

I'm a criminal trial and appeal lawyer that has been practising for over 20 years. I operate a small firm. I am running for an executive position. I've been on the Board for 8 years. And, of those 8 years, on the executive for 4 years (VP and now Secretary).

In my 8 years on the CLA, I've accomplished a lot with other hardworking volunteers. I intend to continue to expand high quality educational programming and events to bring our bar together to be stronger than ever.

I have been co-chairing the education committee. I am committed to legal education and regularly present at non-CLA events and am now teaching a law school course. In my role on the education committee, I managed to obtain CLA self-accreditation status for CPD from the LSO. We had failed in two previous attempts. This meant that I personally took over approving, redrafting, and submitting all CPD applications to ensure consistency. I advocated for us with the LSO. We are now self-accredited which is why our members no longer wait to the last minute to find out what EDI or Professionalism hours will be available for each conference we host.

I've been co-chairing the Fall conference for the last four years. Our 50th Annual Fall Conference was a great success!

Recently, I came up with the crafty idea to have a CPD event in Cancun. This gives our members that are interested a unique opportunity to learn and network while away on vacation (and presumably, but speak to your own tax professional, a write-off).

I was a driving force along with Jessyca Greenwood changing our By-Laws on how we elect our executive. Our by-laws were amended to encourage a more diverse group of people to run. We also implemented the changes to ensure fair representation of women and outside Toronto lawyers.

Here are some of my other contributions:

- Chaired the Diversity Committee for four years encouraging the involvement of many of our current members that are now actually on the Board.
- Lead the development of the Code of Conduct for the listserv bringing in the Ombudsperson to make the listserv more criminal law focused.
- Legal Aid Committee member.
- Past chair of the Legislation Committee.
- Past chair of Professional Responsibility Committee.
- Volunteered on the Gale Moot Cup Committee.
- Headed the CLA's endorsement campaign of Benchers in the 2020 LSO election.
- Current member of the Gale Cup Committee, Litigation Committee and Media Committee.
- Co-organized the first virtual conference (Spring Conference in 2020).

- Developed and hosted along with Alan D. Gold the free series of programming “Digital Mentoring” during the pandemic summer and fall of 2020.
- Participated in the first mock Zoom trial in March 2020 to see if we could get to “not guilty” with court in-person restrictions.

On the membership committee, I personally negotiated the following special rates for our members:

- Credit card processing with Pocket Payments.
- Rogers Enterprise Business Services for Cellular Phones.
- Telus Business Plan for cellular Phones.
- Goodlife Fitness and Equinox Fitness.