

## **Dawn Dickinson – Nomination Platform**

The future of our defence bar will be at its strongest if we invest in the mentorship of recent calls. I was called to the bar in Ottawa in 2022. From my experience, being able to rely on fellow recent calls for advice, while also having senior calls for mentorship has been a recipe for growth and development. As a nominee for the Recent Call Director – *Outside Toronto*, I aim to nurture the opportunities we already have for mentorship, and look beyond to see what else is possible. Having benefitted from learning from so many excellent lawyers, I'd like to ensure we are paying it forward, and making connections with Canadian law schools to ensure the incoming group of young lawyers feel supported as well. As recent calls, we are relatable leaders from incoming calls, and malleable minds for senior calls. Let's take advantage of the position we are in, and do all we can to contribute to the criminal defence bar. I would appreciate the opportunity to represent recent calls, outside of Toronto with these goals in mind!