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# BENCHER ELECTION

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Class Actions  
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Counsel to the former Attorney  
General of Ontario at the Ipperwash  
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**MEMBER:**  
Essex County Law Association  
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### THE LAST FOUR YEARS

I was privileged to be elected as a bencher in 2011. Over the last 4 years I served as Chair of Interjurisdictional Mobility Committee; Vice-Chair of Professional Development & Competence Committee; Member of the Alternative Business Structures (ABS) Working Group, Articling Task Force, Professional Authorization Committee, Professional Regulation Committee, Paralegal Standing Committee, Priority and Planning Committee, and Mentoring Task Force; and as a director of LibraryCo.

I am most proud of my work on the Articling Task Force where I co-authored the Minority Report and voted against the LPP structure. I am also grateful that I had the opportunity to vote against the accreditation of Trinity Western University (TWU) in Ontario.

### ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS STRUCTURES (ABS)

As a member of the ABS Working Group I share the concerns expressed by many of you. I also recognize that much of what is of concern about ABS is already being practiced in Ontario in indirect ways. I believe that we must be at the forefront in regulating it. The process has only begun and I seek the opportunity to complete the work I have started as a member of the ABS Working Group.

### ACCESS TO JUSTICE

One of the core values the LSUC must promote is greater and more affordable access to legal services for the public, regardless of income bracket or geographical location. To ensure that the legal system works for everyone, we must support sole practitioners and small firms across all of Ontario who dedicate their practices to public interest work.

### FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The fees charged place a financial burden on many members of our profession. The LSUC must work efficiently to avoid unnecessary expenditures and unduly high fees.

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