



FOLA's WEEKLY UPDATE
July 20, 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)
JUSTICE SERVICES ONLINE (JSO)

The following enhancements will be effective as of July 25, 2022 to its Justice Services Online (JSO) platform that, they hope, will improve the user experience:

- The portals will be enhanced to assist filers in managing their submissions by allowing them to identify their own client reference number to be attached to JSO submissions for internal file management purposes. Filers will also be able to view on the confirmation page the last four digits of the credit card used for a transaction and review a list of previously completed transactions.
- A new predictive text feature in the document drop-down menu will also make it easier for users to easily search for and select the right document type when uploading documents for filing and/or issuance.
- In addition, court staff will be able to provide filers with clear reasons for rejections of a document submitted for filing and/or issuance so deficiencies can be addressed. For clarity, staff is being asked to provide a clear explanation for each rejection reason.

Learn more [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

As a reminder, FOLA participated in a Shareholder Consultation session with LiRN on July 12th, (along with the TLA and the LSO). During that meeting, LiRN informed us that they are still planning on presenting a new Draft version of their HR Policies document to their Board on July 18th. We should expect to see an updated version of the draft document before the end of July and will consult and respond accordingly once that has been received.

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](#).
- ❖ **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.

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@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.