



FOLA's WEEKLY UPDATE
August 24, 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**

Law Association Presidents should now have a copy of the revised [Library Services & Management Responsibilities Policy HR Policy and Guidelines](#) document. If you have any concerns with the document, please email Katie at katie.robinette@fola.ca outlining your concerns and what you would like done about said concern. **Comments are due by noon on Friday.**

FOLA

- ❖ **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!
- ❖ **FOLA IN THE NEWS:** Pandemic led to rise in virtual real estate closings, but they're not yet the norm: Mark Giavedoni FOLA's Real Estate Co-Chair in the Law Times. Read the article [here](#).
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **FOLA SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING MANAGER (VOLUNTEER):** FOLA is looking for a Volunteer Social Media Manager. Learn more and apply [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.

LAW FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

- ❖ **SMALL CLAIMS COURTS REPORT:** The Law Foundation of Ontario has updated their December of 2018 "[Access to Justice: Ontario Small Claims Court - Quantitative and Qualitative Research](#)" Report. Updated Report includes feedback regarding the initiating claims which was not included in the 2018 Report.

LEGAL AID ONTARIO

- ❖ **NEW MINIMUM EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ROSTER MEMBER**

AUTHORIZATIONS: In accordance with the Legal Aid Services Act, 2020 (LASA 2020), Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) is implementing minimum experience requirements that roster (formerly panel) members must meet in order to provide legal aid certificate services and duty counsel services in specific areas of law. These new minimum experience requirements replace the existing standards for roster members and are part of a broader effort to modernize the administration of legal aid services. The new minimum experience requirements for roster member authorizations were effective as of August 10, 2022. Learn more [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.](#)

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.