RECENT CALL COMMITTEE

THREE key accomplishments in the last 12-months:

- Joint Junior Crown/Defence Mixer - approximately 100 recent calls and young Crown Attorneys attended a social mixer on July 23, 2026 at Duke of Cornwall to create professional connections and promote collegiality in the defence bar.
- Virtual Office Hours Drop-in Sessions - A series designed to give Recent Calls the opportunity to receive guidance on a current file from a senior lawyer in a breakout room. The Recent Call Committee hosted one session in April with Dan Brown Law and another in September with Henein Hutchison Robitaille LLP
- Quarterly informal and unsanctioned socials - The Recent Call Committee hosted informal socials in both January and May 2026 in Toronto. These events aimed to promote a sense of community in the defence bar and gave young lawyers an opportunity to meet other defence lawyers outside the courthouse.

THREE key initiatives underway:

- Expanding the formal and informal socials to other jurisdictions in Ontario
- Further CPD programming and mentorship opportunities, including possible stand alone CPD events on a narrow topic geared towards Recent Calls, and the continuation of the Virtual Office Hours series.
- Partnering with other Committees, such as the Membership, Diversity, and Women's Committees to develop further opportunities for mentorship and community-building.

To become involved, please email: recentcall@criminallawyers.ca

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