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Region	Incumbency	Slate or Coalition Affiliation	Law Association Membership
Toronto	Incumbent	FullStop	None

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
Benchers must be vigilant with Licensee dues and Law Society resources by regularly monitoring what Licensees' fund including transfers to 3rd parties like LiRN. Until paralegals are permitted full use of all law libraries, LiRN funding will have the shadow of inequity hanging over it. A review of funding for LiRN should not be restricted to simply maintaining its current level of funding without considering increases.	
If you are an incumbent, do you regret voting to cut the LiRN budget by 10% in November 2020?	No
During the COVID lockdowns the Law Society restricted its financial footprint on the professions and the public to decrease and defer dues for licensees. Services and programs were re-examined, reduced, or discontinued requiring everyone including 3rd par	
Do you support offloading funding for LiRN/law libraries to the Law Foundation of Ontario?	No
I support the Law Foundation of Ontario returning to its historical legislative purpose of supporting law libraries in Ontario, and encourage FOLA to petition the Law Foundation for additional funding for LiRN to supplement the support from the Law Society.	

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?	
No response provided.	
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?	
Yes, it should be expanded.	
👉 If you answered “yes”, in what ways, why, and what additional training (if any) should be required of paralegals?	
I have published my thoughts on this subject in Canadian Lawyer Magazine - https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/news/opinion/stop-the-regulatory-turf-wars-between-lawyers-and-paralegals/364350	
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 FOLA members will permit Paralegals access to all law libraries, paralegals in Ontario would likely be pleased to assist in funding the resource.	

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?	
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