



Marilyn Conway Jones

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Biography

Marilyn Conway Jones is a lawyer practising in the Town of Caledon, in the Greater Toronto Area, and an Accredited Canadian Credit Union Director. She attended the University of Toronto, earning a B.A. with a specialist in Philosophy. Prior to graduation from Osgoode Hall Law School, she worked in the accounting field and later worked as a tax lawyer at Ward Mallette, Chartered Accountants, part of the BDO group.

Marilyn returned to her own practice in Caledon and has taken training as and participated as counsel in general, family and estate law mediation. She has lived for many years in Caledon, where her husband has spent his career as a teacher. She has been a member of Alterna and different community groups in Bolton, also spending time in the Districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka, where she helps support a swimming programme run by a local Lions Club.

She served for ten years as a director on the board of the Caledon Parent Child Centre and was for several years a member of the Bolton branch of BNI, a local business group. She has been a director of Alterna since 2016 and is Alterna's representative at Home Ownership Alternatives. She has done *pro bono* work for the local chapter of Abbeyfield, a charitable organization involved in innovative housing for seniors who wish to continue to live in their communities. As well as taking courses in corporate governance from the Rotman School of Management and York University, she has taken training, and participated as counsel, in general and family law mediation.

She has worked with diverse clients, including small and medium sized businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals who require legal services in the areas of real estate, and wills and estate planning, including families whose members have special needs.



Candidate for the Board of Directors

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Contribution Statement

If elected I hope that my experience as a lawyer practising corporate law, advising business, non-profit, and charitable corporations, my experience as a director of Alterna and my training to become an Accredited Canadian Credit Union Director will help me contribute to the governance of the Board. I often work collaboratively with other lawyers and believe this and my experience in mediation assists in working collaboratively with other Board members.

I am Alterna's representative on the board of Home Ownership Alternatives, a non-profit funder in the affordable housing sector, and I have done pro-bono work for Abbeyfield, which provides housing to seniors. I support Alterna's leadership in providing service to the non-profit housing sector.

I have been involved in different community organizations, including being a member of the founding board of the Caledon Parent Child Centre charity, and a chair of the local chapter of a business networking group. I would like to encourage Alterna's continued support of local initiatives and the provision of service to small and medium size business. I have heard from many members about the trust they repose in Alterna's advisors and their philosophy of members first, and support Alterna's work to improve financial literacy, particularly in the need for estate and succession planning.

As I also practise real estate law, I am aware of the flexibility of the lending instruments of credit unions, and I would like to see this advantage of Alterna's, including our cutting edge digital innovation, continue to be promoted to the public.

I believe in the value of co-operative banking to the community. I think that my experience as a director, and my diverse perspectives as a self-employed business person, legal advisor and volunteer in the non-profit sector would be an asset to the Board of our credit union.