



FOLA'S WEEKLY COURTS UPDATE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE UPDATES

No updates this week

ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE UPDATES:

No updates this week

OCJ JUDICIAL VACANCY

No updates this week

COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO UPDATES:

No updates this week

MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

JUSTICE SERVICES ONLINE - LIVE (VIRTUAL) FEEDBACK SESSIONS

FOLA and MAG are planning on co-hosting a series of regional live virtual one-hour feedback sessions for Ontario lawyers and legal support staff who have used the JSO and have questions, suggestions, or other feedback about the portals. While we are still working out dates, please send Katie (katie.robinette@fola.ca) any questions and issues you have with the JSO and we will work to include these into the sessions and use them to craft an updated FAQ page.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

2023 BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

The Ontario Government is currently seeking submissions/comment in advance of their 2023 Budget. FOLA will be making a written submission. If you would like to make suggestions/comments for FOLA to consider in our Submission, please send them to Katie at katie.robinette@fola.ca by January 30th. You can also make your own submission online. Learn more [here](#). Deadline is February 10th.

ONTARIO'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE POLICY

On Monday, in advance of Ontario's Standing Committee on Justice Policy hearings on Bail Reform, FOLA sent our Submission for their consideration. In it, we reminded the Committee that an effective bail system is one which respects the presumption of innocence and the Charter right to reasonable bail and that Ontario's courts are subject to binding appellate jurisprudence on the considerations made during a bail hearing. You can read our Submission [here](#).

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING - COMMUNITY SERVICES RECOVERY FUND

Do you qualify? The Community Services Recovery Fund is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support community service organizations, including charities, non-profits and Indigenous governing bodies as they focus on how to adapt their organizations for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. [Learn more here](#). **Deadline for applications is February 26th.**

OTHER ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NEWS

REMINDER: 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 [ONCA Resource Page](#).

METROLINX - OSGOODE HALL STATION

On Monday, FOLA learned of a Community Consultation Session hosted by Metrolinx regarding their Osgoode Hall Station that we were not invited to. In response to this information, we sent a letter to Metrolinx's Ontario Line Community Engagement Team on behalf of FOLA requesting that they reschedule an upcoming community consultation session due to lack of sufficient notice. You can see our letter [here](#). It appears that they are moving ahead with the meeting and have since invited FOLA. The meeting will be virtual and has been scheduled for today.

Login details and Agenda

DATE: February 1, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. House keeping/ Introductions (Metrolinx)
2. City of Toronto to speak to Osgoode Station location review (Transit Expansion Office)
3. Metrolinx to provide work updates (Metrolinx)
4. Open discussion/ Question period (moderated by Metrolinx)

LOGIN (MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING)

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 235 369 749 605

Passcode: 66YLZj

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FOLA

❖ LOBBY DAY 2023

FOLA's 2023 Lobby Day will take place on March 7th via Zoom. Registration is free and is open to all members of Law Associations (not just Presidents!). Learn more & register [here](#). **Deadline to register has been extended to 5pm today (February 1st).**

❖ **BEST IN LAW 2022:** FOLA is a proud sponsor of Canadian Lawyer Magazine's "Best in Law 2022". [Click here for the list](#).

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❖ REMINDER: NEW MEMBER REWARD

FOLA is proud to announce a partnership with [Bell Mobility](#)! Get your family on Canada's best national network this new year. Enjoy preferred pricing on the latest phones and plans. [Check out special pricing for Law Association Members!](#)

