

CLA Nomination Platform – Jolene Hansell – Ottawa Regional Director

I joined the Ottawa criminal defence bar after articling at Addario Law Group and clerking at the Ontario Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada. Ottawa has been my home for most of my adult life. I love being a member of this community of defence lawyers.

I am running to be one of the two CLA Ottawa Regional Directors to amplify our unique voices and experiences in practice within the Broader organization; to facilitate the sharing of best practices and resources between the CLA and the DACO (our local organization); and to lend my skills to an organization that helps to shape the criminal justice system in Canada. In my pre-law life, I was a communications officer for a small non-profit advocacy organization. I worked in collaboration with many other organizations to pursue social policy objectives. I am eager to lend those skill to the CLA in pursuit of the policies and systems that help us do our jobs better and better serve our clients.

I am committed to a collaborative approach to find creative solutions to the problems, big and small, that we face in practice and that our clients face in the criminal justice system more generally. My inbox is always open!