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Ashifa Dhanani is a values-driven leader who specializes in the "business of associations." With a career spanning public safety, post-secondary education, and the non-profit sector, Ashifa brings a rigorous, multidisciplinary perspective to the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers.

As Executive Director, her focus is on building the internal capacity and governance structures necessary to amplify the voice of legal aid practitioners. Ashifa's expertise lies in transforming grassroots organizations into high-impact professional bodies through listening carefully to the needs of members, strategic partnerships and sustainable operational growth.

Prior to this role, Ashifa served on the Parole Board of Canada. Her experience conducting complex risk assessments and navigating the justice system provides her with a firsthand understanding of the legal landscape and the critical importance of the work performed by our members.