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Region	Incumbency	Slate or Coalition Affiliation	Law Association Membership
Toronto	Not An Incumbent	FullStop	Toronto

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
<i>I believe libraries are essential services especially for sole practitioners, small firms and articling students who may not have the funds to subscribe to costly legal search engines such as westlaw. I've relied heavily on them throughout my career and believe they are an asset that need to be protected.</i>	
If you are an incumbent, do you regret voting to cut the LiRN budget by 10% in November 2020?	N/A
<i>N/A - not an incumbent.</i>	
Do you support offloading funding for LiRN/law libraries to the Law Foundation of Ontario?	No
<i>I believe LSO should provide budget and funding for these essential services.</i>	

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
<i>If you answered “yes”, how?</i>	
<i>I was a criminal defence lawyer for 14 years, I believe access to justice includes having access to a competent lawyer, for many people that means lawyers funded by legal aid Ontario, to make this viable those lawyers need to be paid fairly and adequately, so that they can present a well prepared thoughtful and competent defence.</i>	
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.	
<i>Outreach to other community partners as well as government discussing and explaining the importance of legal aid and seeking funding for it.</i>	

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?	
<i>No, it should remain as it was prior to December 1, 2022</i>	
<i>If you answered “yes”, in what ways, why, and what additional training (if any) should be required of paralegals?</i>	
<i>No response was required.</i>	
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?	No
<i>Lawyers tend to make more lucrative salaries then paralegals, I am also not sure how often paralegals would use these resources, if i had to guess I would say lawyers use it more often , and paralegals not as much.</i>	

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.	
<i>Member in 2017, Board Member 2018 until Dec 2022</i>	
Why are you a member of each of the associations you selected above?	
<i>I love the Toronto Lawyer's Association because they are smaller, more accessible and have practical programs, lots of great value for the benefits that they provide.</i>	