

**Chris Raimondo**

I am a defence counsel practicing out of St. Catharines and was called to the bar in 2015. Prior to opening my own office in April 2017, I worked in a well-established general practice law firm in Niagara Falls. This will be my third term as the Niagara Director for the Criminal Lawyers Association and I will continue to work hard to promote the interests of defence counsel.

I have been a member of the CLA since I was a student. Over my first two terms as a CLA Board member, I sat on the Mentorship, Jails and Ethics Committees. Outside of the practice of law, I am involved with the Law Plus Program at Brock University which prepares undergraduate students for the law school application process.

I look forward to continuing to serve on various committees with the CLA, to advocate on behalf of defence counsel from Niagara and to ensure that all counsel are adequately compensated by LAO for their work.