

Biographical Sketch and Statement of Candidacy

Michael Litchfield

Michael Litchfield is a lawyer, educator, and governance professional with more than two decades of experience in legal practice, post-secondary education, and public sector decision-making. He has taught courses at the University of Victoria across the law, business, and public administration faculties and currently serves as Director of the Business Law Clinic and Associate Director of the Access to Justice Centre for Excellence. His current research focuses on issues of risk, regulation, and institutional governance in emerging technology contexts.

Michael has held a range of senior academic and administrative roles, including directing experiential education programs and leading interdisciplinary research initiatives. He has served on numerous boards, tribunals, and advisory bodies at the provincial and national level, including health research ethics boards and statutory decision-making bodies. He previously served as an elected member of the University Senate at the University of British Columbia.

Michael is seeking election to Senate to contribute thoughtful, principled governance grounded in respect for academic freedom, institutional integrity, and fair process. He brings a strong understanding of university governance structures, policy development, and the responsibilities of Senate as a steward of academic standards and institutional accountability.

If elected, Michael's approach will be measured and collegial. He is committed to careful deliberation, transparency, and constructive participation in Senate's work. His goal is to support sound governance practices that strengthen the university as an institution while respecting the diverse perspectives and roles that make up the academic community.