

# Subcommittee Recruitment:

## *Be a Leader in Your Practice Area*



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*The Middlesex Law Association continues to actively recruit members to contribute their expertise and voice to the newly-formed subcommittees detailed below.*

This opportunity will raise your profile within the community, earn you a reputation as a leader in your practice area, and connect you with other lawyers in your field.

As previously reported in the Snail, the MLA has reformed the way in which it delivers CPD programming to its membership. Following the Annual General Meeting in February, the MLA formed nine distinct subcommittees, reflecting the diverse practice areas and experiences of our membership:

**Criminal; Family; Real Estate; Corporate/Commercial; In-house; Personal Injury; Wills, Estates and Trusts; EDI/Professionalism; and Small Firms/Sole Practitioners.**

Each subcommittee is responsible for organizing informative, creative, and engaging CPD programming within the subcommittee's area of specialization and producing high quality content for publication in the Snail. Each subcommittee is overseen by a Trustee but is comprised mainly of volunteers who practice in the subcommittee's area.

For instance, as I practice plaintiff personal injury, I would volunteer with the Personal Injury subcommittee. As I'm practicing exclusively in this area, I ought to be one of the first to learn of new developments, trends, decisions, or legislative changes that have wide-ranging consequences to the practice area. If I learned of something of this nature, I would connect with other members of the Personal Injury subcommittee and discuss how we should share this information with the local Personal Injury bar. For this example, the subcommittee could plan a seminar, develop an agenda, and then recruit lawyers or other

experts to present on the topic. Having organized the substantive component of the event, the subcommittee would then delegate the execution of the program to Tracy Fawdry, the MLA's Executive Director, who would assist in securing a venue, marketing the event, securing sponsorship, receiving RSVPs and payment, etc. Following the event, one of the members of the subcommittee would then prepare a brief update for publication in the Snail. In this way, the MLA aims to leverage the legal expertise and connections of our membership to not only enhance our CPD offerings, but the overall competency of our bar.

If you are interested in volunteering within one of the listed practice area subcommittees, please reach out to me directly at [jaitcheson@lerner.ca](mailto:jaitcheson@lerner.ca) or call me at 519-640-6396 and I will put you in touch with a representative of the applicable subcommittee.

**VOLUNTEERS  
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**if you are interested in being involved in any of the subcommittees.**

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