



**Hellenic Canadian  
Lawyers' Association**

**HELLENIC WOMEN'S  
NETWORKING LUNCHEON**

# **Sponsorship Proposal**

# About Us



## History

On November 9, 1990, lawyers of Hellenic heritage in Canada gathered at the Offices of the Canadian Bar Association in Toronto to revive and reinvigorate the Hellenic Canadian Law Association (now the Hellenic Canadian Lawyers' Association), an association originally founded by Hellenic Canadian lawyers, including Tom Karvanis and Madame Justice Andromache Karakatsanis.

Ten lawyers were elected at that time to form the Board of Directors and, at their first meeting a month later, the Board appointed Constantine Grimanis as the first President. Serving as officers and directors were: Katherine Kavassalis, Louis Alexopoulos, Greg Kanargelidis, Constantine Alexiou, Speros Kanellos, Bill Tsapralis, William Tatsiou and Rita Vassilopoulos.

The HCLA's Constitution was drafted and ratified, and put into motion the Association's goals of, among other things, strengthening bonds within the Hellenic Canadian legal community, promoting and advancing the well-being and education of the Hellenic Canadian legal community, increasing public understanding of the legal profession and bringing awareness to matters material to the Hellenic Canadian community at large.

# About Us



## Today

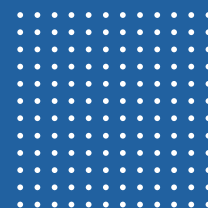
The HCLA operates as a non-profit organization. The HCLA remains dedicated to meeting its goals to network, educate and advocate. The HCLA has developed and maintained a number of annual social and educational events and programs, including the President's Dinner, the Christmas Cheer, the Hellenic Professionals' Gala (with our medical and dental colleagues), the Under 8 After 8 Socials, the Mentorship program, student events and continuing professional development seminars.

To further our commitment to supporting lawyers of Hellenic descent in Canada, the HCLA awards scholarships to law students, including our standing Justice Andromache Karakatsanis Student Scholarship and other special scholarships, including the First Year Law Student Scholarship.

The HCLA is an active member of the Roundtable of Diversity Associations (RODA), an umbrella organization founded in 2011 that brings together a coalition of equity-seeking Canadian legal associations with the goal of fostering dialogue and promoting initiatives relating to the advancement of diversity, equality and inclusion in the legal profession, the judiciary and within the broader legal community.

The HCLA remains committed to advancing and strengthening the Hellenic Canadian legal community so its members may continue to attain new heights of professional success and achievement.

# Event Goals



## Hellenic Women's Networking Luncheon

Networking is a key factor for personal success and successful leadership in any professional role.

The goal of this event is simple: bring together 200 women of Hellenic heritage of all professions and levels of education, to build their personal and professional network and make lasting connections.

The first networking luncheon was held on October 14, 2023 with great success. The event welcomed 85 Hellenic women from diverse professions, and featured a presentation by Gina Alexandris on emotional intelligence. This presentation was accredited by the Law Society of Ontario as continuing professional development education for lawyer attendees.

In 2024, the focus of the luncheon will be *resilience*. The afternoon will feature a panel discussion on building resilience in balancing personal, professional, and charitable commitments. This panel discussion is accredited for 1 hour of continuing professional development by the Law Society of Ontario.

The ticket cost of \$70 per attendee is intentional to enable the broadest spectrum of women to attend; from students to established professionals. Also intentional was the location selected – the Centennial College Event Centre is an accessible venue located on the 401 Highway, and serviced by public transit (TTC and GO).



# The Panel



## Angela Nikolakakos

Angela Nikolakakos currently works at Vanguard Canada as the Head of Canada, Legal. Vanguard Canada is the Canadian subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc. an asset manager founded in 1975 with about \$9.3 trillion in global assets under management as of May 2024. Vanguard's mission is to take a stand for all investors, to treat them fairly, and to give them the best chance for investment success. Angela is extremely proud to provide legal advice to Vanguard Canada's asset management business in connection with securities, corporate and regulatory matters such as the creation and development of mutual fund products and their continuous disclosure obligations. She was recently appointed the corporate secretary of the company.

