

**Daily Phone call check in - Ontario Law Organizations - March 27, 2020**  
**Summary**

**Invited participants on calls**

OBA, FOLA, LSO, LAO, the Advocates' Society, & OTLA

Superior Court of Justice in Ontario, Court of Appeal for Ontario, & Ontario Court of Justice

MAG - Political and Department staff

**Issues discussed:**

**1. Law Society**

- ❖ The LSO has sent a letter to the Federal Finance Minister regarding financial services matters (banking) and the legal profession. While they have asked that the letter not be shared, FOLA wanted to let you know that the LSO is taking action on this issue;
- ❖ The LSO is still working on putting out messaging for and around candidates, licensing exams, and other matters affecting law students;
- ❖ They are also working on issuing an update to their notice yesterday to the bar regarding professional fees;
- ❖ A reminder that the LSO's FAQ page is updated frequently and is available [here](#).

**2. Courts**

- ❖ Electronic filing continues to be an ongoing challenge right now and the courts are working tirelessly with MAG to address this issue and expect to have a solution worked out with MAG's Court Services Division next week. It is worthwhile noting that Judges meet daily and that, in addition to discussing this matter over the weekend, expansion of matters is also a daily discussion topic.
- ❖ **REMINDER:** Courts are looking to expand the amount of civil matters it hears over the next couple of weeks. FOLA, the OTLA, the Advocates' Society, and the OBA (with the OTLA taking the lead) have worked together to compile a list of matters that should be added. The Courts will be discussing this issue and reviewing our list over the weekend.

**3. MAG**

- ❖ FOLA understands that many members' questions related to the Ministry of the Attorney General have not been answered. Please know that MAG is working on addressing these and it is hoped that responses will be forthcoming.

**REMINDER:** After today, these calls will become weekly events and will take place each Wednesday. Law Association members are still welcome to send any issues/concerns related to the practice of law caused by the COVID-19 epidemic and we will continue to address them in as timely a manner as is humanly possible. Please note that prior to submitting a question, you are requested to visit the [government's website](#), the Courts' websites ([Superior Court of Justice](#), [Ontario Court of Justice](#), [Court of Appeal](#)), and the [Law Society's FAQ](#) page. These websites are all updated daily. You may find your question/issue/concern has already been addressed. Links to all above sites can also be found on FOLA's [COVID-19](#) page.