My name is Cassandra Richards. I work at Hale Criminal Law Office based in Ottawa. My practice takes me outside of Ottawa, and sometimes to Quebec and Nunavut. I am really excited at the thought of being part of the CLA and particularly as a Rep for Ottawa and its surrounding areas. Ottawa is a community I know well and love. We have lots of great projects happening in the Ottawa area for lawyers and those interacting with our criminal system alike.

I am equally a junior executive director on the local defence association of Ottawa (DCAO). I plan to ensure constant communication between both organizations. I am looking forward to working on projects that strength our young defence bar and increase our numbers. I am eager to bring my creativity, bilingualism and passion for my community to the CLA.