



FOLA's WEEKLY UPDATE
August 17, 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

No updates this week

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 and reviewed an embargoed copy of the new, revised Draft. 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 late this week or early 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 end of day today. Learn more [here](#).
- ❖ **FOLA's ANNUAL AWARDS:** We are nearing the deadline for Nominations for our 2022 FOLA Awards. As a reminder, we have an award for Past Presidents, Outstanding Law Library Staff, and a special award to recognize an outstanding member of your Association. [Learn more](#) and fill out a Nomination Form today!
- ❖ **CANADIAN LAWYER'S SURVEYS:**

1. **Top Litigation Boutiques:** Canadian Lawyer's survey of the top litigation boutiques is now open & FOLA is a proud partner this year! They are looking for your input on the best firms specializing in litigation. The survey closes on September 2 2022. Complete the form [here](#).
2. **5-Star Legal Workplaces:** This 100% anonymous survey gives you the power to tell your organization what it is doing right – and how it can improve. Your feedback will help Canadian Lawyer uncover the 5-Star Legal Workplaces while providing your employer with valuable insights on how they can create better workplaces for all. Survey closes Friday, September 16, 2022. You can complete the survey [here](#).

Plus, you can read Canadian Lawyer Magazine's article announcing our partnership [here](#).

- ❖ **EMPLOYMENT LAW REQUEST:** FOLA is hosting a panel discussion during Access to Justice Week on Thursday, October 27th from 4:30-6pm and are looking for an employment lawyer. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email Katie Robinette for more information: katie.robinette@fola.ca.
- ❖ **LiRN ADVOCACY REQUEST:** FOLA is planning on launching another Law Library/Practice Recourse Centre advocacy campaign (starting in mid-September) geared towards Benchers and bencher candidates. The timing of this campaign is to help educate current Benchers as they plan out their upcoming Budget and will also be used as we head into the Bencher elections. To help with our campaign, we would like letters from individual law association members that highlight the importance of their local law library. To better ensure that letters are personal, FOLA will provide talking points to include in these letters rather than send out a template. If you would like to be part of this campaign, please email Katie Robinette (katie.robinette@fola.ca) with the subject line LiRN. Please include your full name, law association, and all law libraries you use.

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.

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.](#)

DRLA FALL 2022 CONFERENCE

Thursday, October 13, 2022 & Friday, October 14, 2022

Check out the Conference details [here](#).

Download the registration form [here](#).

FOLA FALL 2022 PLENARY: SAVE THE DATE!

November 9-11, 2022

Embassy Suites, Niagara Falls Ontario

Registration & details coming soon

12th ANNUAL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ADVANCED ISSUES IN CHILD & SPOUSAL SUPPORT

Nov 11, 2022 (Live Online) // Dec 8, 2022 (Replay Online)

\$595

More information & Registration [here](#).

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@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 Katie at katie.robinette@fola.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.