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I graduated from the University of Toronto in 2008 and began contributing to the RCDSO shortly thereafter as a panel member for both the ICRC and Discipline Committees, as well as a Practice Advisor. After taking a brief break from regulatory work while building my dental practice, I returned to the RCDSO and have served as a non-Council member and ICRC panel chair since 2021. My professional experience has provided me with a broad understanding of dentistry from both clinical and practice-management perspectives. I was a partner in a large dental practice and specialty clinic until the practice was sold in 2018. This experience strengthened my skills in navigating the complex responsibilities involved in owning a dental practice, while delivering safe, ethical and patient-centred care. My regulatory work has given me valuable insight into professional standards and the role of the College in protecting the public. Serving on ICRC and Discipline panels has reinforced the importance of thoughtful, fair and evidence-informed decision-making, while my experience as a Practice Advisor allowed me to support dentists in understanding and meeting their professional obligations. I am the parent of a daughter with special needs and have become actively involved in advocating for medically compromised individuals and people with different abilities. These experiences have deepened my understanding of accessibility, inclusion and the barriers that can affect individuals when accessing health care. I believe strongly in equity, diversity, inclusion and fairness, and in ensuring that the perspectives and needs of diverse communities are considered in health care and professional regulation. I would welcome the opportunity to continue serving the RCDSO as a Council member and to contribute my regulatory and clinical experience, as well as my personal commitment to accessibility and inclusive health care, to the role. I believe these experiences would allow me to make a meaningful contribution to Council and I thank you for your consideration.