

has been incredibly beneficial. OTLA keeps me informed of changes in the legislation, exposes me to areas of litigation I wouldn't normally engage in, connects me to other members across Ontario with skills and knowledge that can be accessed through the chat line (Listserve), brings me relevant and timely continuing legal education, provides precedents and other materials for guidance and use, provides practical opinions on third party standards, and informs me of charitable efforts of the organization and other members, just to name a few. I wouldn't have the level of expertise and knowledge I now possess if not for my OTLA membership. I consider it invaluable.

4. Have you actively participated in OTLA?

I have written two articles for *The Litigator*, and will speak for the first time at this year's fall conference.

5. Is there anything that you would like to see OTLA do to enhance the membership experience?

I have been pleased with OTLA's efforts over the course of my membership and trust the organization knows better than I do about enhancing membership experiences and the organization's profile.

6. Where do you see OTLA heading in the next 25 years?

I see OTLA continuing to fight to protect the rights of injured plaintiffs (especially to prevent the erosion of benefits and recourse available to injured parties of MVAs). I also see OTLA continuing to provide CLE programs, promoting membership

involvement, challenging government to retain and improve access to justice for injured plaintiffs, providing bike helmets for kids, and forming an engaged and supportive network for all those in Ontario who work to represent vulnerable people.



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1. What is it that attracted you to work in the personal injury plaintiff field of practice?

I did not choose personal injury as my field of practice; it chose me! I knew I wanted to work in civil litigation but given that I was suddenly pregnant, I was happy to get an articling job anywhere. Turns out that not only did I end up articling for an amazing litigator who has been an amazing mentor, but I also ended up loving this area of practice and decided to stick with it. Three children and several years later, I still continue to absolutely love getting up in the morning to go to work knowing that I get to meet new and interesting people as well as positively impact the lives of my clients.

2. When did you join OTLA and what are some of the main reasons that motivated you to join?

I joined OTLA as an articling student because I was told I had to by Jack Fireman.

3. How has your OTLA membership benefitted you and your clients?

The conference speakers and materials, the OTLA chatline (Listserve), and the networking opportunities, are all invaluable. I continue to review materials and emails for reference on new issues or issues I haven't looked at in a while.

4. Have you actively participated in OTLA?

I have published articles for *The Litigator*, spoken at OTLA conferences and sat on panels for the New Lawyers Division and the Women's Caucus. It gives me great pleasure to provide guidance and insight to OTLA members as I feel that I'm returning a favour to all those OTLA members that have assisted me over the years.

5. Is there anything that you would like to see OTLA do to enhance the membership experience?

I believe that OTLA should take a greater role in educating the public on the law and changes to the law that members of the public don't realize exist until they require assistance in their greatest time of need. In particular, I am talking about educating the public on accident benefits, the deductible and the threshold.

6. Where do you see OTLA heading in the next 25 years?

It's difficult to predict where OTLA will be in the next 25 years given the numerous unknowns that face us, in particular with respect to motor vehicle law. If OTLA continues on the trajectory that it has followed over the past 25 years, then I am certain it will remain a strong and close-knit organization.