

Law Society of Upper Canada Bencher Elections: April 2011*

The Law Society of Upper Canada Bencher Elections are set to start in April 2011. Held once every four years, the bencher election gives the profession an opportunity to choose who will become members of the Law Society's governing board.

40 benchers will be elected, 20 who practice within Toronto and 20 from the rest of the province. Of the 40 benchers, eight will be elected as regional benchers in the eight electoral regions that conform to the boundaries of the province's judicial districts. A regional bencher will be elected on the basis of ballots cast by voters in the electoral regions. The remaining 32 benchers are elected based on the votes of all eligible voters.

We are encouraging AJC members to read up on the campaign platforms and, most importantly, to vote! This is a milestone election, as term limits have been introduced and a good number of government lawyers have launched campaign bids. Some of the candidates are listed below, along with links to their websites.

A complete list of the candidates in the 2011 Bencher Election can be found at:

<http://www.lsuc.on.ca/with.aspx?id=2147484326&langtype=1033>.

Department of Justice Candidates

[Henry Gluch \(Toronto\)](#)

[Julie Jai \(Toronto\)](#)

[Dorette Pollard \(Ottawa\)](#)

Other Candidates

[Rob Wadden \(Provincial Crown Attorney, Ottawa\)](#)

[Daniel Guttman \(Provincial Crown Attorney, Toronto\)](#)

[Jennifer Halajian \(Provincial Crown Attorney, New Market\)](#)

[Will McDowell \(Partner Lenczner Slaght\)](#)

[Janet E. Minor \(General Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General, Constitutional Law Branch\)](#)

[John Callaghan \(Partner Gowlings\)](#)

*The AJC has provided upon request the web-links to the Bencher candidate's websites solely to promote awareness of the various provincial law societies' Bencher elections (Law Society of Upper Canada) for the convenience of its members. The AJC has not officially endorsed any of the candidates. The AJC does encourage its members to become engaged in the Bencher elections by, among other things, reading through the campaign materials which can be found be at the links above. When users select a link to one of the candidate's websites, they are leaving the AJC site. The AJC does not control nor is it responsible for the content on the external Bencher candidate websites.