- ❖ **FOLA AWARDS 2023:** FOLA'S 2023 Awards have changed a bit. We have changed (slightly) the eligibility requirements for the Presidents' Award and the Luminary Award (for librarian staff and association staff) and have replaced the Distinguished Service Award with the Emerging Leader Award. Nominations are now open and full eligibility requirements and nomination forms can be found [here](#).
- ❖ **JOBS**
 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ONTARIO: CORPORATE SERVICES BRANCH:**
 - ONTARIO REVIEW BOARD (LAWYER MEMBER):** The Ontario Review Board (ORB) seeks candidates who are interested in being appointed as a part-time Legal member. The Ontario Review Board is an independent adjudicative tribunal created by the Criminal Code of Canada that determines levels of risk and makes decisions and dispositions for persons found not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder, or unfit to stand trial, in accordance with Part XX.1 of the Criminal Code. The board is committed to carrying out its mandate to adjudicate hearings under Part XX.1 of the Criminal Code in an independent, transparent and accountable manner, consistent with its statutory mandate. **Deadline is February 5th.** [Learn more & apply via our Job Board here.](#)
 - CONSENT AND CAPACITY BOARD (LAWYER MEMBER):** The Consent and Capacity Board (CCB) seeks candidates who are interested in being appointed as a part-time Lawyer Member. The CCB is an independent adjudicative tribunal created under the Health Care Consent Act. The board receives its adjudicative authority from the Health Care Consent Act, the Mental Health Act, the Substitute Decisions Act, the Personal Health Information Protection Act, the Child and Family Services Act and the Mandatory Blood Testing Act. The CCB's mandate is to adjudicate on matters of capacity, consent, civil committal, substitute decision-making and other issues affecting citizens of Ontario, the health care community and other government agencies. The CCB is responsible for holding hearings and making decisions in accordance with the legislation and relevant case law. **Deadline is February 5th.** [Learn more & apply via our Job Board here.](#)
 - ONTARIO JUSTICE EDUCATION NETWORK (OJEN) - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The OJEN is a charitable not-for-profit, non-governmental organization with a province-wide mandate. They develop innovative educational tools that introduce young people to the justice system, help them understand the law, and build their legal capability. The OJEN works to help prepare young people to manage the legal aspects of problems that arise in their own lives. The Executive Director is responsible for all operations at OJEN. Leading and supporting a close-knit, collaborative staff, the Executive Director coordinates and ensures the effective development and delivery of OJEN's public legal education programs and resources. As a community-focused leader, the Executive Director develops relationships and partnerships with individuals and organizations in the legal, education and community sectors. [Learn more & apply via our Job Board here](#) (scroll down a bit). **Deadline is Feb 9th.**
- ❖ **FOLA'S FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER:** Our February 2023 Newsletter is now available! You can access it [here](#).

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

PEEL LAW ASSOCIATION: PUTTING ON THE RED SASH

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 5:00-6:30pm (by Zoom)

Learn about what takes place on the other side of the Bench!

Join the PLA as their speakers talk about their experiences transitioning from lawyers to members of the Judiciary. They will touch upon their new duties as part of the Judiciary, what training they had to undertake for their new roles, and what it is really like to be a judge.

[Learn more and register](#)

PLA: HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD PROTECTION PRACTICE

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 4pm (in-person event)

Learn more about human trafficking and what is being done to protect children in Peel.

Topics discussed will include:

- Human trafficking and sex trafficking - recruitment, myths, signs, and impacts
- Changes to the CYFSA relating to human trafficking cases.
- Community support agency POVs

Of interest to counsel who are new to child protection law - come learn about

- Areas of legal representation in a child protection case
- Requirements for LAO child protection panel
- LAO child protection mentorship program

[Learn more & register here](#)

OSGOODE PD - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

March 8-9, 2023 9:00 am to 5:00pm (In-Person or Online [Live])

Now in its 17th year, this acclaimed interactive program is specifically designed for legal professionals. Program Director Professor John Friedlan reviews complex concepts in a clear and interactive manner, providing you with comprehensive and practical guidance so that you can effectively understand analyze financial statements and reports in your practice.

[Learn more & register here](#)

SAVE THE DATE: DURHAM REGION LAW ASSOCIATION 2nd ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, September 28 & Friday September 29, 2023

Ajax Convention Centre

Information and registration coming soon

REMINDER: LAW LIBRARIES - HIRING STAFF

Are you looking to make a new hire for your Law Library? FOLA has a handy tip sheet for you to help you with hiring process [here](#).

When you do hire new staff, please let FOLA, OCLA, and LiRN know of the new hire. You can email FOLA at katie.robINETTE@fola.ca, OCLA at Shuie@waterloolaw.org and LiRN at TLeitch@lirn.ca.

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

- ❖ **REMINDER - BENCHER ELECTIONS:** Nominations are now open for the 2023 Bencher Elections! You can find more information on [FOLA's Bencher Elections webpage](#). Information as to how FOLA will be involved in these elections will be discussed at our Fall 2022 Plenary and will be posted on that page following the event. Also, over the coming weeks, FOLA will be adding resources for those considering running - so please do visit this page regularly! **Nominations are open until February 24th and voting will occur online in April 2023 with the results announced on May 1, 2023 after the tabulation of votes.**
- ❖ **THINKING ABOUT RUNNING AS A BENCHER?** Cheryl Siran, a Bencher from Kenora, has written a guest article for FOLA about what being a Bencher is really about. It's on our Bencher elections page [here](#).
- ❖ **LSO CONVOCATION:** LSO's next Convocation will take place Feb 25th starting at 9am. Live weblink, Agenda, and materials will be accessible [here](#) closer to the date.
- ❖ **LSO AGM:** The Law Society's AGM will take place virtually on May 10 at 5:15pm.

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.