



## THE ADVOCATES' SOCIETY 2010-11 EXECUTIVE

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Marie T. Henein, of Henein and Associates in Toronto, will serve as President of The Advocates' Society for the 2010-11 term.

Joining Ms. Henein on the Executive Committee are Mark D. Lerner, of Lerner LLP in London (First Vice President); Peter H. Griffin, of Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP in Toronto (Second Vice President); Alan H. Mark, of Ogilvy Renault LLP in Toronto (Treasurer), and Robert B. Bell, of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP in Toronto (Secretary).

Among the initiatives announced by Ms. Henein for the coming term is the creation of practice-based and regional forums on the Society's web site, to facilitate interactive blogs, postings, and outreach to members across the province and beyond. In addition, the Society's Young Advocates, now an official committee, will be reaching out to assist the needs of newer members of the bar.

Ms. Henein also announced the launch of "The Advocates' Society Gives Back," a supplement to the extensive pro bono work of the Society's individual members, and part of a longer-term commitment to make a tangible contribution to community needs in Ontario on an annual basis. For the 2010-11 term, the Society will raise funds to help build a house for an aboriginal family near Ottawa through Frontiers Foundation, a non-profit service organization that promotes the advancement of economically and socially disadvantaged communities.

Biographical information about the Society's Executive Committee and Board of Directors is available at <http://www.advocates.ca/About-The-Society/Officers-and-Directors.html>.

*The Advocates' Society is a professional association for advocates with some 4,100 members throughout Ontario. It is the primary provider of advocacy skills training in the province and it plays a prominent role in justice reform initiatives and in preserving and strengthening the position of advocates and the rights of the public.*

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