

**Breana Vandebeek**

If re-elected to serve on the CLA board as a Toronto Director, I will continue work hard to promote the interests of our members and organization.

For the past ten years I have practiced exclusively as a criminal defence lawyer. My practice includes both trials and appeals with a mix of private and legal aid clients. I am a member of the Pro Bono Inmate Appeal Program at the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

I have been a member of the CLA since my call to the bar and acted as a Toronto Director for the last two years. Last year I was a member of the Gale Moot Committee, the Litigation Committee and the Accessibility Committee.

I understand the difficulties that defence lawyers face. In particular, legal aid funding issues, lack of mentorship for young lawyers, and promoting diversity are important issues within the profession. I hope to advance these issues if I am elected as a director of the CLA.

I believe that based on my perspective and experience I can make a valuable contribution as a CLA director and I ask for your support.