

## **Bencher Election Policy**

1. No financial support will be provided to any future candidates running for Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario.
2. The Hamilton Law Association recognizes the value of having elected Benchers from our area and wishes to encourage our members to seek this office. The Hamilton Law Association retains the discretion to endorse one or more candidates for Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario in the future. Members seeking endorsement of the HLA Board of Trustees, or their representative, may appear as a delegation at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.
3. The Hamilton Law Association retains the discretion to support cross-endorsements to support the election of our own candidates for Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario in the future.

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