



## FEDERATION OF ONTARIO LAW ASSOCIATIONS

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## FÉDÉRATION DES ASSOCIATIONS DU BARREAU DE L'ONTARIO

- ❖ MAG is working on amendments to create new standard orders setting out current legislated financial disclosure requirements in family law matters. It is proposed that these standard orders would be made automatically by the clerk of the court upon the issuance of pleadings in every case in the Family Court of the SCJ, excluding child protection cases and applications for simple and joint divorces. It is proposed that the conditions upon which these orders would issue, and the related process for doing so, would be set out in the Family Law Rules.
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- ❖ The SCJ has advocated for the development and issuance of these automatic orders in an effort to enhance the administration of justice and maximize efficiencies in court resources. The Court expects that, by bringing these obligations to the attention of parties early, these standard orders would assist in improving compliance with legislated financial disclosure obligations (such as the required financial disclosure under the Child Support Guidelines).

As a result of these orders being made, it is anticipated that courts would only need to address sanctions for breach of disclosure obligations, and this would reduce delays due to non-productive case conferences and parties bringing motions to compel individuals to comply with their obligations. To be clear, any proposed amendments to the [Family Law Rules](#) would be carefully crafted to ensure that court staff are not exercising any discretion in issuing the orders.

FOLA will be preparing a submission and if you have any comments for consideration as we draft that, please send them to Sam Misheal, FOLA's Family Law Committee Chair, at Sam (Rasim) Misheal [sam@familyseparation.ca](mailto:sam@familyseparation.ca) by Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send input directly to MAG, they need to be

in by May 20<sup>th</sup>. You can email them to [CSD.operationalsupportbranch@ontario.ca](mailto:CSD.operationalsupportbranch@ontario.ca) and reference M-2021-7397.

See [attached letter](#) sent to FOLA earlier today.