Angela is the Chair of the Board of Lymphoma Canada, a national not-for-profit organization. For over 20 years Lymphoma Canada has focused on lymphoma research, education and awareness in Canada. The organization provides support for patients and their families.

She earned a Master of Laws degree from Osgoode Hall Law School, a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Windsor and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto. She holds a certificate in Regulatory Compliance & Legal Risk Management for Financial Institutions from Osgoode Hall Law School. She is the mother of three boys.

## Jeanie Theoharis K. C.

Jeanie Theoharis is a New York and Ontario called lawyer with an extensive legal background, particularly in the administrative tribunal justice sector. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto, State University of New York Law School, and the accreditation program at the University of Toronto Law School. Following her call to the bar, she worked in private practice and gained experience in criminal and civil litigation, corporate commercial, construction lien, immigration, and real estate law. In 2006, she was appointed to a number of administrative tribunals. Her appointments have included Landlord Tenant Board, Licence Appeal Tribunal General Services, Licence Appeal Tribunal Automobile Accident Benefits, Ontario Parole Board, Fire Safety Commission, Animal Care Review Board, Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, Ontario Civilian Police Commission and Ontario Police Arbitration and Adjudication Commission.

In public service she led and was the Associate Chair of the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (2021-2024), Animal Care Review Board (2020-2022), and Fire Safety Commission (2020-2022), and Licence Appeal Tribunal, General Services, senior Vice Chair (2017-2020). In July 2023 Jeanie Theoharis was recognized for her exceptional dedication and contribution to the legal profession and awarded the King's Counsel designation.

Jeanie Theoharis volunteers with her Hellenic Community at Prophet Elias Church, served as a member of the Board of Directors for the United Way of Peel, and has undertaken other leadership volunteer community opportunities that benefit the people of Ontario. She is a first generation born Canadian, and the first lawyer in her family. Her parents immigrated from Greece in the early 1960's. She is married to Spyros Theoharis, and together they have four children, Evelyn, George, Anthi and Dean.





# The Panel



## **Dr. Mia Skarpathiotakis, FRCPC, MD, MSc, BASc**

Dr. Mia Skarpathiotakis is a Staff Radiologist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre where she is the Division Head of Breast Imaging and is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto. Her Doctor of Medicine and medical specialty residency in Diagnostic Radiology where she was chief resident were completed at the University of Toronto, followed by subspecialty training in Women's Imaging at St. Michael's Hospital.

Prior to medicine Mia completed a Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering Science and a Master of Science in Medical Biophysics, both at the University of Toronto. The research she completed for her Master's Degree was award winning work on the development of contrast digital mammography.

Dr. Mia (as her team affectionately call her) prides herself in her dedication to her clinical breast imaging practice, to running the division and to educating medical students, residents and fellows to be the next generation of radiologists and breast imagers. She has been voted by her physician peers as one of "T.O.'s Top Doctors" in Toronto's Post City Magazines for 3 years in a row.

Despite her achievements in her academics and career, Mia will tell you that the achievements she is most proud of in her life and bring meaning to all that she does are her 2 children, Elena who is 8 and Evan who is 6.

## **Agapi Mavridis - Moderator**

Agapi Mavridis is the Social Director of the Hellenic Canadian Lawyer's Association. She is an Assistant Crown Attorney with the Durham Crown Attorney's Office, Ministry of the Attorney General, where she prosecutes criminal cases in the Ontario and Superior Court of Justice. Agapi attended law school at Robson Hall, University of Manitoba, and was called to the bar in 2018.

Agapi volunteers as a coach of the Arnup Cup trial advocacy team at Lincoln Alexander Law School. She is a founding co-director of "Confronting Racism, Bias & Discrimination in the Criminal Justice System", a Law Society of Ontario accredited course for Crown Attorneys.

Agapi volunteers with the Cretans' Association of Toronto "Knossos" implementing their scholarship program. Before law school, Agapi worked with the Government of Ontario as a senior policy analyst, and is a graduate of the Masters of Public Policy and Administration program at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University).

Agapi is a Board member of Parents Engaged in Education, a registered charity that focuses on education equity in the GTA and operates Canada's first Education Bank - a place where educational programs and school supplies are provided to underserved kids and youth free of charge.



# Sponsorship

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**We looking forward to exploring sponsorship opportunities with you.**

Agapi Mavridis

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