

It has been a privilege to serve as Toronto Director and chair the Legal Aid Committee for the last two years. I am seeking your support to continue to be a strong voice for the defence.

In my platform two years ago, I committed to the extensive work with Legal Aid needed to hopefully obtain long-overdue results. We have built an excellent relationship with LAO and I attended all of our frequent meetings with them. With persistence, our concerns remained 'on the radar'.

LAO listened. On October 16, the first phase of historic tariff reform was officially implemented. The current and anticipated changes are based upon extensive recommendations we drafted.

These reforms are the beginning of positive movement, after years of stagnation. Our meetings with LAO remain ongoing and encouraging. With your support, I intend to build upon our work, while ensuring certificates and eligibility are not cut to fund any changes. Reform must be real, and we must remain vigilant.

I've been in the 'trenches' for over 30 years and proudly accept legal aid. I will continue to work tirelessly and listen to the concerns and issues of all our members.

My candidacy is not restricted to these issues. I actively serve on other Committees. And there are urgent problems at the New Courthouse and "Bail Centre". Our voice was strong when there were six courthouses. We need to ensure our voice is still heard loud and clear and is not lost amidst the sheer size of the mega-court.