



**FOLA's WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**May 4, 2022**  
**Summary**

**SUPERIOUR COURT OF JUSTICE UPDATES**

Chief Justice Morawetz issued an Order on April 27, 2022 extending his August Addendum Order deferring jurors, based on an answer that a juror is not fully vaccinated or prefers not to answer, further from April 29, 2022 to June 10, 2022. You can read that [here](#).

**ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE UPDATES:**

No updates this week

**COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO UPDATES:**

No updates this week

**MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**NOTICE TO LEGAL PROFESSION** - On April 27, 2022, the Court Services Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General released the updated [Notice to the Public and Legal Profession regarding Electronic Court Documents: Electronic Signatures and Submissions through Online Filing Portals](#).

This Notice (and the earlier Notice dated February 24, 2022) was developed in collaboration with the Offices of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice and Ontario Court of Justice.

The updated Notice clarifies that:

- the content on e-signatures applies to the electronic filing of prescribed and non-prescribed court forms, rather than court documents such as documentary evidence (e.g., exhibits such as contracts etc.) which will continue to be accepted by staff regardless of the format of e-signature used
- a typed name without encryption is an acceptable e-signature format on e-filed court forms, except where the court form is an affidavit, other sworn/affirmed document or a consent on a court form
- court staff will continue to accept for electronic filing records (e.g. motion records) containing court forms that were originally signed with encryption software, but where the encryption is lost upon merging with other documents prior to filing (e.g., combining PDF documents for a motion record)

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

**BUDGET 2022** - On April 28, 2022, the Ontario Government delivered their 2022 Budget. Titled "Ontario's Plan to Build", it focuses on five pillars: Rebuilding Ontario's Economy; Working for Workers; Building Highways and Key Infrastructure; Keeping Costs Down; A Plan to Stay Open. Read it [here](#).

## **ONTARIO'S NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACT**

Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) took effect on October 19, 2021. Existing non-profits have 3 years from that date to bring their governing documents into compliance with the new law. Learn more on our new [ONCA Resource Page](#).

## **NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!**

**ReSTAYS OTTAWA:** *reStays* Ottawa is a luxury boutique property of 111 suites, located between Queen & Sparks Street one block south of Parliament Hill. It offers a unique and more convenient way of traveling for business and for pleasure with it's stylish and modern fully furnished suites. And Law Association members get a 15% discount off the standard rates! Learn more [here](#). If prompted for a code, it is FOLA.

## **ONTARIO ELECTION UPDATE**

**AND WE'RE OFF!** It's official! The issuance of writs for the general election to be issued today with June 2, 2022 as the date of Ontario's next general election. Learn how you can get involved [here](#).

**ONTARIO ELECTION PLATFORMS:** The NDP have released their Election 2022 Platform and the Ontario PCs are widely expected to lean on their recent 2022 Budget in their Platform. The Liberals have not yet announced their Election 2022 Platform but are releasing campaign commitments regularly. You can learn more on our [Ontario 2022 Election page](#).

## **JOBS**

### **PUBLIC PROSECUTION SERVICE OF CANADA**

The Public Prosecution Service of Canada is inviting applications from private-sector lawyers or law firms with experience in prosecuting or defending criminal matters, to act as Agents of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Fixed-Term Agreements (contracts) are currently available in Parry Sound, including the satellite court of Sunridge (Deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>) and Muskoka, including the court locations of Bracebridge and Huntsville (Deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>). Learn more [here](#).

## **QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?**

Law Association members are welcome to send any issues/concerns related to the above Updates to FOLA by emailing Katie at [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.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.