

For my first three years of practice, I worked for sole practitioners. I had to figure many things out on my own. I did not have a group of associates my age to rely on for support or for little things like the code to the robing room.

I joined the Recent Call Committee to contribute to the legal profession's tradition of mentorship and to provide recent calls with the help and guidance I had lacked.

As a Recent Call Committee Member, I organised the Court and Cocktails event in April 2022 which allowed new lawyers to tour the Court of Appeal for Ontario after hours and get a sense of the lay of the land without the pressure of an impending court appearance.

I also organised and chaired the panel on in-person advocacy at the 2022 Recent Call Conference. At the time, the courts were just starting to resume in person proceedings and the vast majority of the recent calls from 2020 – 2022 only really had Zoom court experience.

I hope to be able to continue this work as Recent Call Director. I want to ensure that recent calls have access to interesting, current and affordable CPD programs as well as new activities that encourage them to come out, meet each other and establish connections. I would ensure the needs of recent calls are heard by the Board, and that recent calls have as much of the resources they need to succeed in their practice.