

Who We Are

The Toronto Lawyers Association is dedicated to lawyers. We advocate on behalf of our members by voicing their concerns to relevant organizations, governments and the public. We educate on issues and opportunities affecting the lawyer's day-to-day practice through our expert staff in the courthouse library, newsletters, Nutshell educational programs, and interactive website. We provide information that is relevant and timely and that connects our members to the profession.

Our Mission

The TLA provides lawyers with key services, including **Information** that is relevant and timely, **Education** about issues and opportunities affecting members and **Advocacy** on behalf of the profession.

Benefits

TLA members are your peers. TLA represents your interests. The low-cost of membership – free, in fact, for the first year for newly-called lawyers – literally opens the door to a myriad of valuable member benefits:

1. Information

A **dynamic, interactive web site** with a members-only area: an **instant polling feature** – we will share the results of these surveys with members only; **practical summaries** of previous Nutshell seminars; the latest details about our **advocacy initiatives** on behalf of your profession; **late-breaking news** about law, the law library and anything your board deems important enough to be shared just-in-time; **information by email** to our members on topics of specific interest to them on a permission basis only.

Full-service library offering: **privileged access** to a 30,000-volume collection and research services at the Court House library at 361 University Avenue and the satellite library at 393 University Avenue; **personalized reference and research** assistance from professional staff; and free access to Quicklaw and other major on-line legal databases, and the Internet.

Value-packed VOX newsletter providing association news and issues affecting the profession – plus member profiles, practical tips... and more!

2. Education

Nutshell Programs offer affordable, accessible and timely seminars on legislation and practice areas plus practical guidance on current challenges faced by the profession.

Nutshell Summaries in case you missed the event – get the notes. Get highlights of speaker presentations plus practical take-aways and tips.

3. Advocacy

Timely Communication through instant polling and on-line surveys to capture your professional concerns and feed our advocacy efforts.

Effective Representation through advocacy initiatives to the government and media, ranging from the discovery process to legal aid and changes to the Cost Grid.

Plus....additional member benefits

- Access to the robing rooms, Members' lounge and interview rooms.
- Availability of the library and TLA lounge for private functions
- Free photo ID to access the 361 University Avenue courthouse and library through the rotunda doors and up the round elevator .

Membership in the TLA is imperative for lawyers who want an active voice, information relevant to their practice and a greater connection to the profession.

Join Now

TLA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please select one of the following to determine your payment:

- Called to the Bar before this year. I enclose payment of \$80.25 (GST included).
- Called to the Bar this year. No fee.

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- I wish to receive a permanent card without a photo.
- Please provide receipt.

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*The Voice of Lawyers
in the City of Toronto*

The origin of the Toronto Lawyers Association (TLA) is steeped in history. Our Presidents' Wall, in the TLA members' lounge, is an impressive "who's who" of the Toronto legal community dating back to 1885. But we have not stood still. Today's TLA is a modern, dynamic association providing **information**, **education** and **advocacy** important to lawyers in the Toronto area as they face increasingly complex challenges.

See what we can do for you.

Toronto Lawyers Association

- ❑ One of the largest private library collections in Canada
- ❑ The premier continuing education choice
- ❑ The way to stay connected to your profession

Make TLA *your* voice.

Join TLA – *the* association for Toronto lawyers – today!

We invite your comments.

"I find your library staff most helpful and eager to assist. I also enjoy your Nutshell programs that are convenient and informative."

*Carl Zeliger,
Wisebrod Zeliger*

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