



FEDERATION OF ONTARIO LAW ASSOCIATIONS

FÉDÉRATION DES ASSOCIATIONS DU BARREAU DE L'ONTARIO

Further to my email last week, this is a reminder that we have scheduled 3 Zoom meetings to seek feedback on the Law Society's Access to Justice Committee proposed Family Legal Services Provider licensing model which outlines proposed scope of permissible activities, required competencies, and an outline of the training program.

Under the proposed FLSP model:

Paralegals would be authorized to offer the following services:

- Legal advice
- Drafting legal documents
- Representation in court or before an adjudicative body
- Negotiating legal interests or rights

Paralegals would be authorized to offer the above services in the following general areas of family law, with exclusions and limitations to be specified in the applicable by-law:

- Divorces
- Parenting orders and decision-making (custody and access)
- Child and spousal support
- Contempt/enforcement of orders
- Separation agreements, paternity agreements, and family arbitration agreements provided that the client agrees to obtain independent legal advice from a lawyer
- Change of name applications
- Division of property

Out of scope activities would include:

- Matters involving income determination
- Third-party experts or valuers
- Relocation/mobility
- Cohabitation agreements and marriage contract

We would ask that if you have not done so already, each Association appoint 1 – 2 members who practice in family law to participate in one of the three FOLA meetings. In advance, we are asking that those who will be participating reach out to your members in advance to those who practice family law and request the following:

1. that the proposed Family Legal Services Provider Licensing model Consultation paper be reviewed;
<https://lawsocietyontario.azureedge.net/media/iso/media/about/convocation/2020/flsp-consultation.pdf>

2. recognizing that the reality is that some concessions will likely have to be made, seek comment on areas where the scope of practice could potentially be expanded;
3. provide alternative suggestions with respect to possible efficiencies and simplified procedures that could assist both the profession and self-representatives

Zoom Meeting Information

Please note that registration for each meeting is required and that we are limited to 100 people for each meeting.

Monday, September 14th

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rf-6rqjktHdEOj9sY0QvdBPnmoNrazlDt>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Tuesday, September 15th

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtcemqqjgrH92FXIMMleYzTZFFjLskEmKo>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Friday, September 18th

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctduigrTwpGNQzhH9l65cNonLaQ7qq0zCZ>

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