



The Honourable Justice Lori Anne Thomas
Judge of the Ontario Court of Justice

Justice Lori Anne Thomas was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice in 2020. She currently enjoys long walks with short legs to the 10 Armoury courtrooms.

Before her appointment, Her Honour was a criminal defence lawyer and on the CLA Board since 2015 as a Toronto Director and Assistant Secretary. On the CLA, Justice Thomas had various roles: Co-chair of the Education Committee, the Annual Conference, the Diversity Committee, and co-chair of the Court Practice Committee (where she enjoyed her free time at New Toronto Courthouse meetings discussing the options for support iguanas coming to the courthouse).

Justice Thomas is a former president of the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers. As President, she expanded the organization's roles, leading it to its first interventions at the Supreme Court and the Ontario Court of Appeal. Further, she advocated with the Federal Government to address laws that discriminate against Black Canadians.

As a lawyer, Justice Thomas managed a program that assisted unrepresented individuals on Summary Conviction appeals and was a course instructor with the TMU Law Practice Program.