

**Viet Nguyen**  
**CASE Director-at-Large**

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I am running for the CASE Board to help our membership obtain fair salaries and benefits that we have been long denied. If elected, I will work with current incumbent CASE Officers President Tim O'Connor, Vice President Ryan Smith, Treasurer Rama Maline, Secretary Wade DiCosmo, and Directors Simon Hovakimian, Katherine Scott-Smith, and Yun Hwa Harper in aggressively seeking to achieve pay-parity with other legal professionals.

I am a Deputy Attorney General IV in the Department of Justice's Los Angeles Office, and have been a member of CASE since joining DOJ out of law school 18 years ago. As a career civil servant, I have had the honor of representing the People of the State of California. However, in accepting a job with the State, I had to sacrifice financially for that privilege. I do not believe that our members should have to continue to sacrifice to subsidize legal services for the State.

As part of my duties with DOJ, I have been involved in recruiting law students and working with interns. I have been fortunate enough to welcome some of my former interns as colleagues. However, for financial reasons, not all of them stayed with the State. With the high burdens of student loans and rising housing costs, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain a legal career in state service. If elected, I will fight for better pay and benefits so that working as a legal professional with the State will continue to be a viable career.