

Committee: **London Police Services Board**

Organization/Sector represented: **Marentette Di Battista Law**

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Occupation: **lawyer**

Work experience: **I am presently a sole practitioner, with a split practice between corporate law and commercial litigation, and criminal and mental health law. Prior to my career in law, I served for two federal cabinet ministers as a special assistant, as well as completed co-operative education placements with several government ministries, including the Ministry of Public Safety.**

Education: **I presently hold a juris doctor from Western University, and an Honours Bachelor of Social Science in International Development and Globalization from the University of Ottawa.**

Skills: **I believe that my knowledge of the provision government services and my legal background would allow me to serve as an impartial board member able to make legally sound decisions that are in the best interest of delivering efficient and effective law enforcement services to the public while facilitating the creation of a knowledgeable, service-oriented police force.**

Interest reason: **My legal background is a substantial motivating factor as well as my public service experience. Ensuring the police service has the resources necessary to provide proper enforcement and protective services to London residents as well a strong support system to ensure police officers have access to continuing education and mental health services is very important. I think that it is a balancing act between the two that must be struck in order to provide proper police services and I would love an opportunity to assist with that endeavour.**

Contributions: **I believe that I would be able to provide a unique perspective in light of my diverse employment history. I've been party to both sides of the coin - those who seek to provide enforcement services and those against whom the law is enforced. I believe it is important to consider both of these unique perspectives when making decisions in order to arrive at a police services direction that is in the best interests of London residents. I believe that I would be able to make impartial decisions through this lens. Further, I am a seasoned veteran when it comes to hearing and weighing diverse perspectives in a respectful way, and implementing those perspectives into sound policy. I believe I would bring respect, integrity and honesty to the table, as well as excellent problem-solving and conflict resolution skills.**

Past contributions: **I presently am a member of the London Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee. On this committee, two federal and two provincial policy papers must be written each year. There can be very lively discussion about which topics should be written about and what the ultimate conclusion should be, but our committee always manages to steer through a situation that could become highly volatile and emerge with papers we can all support. I also have experience sitting on a number of charity boards throughout the city which can attract a number of diverse (and sometimes conflicting) perspectives on a range of issues. At the end of the day, my conflict resolution strategy has always been to remind all parties of the end goal at the end of it all.**

Interpersonal: **I have significant experience in this capacity. Part of my role serving under the Minister of State for Finance was to assist with the Standing Committee on Finance. This primarily entailed liaising with the staff of the members of other political parties in order to forward the legislative agendas of all parties (this became especially important during the drafting of the federal budget). I presently sit on the London Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee and engage in various forms of dispute resolution methods on an on-going basis as a result of my occupation.**

Interview interest: **Yes**