

**X****2015****BENCHER ELECTION  
ÉLECTION DES MEMBRES DU CONSEIL**

October 2014

Dear Colleague:

**Re: 2015 Bencher Election**

The next bencher election is scheduled for April 30, 2015. The election is conducted in accordance with the *Law Society Act* and By-Law 3 made pursuant to the *Law Society Act*. See By-Law 3 for complete details.

As members of Convocation, benchers deal with matters related to the governance of the Law Society and the regulation of Ontario's lawyers and paralegals. Benchers dedicate an average of 31 days a year to Law Society business. This includes sitting on hearings as an appointee to the Law Society Tribunal, attending monthly committee and Convocation meetings and attending calls to the Bar. Benchers are remunerated for some of their services and are reimbursed for expenses.

Lawyers interested in running for bencher must file their nomination with the Law Society by the close of nominations on February 13, 2015. The [nomination package](#) for the 2015 Bencher Election includes the following documents:

- Candidate Instructions
- Nomination Form
- By-Law 3
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Standard Candidate Page Format for the Voting Guide
- Fillable Candidate Page for the Voting Guide

The completed nomination form, photograph, biographical information and election statement must be received in the Office of the Elections Officer at the Law Society at Osgoode Hall, Toronto by 5:00 p.m. EST on February 13, 2015. See the Candidate Instructions for full details.

I strongly urge all bencher candidates to submit their nomination material well in advance of the deadline. This will allow them to address any deficiencies in the material prior to the close of nominations on February 13.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Elections Officer at 416-947-3404 or 1-877-947-3404, or by email at [bencherelection@lsuc.on.ca](mailto:bencherelection@lsuc.on.ca).

Yours truly,

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