

Biography – Sandra Aigbinode Lange



I am running for a position on the CBA Alberta Board of Directors because of my dedication to public service and the Calgary community and commitment to improving our legal profession. I am a passionate advocate for law and justice, I work hard for the communities I serve, and I enjoy collaborating with lawyers across teams to solve difficult problems.

Our profession is facing several challenges, including increased polarization, the politicizing of the justice system, backlash against DEI, and ongoing mental health challenges, to name but a few issues. To assist in alleviating these issues, an experienced advocate, with strong and inclusive leadership skills, combined with creative and practical problem solving skills, is required. Through my legal career working in the spheres of government, private practice at a large national firm, and now in-house legal counsel, I am well placed to provide a unique perspective and an ideal skill set to the CBA Alberta Board of Directors.

I hold a French Civil Law (BCL) and English Common Law (LLB/JD) degree from McGill University. During and after law school, I worked with the Ministry of the Attorney General in Ontario (civil and criminal divisions). I articulated with the Crown Attorney's Office (criminal) and got called to the Ontario bar in 2016. Within days of my bar call, I moved to join the Crown Prosecutor's Office in Alberta, where I got called to the Alberta bar, and continued to practice criminal law for a few years. Afterwards, I joined McCarthy Tetrault LLP and practiced civil litigation and arbitration for six years, where I represented clients, including pro bono, at all levels of court in Alberta and at the Supreme Court of Canada. In late 2023, I went in-house and currently work as a Senior Legal Counsel in litigation and regulatory law at AltaLink LP (a Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company). Having worked and lived in 4 provinces, in both French and English, across several legal practice disciplines and organizations, my diverse legal background provides me with a holistic understanding of our legal profession in Alberta and allows me to provide strategic perspectives to the CBA Alberta Board, while encouraging relationship building across the province.

Outside of my legal career, I am engaged in the broader Calgary community including as a Guest Instructor at the University of Calgary Faculty of Law for Trial Advocacy and Civil Procedure, serving as a Board Director for the Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP), Past Chair for the City of Calgary's Community Peace Officer Oversight Committee,

Judge for Top 40 Under 40 YYC, and as a BLSA Canada mentor for several years. In my spare time, as a mother of two young kids, I also volunteer on their sport teams and school parent advocacy groups.

I have benefited a great deal from our profession and would like to give back to the Alberta legal community that has embraced me. I am passionate about the law and the people we serve. It would be my honour and privilege to serve you on the CBA Alberta Board of Directors.