms. Coad will enrich the organization with her history of innovative fund development and diversification, strategic acumen, and big picture approaches. She is a delightful person who will instill much confidence in donors, other funding sources, and community partners.”

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