



FOLA'S WEEKLY UPDATE

August 3, 2022

Summary

SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE UPDATES

On August 2nd, the SCJ announced that the [Notice to the Profession, Parties, Public and the Media](#) has been amended to clarify parties' responsibilities in civil and family matters regarding (1) filing books of authorities and facts, (2) providing accurate hearing-time estimates, and (3) bringing to the attention of the court all relevant material facts and the authorities that establish the legal proposition relied upon (as it is not sufficient to merely upload filed materials to CaseLines). See Part II, paras. 1-4 and Part III, paras. 16-18.

ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE UPDATES:

No updates this week

COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO UPDATES:

No updates this week

MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL & SOLICITOR GENERAL (ONTARIO)

❖ eINTAKE

The Ontario government has expanded the use of the eIntake digital platform to include the Eastern region, making the platform available right across the province. eIntake expedites the process for law enforcement officers to file criminal charges electronically and streamlines the information shared between police, other enforcement agencies and courts in real time. It also allows Justices of the Peace to enter their decisions, sign documents digitally and request additional information from law enforcement officers online. The eIntake system is now being used by 64 enforcement agencies and 129 courthouses across Ontario. It is among a series of digital initiatives the Ontario government is taking to build a justice system that is seamless, simple and efficient. See announcement [here](#).

MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA

❖ CRIMINAL LAW

Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, is still in the Senate where it has received 2nd Reading and is stalled in Committee (with no sittings scheduled). You can learn more, and view status, [here](#).

LiRN CONSULTATIONS

❖ LIBRARY SERVICES & MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY HR POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Following a month of consultations, Theresa Leitch, LiRN's Managing Director, presented a revised Library Services & Management Responsibilities Policy HR Policy and Guidelines document to the Board on July 18th. FOLA has received an embargoed copy of the new, revised Draft and are in the process of reviewing it. At first glance, the changes are very positive. FOLA is NOT allowed, at this time, to share the document. However, we expect copies to be sent to Association Presidents next week.

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- ❖ **CONSULTATIONS:** Kathryn Manning, Chair of the Rule 34 Subcommittee of the Civil Rules Committee, has sent FOLA a Consultation Paper on Rule 34 of the Rules of Civil Procedure in Ontario, for which they are seeking feedback from FOLA. If you would like to send FOLA your thoughts for consideration as we draft our Submission, please send them to Katie at katie.robinette@fola.ca by Monday, August 15th at 5pm. Learn more [here](#).
- ❖ **CANADIAN LAWYER MAGAZINE'S READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2022**
FOLA is a proud partner of the 2022 Readers' Choice Awards 2022 by the Canadian Lawyer Magazine. See the article announcing our partnership [here](#). As part of the Readers' Choice Awards 2022 process, legal professionals across Canada are invited to nominate vendors who they believe represent best in class [here](#). The survey period starts July 11 and will be available until it closes Aug. 5. The special report release date is set for Nov. 16, 2022.

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

- ❖ **CONSULTATIONS: PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE'S MANDATORY SUCCESSION PLANNING REPORT:**
The Professional Regulation Committee's consultation report: [Mandatory Succession Planning](#) was included as an information item to Convocation. As outlined in the report, the Committee has launched a consultation that will be open until November 30. In particular, the Committee would like to hear from sole practitioners and licensees in small private practice firms. FOLA will be preparing a Submission. If you would like to contribute your comments for consideration in our Submission, please send them to Katie at katie.robinette@fola.ca by November 4th. You can also submit your comments directly to the LSO. **Consultation open until November 30, 2022.** The consultation form is available [here](#). Those interested may respond to some or all of the questions.

JOB POSTINGS:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - MIDDLESEX LAW ASSOCIATION: - The Middlesex Law Association is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director. Interested applicants are requested to submit their resume and brief cover letter to middlesexlawassociation@gmail.com prior to 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, August 12, 2022**. Learn more [here](#).

JUDICIAL VACANCIES:

OCJ - LONDON (BILINGUAL) - The Judicial Appointments Advisory Committee advises the Attorney General of Ontario on the appointment of Judges to the Ontario Court of Justice and invites applications for a bilingual judicial position in London. This appointment involves presiding over criminal law matters and also involves travel within the regional boundaries and elsewhere in the province of Ontario, as assigned by the Regional Senior Justice and/or the Chief Justice. **Applications must be received by August 10, 2022.** See posting [here](#).

EVENTS:

REMINDER: OSGOODE HALL - ESTATE LITIGATION SERIES
September 21, 28 and October 6, 2022 - ONLINE

Estate Litigation: The Practical Guide for Legal Professionals

Held over the course of three evenings, this program will provide delegates with the fundamentals of estate litigation. Using real-life case studies and a step-by-step analysis of the litigation process, delegates will leave equipped with the knowledge, skills and tools to confidently advise clients and be an effective advocate in estate matters.

**LSO Accredited for 8h 50m CPD (7h 55m Substantive; 55m Professionalism)*

[Register here](#)

ARBITRATION FOR FAMILY LAW LAWYERS: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

October 12, 2022, 9:00 am – 4:00 p.m. ET

This new and unique program is designed to provide family law lawyers with the practical guidance they need to successfully navigate the challenges of arbitration and achieve positive outcomes for their clients. In one intensive day, our expert faculty will take you through the key elements of family law arbitration.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

REMINDER: DRLA FALL 2022 CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATES: Thursday, October 13, 2022 & Friday, October 14, 2022

Registration coming soon

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: CULTURAL COMPETENCE FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

Nov 15, 2022, 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET

In this half day program, you will learn the practical skills you need for greater cultural competence in the legal profession and immediately put your skills into action through a series of exercises where you'll address challenges faced in different legal settings and learn strategies for successfully overcoming them.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

COURT WORKING GROUPS

SCJ FAMILY LAW & IN-PERSON vs. ONLINE MATTERS

If you have ongoing concerns regarding in-person vs online appearances at the SCJ, please direct your concerns to Katie at katie.robinette@fol.ca and she will relay them to our Family Law Working Group.

SCJ SMALL CLAIMS COURT WORKING GROUP: FOLA is requesting that practitioners (as well as Deputy Judges) take a moment to consider and comment on what works well and what could use improvement in our Small Claims Court so that constructive feedback can continue to flow to the Small Claims Court Working Group. Please send comments to Katie at katie.robinette@fol.ca.

EVERYTHING ELSE

Law Association members are welcome to send any issues/concerns related to the above Updates to FOLA by emailing Katie at katie.robinette@fol.ca. We will address them in as timely a manner as possible. Please also note that FOLA cannot assist in issues related to a specific case and the Courts will NOT provide clarification on any Notice to the Profession.