

I run a small firm with a substantial number of Legal Aid clients. I understand the financial and personal pressures placed on the defence bar in Toronto. As one of the CLA reps for 361 University since 2020, I have advocated to reduce the increasing demands placed on us.

Every year we lose talented lawyers many of whom are women and/or are from racialized communities. As an organization we need to do more to support junior and mid-career lawyers and ensure that they feel welcome not just as members but also to take leadership positions in the CLA.

We have entered a moment when the public is alive to the inequalities in the criminal justice system and its increasing bureaucratic problems. The CLA has an important role to play in connecting the dots between these two issues for both the public and for government.

Since I was elected to the CLA Board in 2021 I have acted as co-chair of the membership committee, as a member of the litigation committee, and as a mentor through the CLA membership program. I am eager to continue to contribute.

Good luck to all the other candidates.