

I care deeply about the issues that affect my peers in the defence bar. I am running for CLA executive to continue my advocacy on behalf of the profession, our clients, and our shared values, in courts, government and with the public. I have been a longstanding member of the CLA, serving on various committees (Litigation, Legislation, Governance, Women, and Media) and as Women's Director for the last two years. If elected, I will work to ensure that the defence bar has a powerful voice in the decision-making that intimately affects our interests, in particular fair compensation and accommodation within the court system. I have consistently gone to bat for our membership, individually and collectively, for accommodation and fair treatment when experiencing issues around caregiving, health, and mental health. Reducing these and other barriers to practice is integral to a thriving, vibrant, and diverse bar. I am particularly committed to this organization's public advocacy role –through our intervention work, public engagement, government relations, and public education / media relations. I have participated in all of these aspects of the CLA, in pursuit of advancing our shared values and the interests of the vulnerable populations we serve. Finally, the criminal bar is distinguished by a congenial environment rooted in education and mentorship. I am proud to be a member of this bar and of the work I have done through the CLA to organize unique CPD, mentorship and networking events that bring us together, including the inaugural and second annual women's gala.