

# CHARLES BOULAKIA

cboulakia@ridoutmaybee.com

| Region  | Incumbency       | Slate or Coalition Affiliation | Law Association Membership |
|---------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Toronto | Not An Incumbent | Unaffiliated                   | None                       |

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| LiRN Funding and Libraries   |     |
| Will you support the Law Society maintaining its current level of funding for LiRN, adjusted annually for inflation?   | Yes |
| Do you recognize the importance of the Law Society’s support for the LiRN budget in maintaining licensee competence across Ontario?  | Yes |
| Access to competent justice, across Ontario, should be a primary focus of the LSO.   |     |
| If you are an incumbent, do you regret voting to cut the LiRN budget by 10% in November 2020?  | N/A |
| N/A - not an incumbent.  |     |
| Do you support offloading funding for LiRN/law libraries to the Law Foundation of Ontario?   | No  |
| I think the LSO should be helping with the funding of law libraries. It is not sufficient to pass this responsibility on to the Law Foundation of Ontario, whose primary purpose (as I understand it) is the funding of legal aid. That said, I am not highly educated on the issue and may need more information. |     |

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Legal Aid Funding  |     |
| Will you advocate for Legal Aid Ontario funding improvement and sustainability to ensure that being a Legal Aid-empanelled lawyer remains a viable area of practice for the private bar?                                 | Yes |
| 👉 If you answered “yes”, how?  |     |
| Not sure. I don't know enough about how the system works - I've never been a bencher. I do think the Law Society's mandate should have a strong focus on access to justice, and perhaps less of a focus on other things. |     |
| Please describe efforts that you believe should be undertaken by the Law Society to advocate for investment in LAO and increased financial allocation to LAO from the provincial and federal governments’ budgets.       |     |
| No response provided.  |     |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Paralegal Scope of Practice   |     |
| On December 1, 2022, Convocation approved the Family Legal Service Provider (FLSP) license to allow paralegals who complete specified training to assist clients with certain family law services. The FLSP is to be reviewed in 3 years. Should paralegals’ scope of practice be expanded? |     |
| No, it should remain as it was prior to December 1, 2022  |     |
| 👉 If you answered “yes”, in what ways, why, and what additional training (if any) should be required of paralegals?   |     |
| No response was required.   |     |
| Lawyer licensees pay an annual competency levy as part of their annual fees that contributes towards LiRN, which funds courthouse libraries. Would you support a requirement for paralegals to also pay an annual competency levy?  | Yes |
| Paralegals are being given increased roles and responsibilities; they will need increased use of libraries and practice resource centres.   |     |

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Law Association Involvement  |  |
| When did you become a member of each of the associations you selected above? Which board or executive roles, if any, have you served in as part of these associations? Please list relevant dates and roles. |  |
| Not a member of a county or district law association.  |  |
| Why are you a member of each of the associations you selected above?   |  |
| Not a member of a county or district law association.  |  |