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Lisa Feden joined Ballard as a recruiter in 2014. Prior to joining the firm, Lisa recruited undergraduate students to attend Drexel University's LeBow College of Business while simultaneously completing her MBA in Marketing. Outside of recruiting, Lisa enjoys focusing on wellness through fitness, tennis, cooking, traveling, and spending time with her dog Georgia.

Molly Perkins joined the recruiting team at Ballard in 2025 from Lane Powell where she oversaw attorney recruiting and integration since 2022. Previous recruiting experience includes 12 years at Perkins Coie on their partner acquisition team and time spent in-house at Nordstrom and Prologis. Molly's first legal recruiting experience was at a search firm. Outside of work, Molly enjoys seeing live music, supporting meaningful community causes, and spending time with her friends.



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J'lene Mortimer joined Ballard as a recruiter in 2024. Prior to joining the firm, J'lene worked as an outside legal recruiter at Lateral Link placing partners, counsels and associates. Prior to Lateral Link, J'lene worked as an associate at several Am Law 100 firms, including Jones Day, Quinn Emanuel and McGuireWoods. J'lene received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley and her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. Outside of recruiting, J'lene enjoys running, cooking, and spending time with her family and three dogs.

Hannah Eshleman started her career in recruiting at Ballard in 2022. She has a passion for helping people, and she is excited to support both the entry level recruiting and early career professional development efforts of the team. Hannah is not new to the legal industry, as she worked in legal billing and case management prior to joining the firm. Hannah enjoys spending time with her family, exercising, baking, and listening to podcasts.

Vaishnavi Naidu joined Ballard's recruiting team in 2025. She brings three years of recruiting experience, including full-cycle recruiting at a leading staffing agency. Prior to joining the firm, Vaishnavi worked in HR and Total Rewards, where she developed a deep understanding of employee engagement and benefits management. With a passion for helping find diverse talent, she is excited to contribute to Ballard's mission and culture. Outside of recruiting, Vaishnavi enjoys reading fiction, discovering new coffee shops, and traveling.



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Kylena Brooks joined the lateral recruiting team at Ballard in 2022 and transitioned into professional development shortly after. Prior to joining the firm, Kylena was a staffing coordinator for a children's services program at a non-profit organization and was excited to switch gears into the legal sector to gain new perspectives on the recruiting and onboarding processes. Outside of Ballard, Kylena enjoys coaching for a majorette dance team in Southwest Philadelphia.

Fariha Hossain embarked on her recruiting journey at Ballard in 2021. Prior to joining the firm, Fariha was an HR assistant in CUNY's central office and was eager to pivot into a new industry. Fariha enjoys traveling, painting, playing volleyball, and trying out new restaurants for her food blog.