

I was elected to Convocation for Saskatoon in November of 2015 and seek re-election for a second and final term. I enjoy being a Bencher and it has, without question, been a unique learning experience. I ask for your support in this election.

The phrase that “the LSS exists to protect the public through self-regulation” has been written and said so often that it seems almost trite. But it is not and the best way to protect the public is to ensure that our members receive effective and fair oversight, professional educational opportunities, and operate in a system that increases the public’s access to quality legal representation. We need the public to perceive our profession as I see it – competent, ethical, necessary, and dedicated to public service.

I believe that I have spent the last three years advancing our profession by protecting the public and I believe that the continuity that I will provide for the next three years will continue to protect the public while increasing the reputation and the quality of our bar.

I joined the Saskatchewan Bar in 1996 and practiced in Regina and Saskatoon. In Regina I practiced with two small litigation boutiques and was the first Communications Officer for the Courts. In 2002 I joined DOJ Canada (IRS/Aboriginal Law). While on leave in 2008 I was at Legal Aid in Saskatoon. In 2011 I left DOJ joining Barrister Group and went on my own in 2013 as Wagner Law.

I served on the Executive of the Saskatoon Bar Association for eight years – one year as President. I am currently the Vice President of the STLA, a member of the CBA, and the Saskatoon Criminal Defence Lawyers’ Association. Legal volunteer activity includes presenting at a number of conferences and teaching at the Law School.

My diverse experience allows me to understand the pressures and issues facing lawyers whether they are in private or public shops and I bring a sole practitioner/small firm perspective to Convocation from Saskatoon.