



My name is Jena B. Colpitts and I am hopeful to have your vote as I run for a position on the CBA Alberta Board of Directors.

I am currently a family lawyer at Jones Divorce and Family Law in Calgary, Alberta. I have practiced exclusively in the area of family law since 2015, when I began my career in Winnipeg, Manitoba where I was born and raised.

I want to serve on the CBA Alberta Board of Directors for a number of reasons. However, with the current social, political and economic conditions in Alberta and across Canada, I believe that now is the right time to channel my passion and interest in advocacy into a role that has wide-reaching impacts for our profession and the communities we serve.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, the family law bar in Alberta has been met with constantly changing processes, directions and procedures. These changes create heavy demands on those of us working in an area of the law that is already demanding on time, energy and emotions. I appreciate that many other practice areas have also experienced significant changes and demands in the last number of years and I hope to receive the opportunity through CBA Alberta to advocate for a louder 'voice' in the Court and the government.

After being elected by my peers in 2023, I am currently serving a multi-year term on the CBA Alberta Family Law (South) Section Executive. We are a large section and our executive is comprised of a dedicated group of lawyers who aim to strengthen the bonds within the legal community, provide opportunities for learning and development, as well as organize various social events for networking and camaraderie with our members.

In 2025, I volunteered as Co-Chair for Returnity YYC, a peer support group for lawyers on parental leave. Along with my other co-chair, we were responsible for planning, organizing and hosting monthly meet-ups for lawyers on parental leave. Returnity aims to provide support to lawyers to keep them in the profession and provide a space for members to connect as both parents and lawyers. Following my return to work after my second maternity leave, I returned to a Returnity event as a panelist.

In previous years, I volunteered as a member of the CBA Alberta Law Day Committee and as a Member-at-Large for the Canadian Bar Association's National Family Law Section.

Outside of law-related volunteer work, I am a frequent volunteer at my son's school, have been a facilitator for the Calgary Caring Beyond Support Society, and served as a board member for the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Centre from 2020 – 2023.

After taking time to focus on growing my family and as I move towards 10 years at the bar, now feels like the right time for me to join the CBA Alberta Board of Directors. I hope you agree and vote for me in this upcoming election. Thank you!