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Region	Incumbency	Slate or Coalition Affiliation	Law Association Membership
Toronto	Incumbent	Unaffiliated	Toronto

LiRN Funding and Libraries	
Will you support the Law Society maintaining its current level of funding for LiRN, adjusted annually for inflation?	No
Do you recognize the importance of the Law Society’s support for the LiRN budget in maintaining licensee competence across Ontario?	Yes
I’d increase the funding to LiRn	
If you are an incumbent, do you regret voting to cut the LiRN budget by 10% in November 2020?	No
We cut expenses across the Board as an emergency response to the Pandemic. We returned funding when the coast was clear.	
Do you support offloading funding for LiRN/law libraries to the Law Foundation of Ontario?	No
I don’t accept the premise of your question. You can walk and chew gum at the same time. The motion to get the LFO to support libraries has been misconstrued by the Cool Kids. The motion was to give another revenue stream to libraries.	

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?	
LSO should pick Benchers splinted to the LAO Board based on whether that person will support sustainability and funding for LAO instead appointing one of their Cool Kid friends.	
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.	
See my answer to 17. The Law Society’s core role is competence and discipline. The LSO appoints a representative to the LAO Board. Through that person it can speak to these issues.	

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?	
It should be expanded no further than the FLSP	
👉 If you answered “yes”, in what ways, why, and what additional training (if any) should be required of paralegals?	
No response was required, but the candidate wrote: This question is not fair. I had to select an answer to move in. We’ll see in three years. Look at the data and decide. I don’t have an ideological axe to grind. Your question prejudices what will happen three years.	
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
If paralegals want to use law libraries then they should pay for law libraries.	

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.	
No response provided.	
Why are you a member of each of the associations you selected above?	
I use the library at the courthouse.	