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Region	Incumbency	Slate or Coalition Affiliation	Law Association Membership
Toronto	Incumbent	Good Governance Coalition	Toronto, York

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 cannot stress the importance of law libraries as I said in [the above question]. Its just not the physical spaces but places to develop relationships. Whenever I would conduct a trial out of town it was often the libraries or associations that I would get to meet and connect with local counsel. Those places are important hubs.</i>	
If you are an incumbent, do you regret voting to cut the LiRN budget by 10% in November 2020?	Yes
<i>November 2020 was a very challenging time for the LSO and the world. We had no idea what the future was going to bring and at the time I believed it was the correct decision.</i>	
Do you support offloading funding for LiRN/law libraries to the Law Foundation of Ontario?	No
<i>Absolutely not. Firstly the Law Foundation has an independent board who benchers do not and cannot control. I know one of the FullStop candidates said they appoint trustees to the law foundation who will insist on the foundation funding law libraries. They cannot. Secondly this is the responsibility of the LSO.</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
👉 If you answered “yes”, how?	
<i>I have been the LSO lawyer bencher representative to ASLA for some time. We need to get the message across that a self represented litigant is never a good idea. In fact it creates a horrible inequitable situation. In addition the obvious reality is that it is much more costly to the system as a whole when one party does not have a lawyer and is forced to act for themselves than simply providing them a lawyer. Though I fully see the importance of staff duty counsel this can never be a substitute for the certificate lawyer.</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>The LSO should continue at trying to convince the government the simple economics of the situation that it is simply cheaper to fund lawyers than allow someone to be self represented. I have been making this argument for some time. I strongly feel with COVID backlogs still in place we are in an ideal situation to get some traction.</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>It should be expanded no further than the FLSP</i>	
👉 If you answered “yes”, in what ways, why, and what additional training (if any) should be required of paralegals?	
<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?	Yes
<i>No response provided.</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>No response provided.</i>	
Why are you a member of each of the associations you selected above?	
<i>I believe law libraries and local law associations are incredibly important to all lawyers. Especially sole practitioners and those who practice outside of the GTA. I have been a sole practitioner for almost the entirety of my career. My office is in Toronto it is important to be a member of my local association. I joined York as when I was in Newmarket I often used their facilities ie. lawyers lounge and library and was happy to pay for it.</i>	