

I am Tonya Kent and I'm running for the Toronto Director position. I have been active with the CLA since 2017, starting as a volunteer on the Recent Call Committee for two terms, spanning four years. I was also the Recent Call Director for the past two years. As a Director, I organized two successful conferences and CPD sessions, including the start of lengthier CPD series that were very well attended. I am also an active member of the Women's, Membership, and Diversity Committees.

As part of the Membership Committee, I secured a valuable discount for our members with Lexis Nexis and had a hand in organizing the Summer Social that was a huge success in August. I hope to continue to innovate the way we do things to interest to benefit our current membership and attract new members. With my experience on the Board, I recognize the importance of being accessible to the membership to ensure members feel comfortable expressing concerns or new ideas.

If selected as Toronto Director, I plan to continue to contribute meaningfully to various committees and ensure members of our bar derive tangible benefits from membership with the CLA. I am never afraid to speak my mind and if elected, I will ensure to advocate for the members at board meetings and raise concerns without hesitation. Diverse voices and opinions are important and I'm excited for the chance to continue meaningful work with the CLA to ensure continued growth of the organization.