



RE-ELECT

Christopher Bredt

CANDIDATE FOR **BENCHER** | TORONTO

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Bencher since 2008, served as:

Co-Chair, Audit & Finance Committee;
Co-Chair, Government Relations Committee

Member, Governance Task Force,
Tribunal Reform Task Force, Priority
& Planning Committee

Vice-Chair, Appeal Panel, Member,
Hearing Panel (bilingual, adjudicator
on French language hearings)

Adjunct Professor, Osgoode Hall
Law School

Past Chair, OBA Constitutional and
Administration Law Sections

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Past Chair, Canadian Organization for
Development through Education (CODE) –
a charity focused on women's and
children's literacy in Africa

Ambassador, Flip Your Wig for
Justice Campaign

BACKGROUND

Partner, practicing Corporate/
Commercial and Public Law Litigation
with Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Education

B.A./LL.B., U.W.O.; LL.M., Yale;
D.S.U., Université de Paris (II).
Called to Bar, 1984

Law Clerk

Supreme Court of Canada

Served as Assistant Deputy Minister

Intergovernmental Affairs and ADM
Constitutional Policy for Ontario during
the Meech Lake and Charlottetown
constitutional negotiations

Both the public interest and the interest of the profession are served by an independent and self-governing Bar that strives to improve access to justice and maintains high standards of professionalism. Through my experience in private practice, as a senior public servant, as an adjunct professor, and more recently as a Bencher, I have made significant contributions to the governance of our profession. I have been, and will continue to be, a strong voice for reform in Convocation.

What People are Saying

Chris is a thoughtful and courageous member of our profession. He is knowledgeable, dedicated and willing to listen. Even lawyers who may disagree with him at times know that they can count on his integrity. He has my vote.

NATHALIE DES ROSIERS (Dean, University of Ottawa Law School)

Chris is a hardworking and thoughtful Bencher. He has been a strong advocate for greater transparency and accountability in the governance of the Law Society and a consistent voice for reform.

CAROL HARTMAN (Bencher, Sudbury)

I have known and worked with Chris for many years. He is an excellent counsel who practices law with integrity and the highest standards of professionalism. He is ideally suited to continuing to serve our profession as a Bencher.

THE HONOURABLE DENNIS O'CONNOR Q.C. (Counsel BLG)

For close to twenty years, Chris has been a mentor and sponsor, connecting me to his network, offering advice and advocating on my behalf. He takes his role as a champion seriously because he understands the professional challenges that many women face. I am delighted to support his candidacy for Bencher.

DEBORAH GILLIS (President and CEO, Catalyst)

A fine counsel, thoughtful and public-spirited, with a commitment to legal education. These qualities will continue to serve him well as a Bencher.

PETER HOGG, Q.C. (Professor Emeritus, Osgoode Hall Law School)

Chris represents one of the best and brightest of the current benchers. He has enthusiastically taken on some of the most challenging and important tasks at the Law Society. I wholeheartedly support his re-election as a Bencher.

MARK SANDLER (Bencher, Toronto)

I am proud once again to support Chris Bredt for Bencher. Chris brings the experience and judgment needed to navigate today's uncertainties, but also the vision to see the opportunities that lie ahead. He has demonstrated dedicated leadership, and a commitment to reform in areas of access to justice and good governance, among many others.

LORNE SOSSIN (Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School)

Chris Bredt is committed to the rights and freedoms that anchor our democracy. He has represented the Canadian Civil Liberties Association on leading cases. He is an excellent lawyer who gives generously of his expertise and time to causes he believes in and embodies the best of the legal profession.

SUKANYA PILLAY (Executive Director and General Counsel Canadian Civil Liberties Association)

Christopher Brett

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A Track Record Of Reform

As a Bencher since 2008, I have been a strong voice for reform at the Law Society. Some of the key areas of reform in which I have been involved include:

- **Access to Justice** – Establishment of TAG – The Advisory Group on Access to Justice.
- **Tribunal Reform** – Reforms include the establishment of a new tribunal structure and the hiring of a full-time non-Bencher Chair.
- **Governance Reform** – Reforms include term limits and eliminating the role of life Benchers – these reforms led to a younger and more diverse group of Benchers.
- **Fiscal Reform** – Reforms have focused on fiscal prudence.

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY: A MORE INCLUSIVE PROFESSION

We must expand opportunities for women, racialized minorities and Aboriginal peoples and look to practical solutions to effect change. I supported the recommendations of the Working Group on the retention of Women in Private Practice, and the establishment of a Working Group on the Challenges Faced by Racialized Licensees.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: SUSTAINABLE LEGAL AID

The Law Society must be at the forefront of working towards a sustainable Legal Aid program.

REGULATION OF THE PROFESSION: PROTECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The public interest and the interest of the profession are both served by an independent and self-governing bar that strives to improve access to justice and maintains high standards of professionalism. We need to be cautious on alternative business structures (ABS). We also need to do more to ensure competence on entry into the profession.

PRO BONO: THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING BACK

I have acted on a pro bono basis in a number of constitutional cases, including cases on behalf of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, LGBTQ communities, and adoptive parents. The Law Society must show leadership in encouraging and developing pro bono legal programs.

LAWYERS IN SMALLER FIRMS AND COMMUNITIES: EXPAND SERVICE

Sole practitioners and lawyers practicing in smaller firms and communities face unique challenges. The Law Society must expand its level of service, including support of local libraries and creating accessible continuing education.

ENDORSEMENTS INCLUDE:

LARRY BANACK
PAST CHAIR, LAW COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

TONY BELCOURT
PAST PRESIDENT, MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

PROFESSOR JAMIE CAMERON
OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL

EARL CHERNIAK, Q.C.
PAST BENCHER

TOM CONWAY
PAST TREASURER (OTTAWA)

PASCALE DAIGNEAULT
PAST PRESIDENT, OBA

PROFESSOR ADAM DODEK
UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA LAW SCHOOL

ALAN D. GOLD
BENCHER (TORONTO)

MARIE HENEIN
TORONTO

JACQUELINE HORVAT
BENCHER (WINDSOR)

VERN KRISHNA, Q.C.
PAST TREASURER, OTTAWA

JANET LEIPER
BENCHER (TORONTO)

GAVIN MACKENZIE
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DERRY MILLAR
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LAY BENCHER (TORONTO)

ALAN SILVERSTEIN
BENCHER (CENTRAL EAST)

HARVEY STROSBERG, Q.C.
PAST TREASURER, WINDSOR

JOE SULLIVAN
BENCHER (HAMILTON)

BEN ZARNETT
PAST PRESIDENT, ADVOCATES' SOCIETY



Chris led climbs of Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2006, 2010 and 2014 that raised over \$2 million for CODE's (Canadian Organization for Development through Education) children's literacy programs in Tanzania.