

## Candidate Statement for Abigail Abraham

As a candidate for the At Large position for the USA Archery Board of Directors I am seeking your support.

My archery experience is as a recurve competitor. While I learned to shoot in high school gym class, and had a brief competitive stint before I went to law school, it was in the early 2000s that I started to shoot on the national circuit. Archery is a sport that truly is a sport for life. It is possible to compete at a high level well past the time one is likely to have aged out for other sports. But it is also a tremendous sport for those not interested in such aggressive competition. While my personal interest is in Olympic recurve, I would like to see all aspects of archery supported and encouraged by USA Archery. Each archery format speaks to people differently, and they all have a place in growing the sport. Aside from the recurve side I enjoy, the US has depth in both the compound and para teams, and could encourage other disciplines as well.

I have worked in both the public and private sectors, as well as volunteered with nonprofits. My work as a lawyer has taught me the need and ability to be both analytical and persuasive. I would bring to the Board a ready availability to the members, an interest in representing the members, and a fresh perspective on the issues facing the Board as I have not yet been involved in USA Archery governance.

Of course my long term general goal is to ensure that the sport, and by extension its governing body, thrives. More concretely and immediately, I would like to ensure transparency in the processes by which the Board makes decisions, and ensure that the membership understands the consideration of the various factors that go into decision making. The membership should be assured that the Board has thoughtfully considered the competing needs of archery's diverse membership base. In addition, I would like to see more international opportunities publicized and more team options made available, even self-funded, for older archers. Furthermore I would like to work with the Board to develop more media interest in the national competitions and more sponsorship opportunities.

Thank you for considering me: if you honor me with your support I will do my very best to serve the archery community.

Sincerely,

Abigail Abraham

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2004-date     **Assistant Attorney General**, Illinois Attorney General's Office, Chicago, IL  
High Tech Crimes Bureau  
Prosecute computer and technology-related cases  
Draft and review technology-related legislation  
Lecture on technology and crime issues
- 1993-2004    **Assistant State's Attorney**, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, IL  
Special Prosecutions Bureau, Financial Crimes Unit, 1997-1998, 2000  
Prosecute computer and technology-related cases, and financial crimes  
Draft and review technology-related legislation  
Spokesperson for Office on technology crime  
Lecture on technology and crime issues  
One of the designers and authors of the CD Prosecuting Cases That Involve Computers.  
Technical Working Group Member, First Responder Guide  
Planning Panel/Technical Working Group Member, on educational standards for forensic examiners.  
Planning Panel/Technical Working Group Member, Tools and Techniques in the Investigation of Digital Evidence  
Drafted portions of computer crime statute, 720 ILCS 5/16D et seq.  
Leave of absence, 1998-2000  
Felony Trial Division, Felony Review Unit, 1996  
Approved charges for prosecution by the felony trial division  
Took statements from murder and other suspects, and witnesses for use in felony prosecutions  
Juvenile Bureau, 1994-1996  
Prosecuted juvenile offenders  
Tried over 100 bench trials  
Brought abuse and neglect actions to protect minors  
Appellate Division, 1993-1994  
Wrote briefs and argued before the Illinois Appellate Court
- 1988-date     **Adjunct Professor of Law**, The Law School, The University of Chicago  
Teach Cyberlaw to 2nd and 3rd year law students

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- 1986-date      **Computer security consultant**  
Teach law of computer and technology-related crime to prosecutors, police and computer security professionals for clients including Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Litton/TASC, SEARCH Group  
Author, *Multi-Jurisdictional Considerations in Computer Investigations* for National Institute of Justice, 1989  
Cyber Forensics and the Legal System in *Cyber Forensics: A Field Manual for Collecting, Examining, and Preserving Evidence of Computer Crimes*, Albert J. Marcella, Jr. and Robert S. Greenfield (eds.) (2002)
- 1980-2000      **Illinois State Police**  
**Legal Advisor**, Division of Forensics, 1999-2000  
Legal counsel for Division and with special emphasis on DNA issues  
**Bureau Chief**, Computer Crimes Investigation Bureau, 1998-1999  
Returned to State Police to re-create computer crime unit  
Administered \$300,000 grant from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention concerning Internet Crimes Against Children  
Responsible for computer and Internet investigations  
Responsible for computer forensics on internal and external cases  
Legal liaison with State's Attorney's Offices  
**Leave of Absence**, 1992-1998  
**Detective Sergeant**, Computer Crime Unit, 1986-1990  
Organized and developed unit responsible for statewide investigations of computer offenses  
Drafted portions of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 720 ILCS 5/16D  
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center: designed two-week computer fraud course; taught monthly telecommunications fraud seminar, 1989  
**Detective**, 1984-1986  
Investigated executive branch state employees  
**Trooper**, 1980-1984  
Uniformed patrol officer  
Crime scene technician
- 1992-93      **Law Clerk to the Honorable Danny J. Boggs**, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Louisville, KY  
Drafted opinions and bench memoranda for United States Court of Appeals judge