

DENIZ SARIKAYA
CANDIDATE PLATFORM FOR TORONTO DIRECTOR

Short Bio

Deniz Sarikaya is a criminal lawyer from Toronto who is committed to the profession and building a justice system that supports the needs of the criminal defence bar. He is an advocate for the use of technology in the courts, mental health of the defence bar, and ensuring that the courts accommodate a defence bar which consists of thriving small businesses.

Deniz received his B.A. from York University in 2002 and his LL.B. from Dalhousie in 2007. He has practiced criminal law since graduating from law school. He is an enthusiastic Raptors fan, and he has a golden retriever named Elle (after Elle Woods).

CLA Toronto Director

In the past, Deniz has volunteered to attend security committee meetings on behalf of the CLA. These meetings are an opportunity to voice salient concerns for the defence bar and more importantly a source of information which needs to be relayed to the bar. As a candidate, Deniz is committed to attending meetings, to be involved with various committees, and to inform the local bar of all developments.

The role of director carries an expectation of collegiality and to be helpful to the local bar. Our concerns need to be voiced and we need to be aware of all the changes to how we practice. Please reach out to talk to Deniz anytime, he is happy to set up a call or a meeting to share your thoughts about how to improve our practice.