

News Release

Law Society AGM votes against motion for a proposal to replace current articling system with mandatory, random placements

Toronto — Licensees attending the Law Society’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Osgoode Hall, May 13, soundly defeated a proposed motion seeking to place qualified law students in articling positions by random selection.

Submitted to the AGM by a group of 15 lawyers, the motion proposed that each law firm with eight or more lawyers accept and provide articles of clerkship to the law students it is assigned — and that firms with seven or fewer lawyers may apply to be assigned one or more articling students.

The motion also requested that the Law Society set the pay scale, salary and other employment benefits and terms for articling students, and set other terms and conditions to ensure the articling period is one of mentoring, training, acquiring experience and absorbing the tenets of integrity of the profession — and not primarily for careerism, nor exploitation, nor marginalization.

As the motion failed, no further action by the Law Society respecting the motion is required.

[More information](#) about motions and the AGM are available.

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