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## Public Representative Position Description

### Responsibilities and Activities

It is expected that Public Representatives will:

- Ensure Council and committees are made aware of the public interest aspects of issues being discussed;
- Help keep discussions focused to ensure that the public interest is always reflected;
- Pose difficult questions, question assumptions and test arguments from a non-lawyer's perspective;
- Ensure that the obvious is not overlooked;
- Ensure the concerns of the most vulnerable members of the public are addressed;
- Ensure that policies and decisions are communicated in clear and plain language that can be understood by the public;
- Fully participate in the Council and committee activities they are assigned;
- Bring a general understanding of the regulation of professional groups and the protection of the public interest;
- Have a broad understanding of the legal system;
- Have an understanding of procedural fairness;
- Have analytical and decision-making skills; and
- Prepare a report for the Society's Annual Report.

### Attributes

The Society's Public Representatives are:

- objective,
- reliable,
- perceptive,
- attentive listeners,
- not easily intimidated
- trustworthy
- non-judgmental
- articulate
- discrete, and
- courteous.



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**Core Competencies**

We're seeking Public Representatives with:

- accountability,
- sound judgment,
- integrity,
- credibility,
- independent thinking,
- respect for confidentiality,
- analytical and decision-making skills,
- an understanding of procedural fairness,
- an understanding of a self-regulating profession's role to protect the public interest, and
- a commitment to team work.