



FOLA's WEEKLY UPDATE

July 6, 2022

Summary

SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE UPDATES

No updates this week

ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE UPDATES:

No updates this week

COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO UPDATES:

No updates this week

MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (ONTARIO)

No updates this week

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

❖ **REMINDER: LIBRARY SERVICES & MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY HR POLICY AND GUIDELINES**

LiRN is holding consultations with stakeholders this over their [Library Services & Management Responsibilities Policy HR Policy and Guidelines](#) document that provides details on Law Library work vs. Association work, Law Library staff roles/responsibilities, and definitions of core Law Library services. Of note is Appendix A: Additional Library Services and Association Services & Duties (found on page 10). These are essentially services that LiRN deems to be associated with Law Association work as opposed to Law Library work and thus, work that is not covered by the LiRN funding grant.

On June 17th, FOLA held our Consultation meeting with LiRN and you can read a recap of our meeting [here](#). Following that meeting, FOLA sent a letter to LiRN outlining FOLA's

comments regarding the division of responsibilities between Libraries and Associations. You can read that letter [here](#).

We have also confirmed a Shareholders meeting (the TLA, FOLA, and the LSO) to review and discuss this document with LiRN on July 12th.

If you have held your Consultation session and would like to share a report or summary with FOLA, please send those to Katie at katie.robinette@fola.ca.

FOLA

- ❖ **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](#).
- ❖ **SAD NEWS: [WILLSON ALEXANDER MCTAVISH'S OBITUARY](#)**
Willson Mctavish, L.L.B., Q.C., L.S.M., died in his sleep at age 85 on June 7th. Willson Mctavish was a President of the Peel Law Association and founding Chair of Ontario's County and District Law Presidents Association (now FOLA) from 1980-82.

Visitation at Turner & Porter "Peel" Chapel, 2180 Hurontario Street, Mississauga on Monday, August 8, 2022 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Celebration of Willson's life will be held at Turner & Porter "Peel" Chapel on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 3 p.m. Reception to follow. There will be a private family Inurnment of remains at Springcreek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that those wishing to honour Willson's memory donate to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Mississauga Arts Council. In the spirit of emerging from this Covid pandemic please consider honouring Willson's love of the arts by purchasing tickets and attending an event at The Living Arts Centre, The McMichael Art Gallery, The Stratford or Shaw Festivals. View full obituary [here](#).

- ❖ **NEWSLETTERS:** FOLA's July Newsletter is now available! You can read it [here](#). The Middlesex Law Association's July Newsletter (the Snail) is also out. That is available [here](#).

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:

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. An additional Fixed-Term Agreement (contract) is currently available in the Judicial District of Prescott-Russell, including the court location of L'Orignal. **Applications must be received by July 15, 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?

LAST CALL! ONLINE FILING

FOLA is hearing a lot of feedback regarding problems with e-filing. If you would like to share specific examples with us, we will incorporate those into a document that we will send to the Assistant Deputy Minister for Court Services and the relevant staff in the Attorney General's office once the new Cabinet has been appointed. Please send you examples to Katie at katie.robinette@fola.ca by July 8th.

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@fola.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 Jane Robertson (FOLA Treasurer) at jajadiver@bellnet.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@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.