

Michael Davies
Candidate for Executive Position

I am running for one of the positions on the Executive as someone from “outside of Toronto” and am seeking your support.

I have been practicing criminal law since being called to the bar in 1995. I practice in Ottawa with my law partner Meaghan McMahon as Davies McMahon LLP. I previously practiced with Bayne Sellar Boxall and later with James Foord.

Our practice at Davies McMahon LLP includes both trials and appeals at all levels of court, in addition to appearing before the Ontario Review Board. Our three-lawyer firm predominantly represents clients assisted by Legal Aid Ontario. The majority of those clients are dealing with serious mental health challenges. Although centered in Ottawa, we represent clients across the East Region, including L’Orignal, Pembroke, Brockville, Cornwall, and Kingston.

I teach advanced criminal procedure at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law. I have been a member of the National Criminal Law Program Faculty since 2013. I have also been invited to speak at several education events for judges and defence counsel.

I was previously a member of the CLA Board for several years as an Ottawa area director. I appreciate the work and time commitment that goes into being a Board member.

I am running for the Executive this term to ensure that my colleagues outside of Toronto have experienced and effective representation in our organization.

To those of you practicing outside Toronto – my goal is to make the relationship between you and the CLA Executive more direct, transparent and accountable. This means making sure you have regular updates on the Executive’s activities and ensuring that you have a direct line – through me – to express any concerns that you may have. The CLA belongs to every member in Ontario, whether they practice in downtown Toronto, the remotest corners of our province or somewhere in between.

To those of you in Toronto – I am confident that you will agree that a representative Executive will include at least one member from outside the 416 and 905 area codes. I believe the CLA is at its best and most effective when it represents those who practice criminal law in every region of this province. We are stronger when we act with one voice. I would be grateful for your support.

I look forward to representing your interests and am always happy for you to contact me to discuss your issues and concerns, whether by phone at (613) 866-0535 or email michael@dmlp.ca. Thank you for your time.