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## **Re: ELECTION PLATFORM**

Dear CLA Members,

I have spent one term as a CLA regional director for Sault Ste. Marie. Over the past few years I have had the pleasure of working with fellow directors and CLA members and the experience has been invaluable. I am also currently a co-chair of the accessibility committee which has taken significant steps, as of late, in identify what issues our members, or their clients, have struggled with in the past and what can be done to address these issues. I first became involved in the CLA in order to take advantage of all the resources that CLA has to offer the defence bar including listerv, spring/fall conferences amongst many others. At times being a criminal defence lawyer can seem overwhelming and a never ending fight against a system that has unlimited resources to throw at ensuring a conviction, no matter the cost. Whether it is monthly CLA meetings, conferences, committee meetings, there is something inspiring and rejuvenating about being involved in the CLA, as the realization sets in that you're not the only one on the front line. The CLA has without a doubt provided the tools and knowledge that I carry into any courtroom and I only hope I can contribute and give back to the CLA. Our strength is in numbers.

Yours Truly,



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