



**FOLA's WEEKLY UPDATE**  
**October 5, 2022**

**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**

There is currently a Judicial Vacancy at the OCJ in London. Deadline to apply is October 13<sup>th</sup>. Learn more [here](#).

**FOLA**

- ❖ **LiRN ADVOCACY REQUEST:** FOLA has launched another Law Library/Practice Recourse Centre advocacy campaign geared towards Benchers and benchers 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 sent to Benchers 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. Talking Points and Bencher emails can be found on our [Courthouse Library Action Centre page](#). If you do send a letter, please either cc Katie at [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca) or send a copy of your letter once it has been sent. Alternatively, FOLA would be happy to send your letter on your behalf.
- ❖ **CONSULTATIONS: ONTARIO NEW HOMES WARRANTIES PLAN ACT:** Tarion is currently consulting on regulatory changes to support improvements to the Customer Service Standard. FOLA is planning on drafting a Submission and if you would like to offer comments for us to consider as we prepare it, please send those to Katie at [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca) by **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like to send your comments directly to the government, the deadline is November 14<sup>th</sup>. More information, including a link to submit directly if you chose to do so, can be found [here](#).
- ❖ **UPDATE RE: MEMBER ONLINE FILING ISSUES:** In July 2022, FOLA sent a letter to the Deputy Attorney General outlining some of the concerns and issues our members have been facing related to electronic filing and the significant delays and costs these issues cause to parties. You can read our letter, some accompanying examples of issues, and their response [here](#). Note that [MAG's response letter](#) includes embedded links that can help when facing a looming deadline.

- ❖ **FOLA'S OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:** FOLA's October 2022 Newsletter is now available! You can read it [here](#).
- ❖ **MLA's OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:** MLA's October edition of "The Snail" can be found [here](#).
- ❖ **FOLA AWARDS:** [FOLA is extending our Nominations deadline for our Presidents Award to Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>](#). Eligibility/Criteria: All current or immediately past Law Association Presidents are eligible for nomination if they stood out in one or more of the following areas:
  1. Demonstrated leadership, creativity, competence and commitment to professional growth through their work with their Association;
  2. Shown outstanding leadership and innovation in improving membership recruitment, renewals, and/or engagement;
  3. Led in the creation of, or significant improvements to, programming initiatives through the local Law Association or law library;
  4. Led in the creation of, or significant improvements to, community engagement and/or charity initiatives spearheaded by the Association;
  5. Significantly raised the awareness of the importance of their local Law Library as evidenced through multiple instances of positive media recognition; and/or
  6. Demonstrated leadership through a successful fundraising campaign.
 Note that the deadline extension is extended ONLY for the Presidents Award. [Download and fill in your Nomination form TODAY!](#). Completed forms are to be sent to Katie at [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca).

#### 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](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca) by November 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- ❖ **BENCHER ELECTIONS:** The next Law Society bencher election is in April 2023. Nominations for bencher open mid-October and close February 24, 2023. The nomination form will be available on the Law Society's website during the nomination period. Licensees who have not previously been an elected bencher who wish to run as a candidate in the election will be required to complete the Bencher Candidate Orientation and Education online course before the close of nominations. This course takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and provides valuable details about the Law Society, the role of bencher, the type of commitment and responsibilities involved and the relationship with Law Society management. **The deadline for nominations is 5:00 p.m. EST on February 24, 2023.** Watch for Information about the bencher election in October on the Law Society website.
- ❖ **AWARDS PART 1:** The Human Rights Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of human rights and/or the promotion of the rule of law provincially, nationally or internationally. The award is granted for devotion to the advancement of human rights and the rule of law over a long term or for a single outstanding act of service. The call for nominations deadline is December 31. Learn more on the [LSO website](#).
- ❖ **AWARDS PART 2:** Nominations for the 2023 Law Society Awards are open until December 16, 2022. Award criteria, the nomination process and the online nomination form are all available

[here](#). Paralegals are eligible for the William J. Simpson Distinguished Paralegal Award. Awards for lawyers include the Law Society Medal and the Laura Legge Award. Both lawyers and paralegals are eligible for the J. Shirley Denison Award and the Lincoln Alexander Award. Nominations are encouraged for members from all communities, practice areas, firm sizes and regions across the province.

- ❖ **TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTRE NOW AVAILABLE:** This new section of LSO provides a centralized place for licensees to find curated technology supports and resources. The Technology Resource Centre covers a wide range of topics including selecting technology for your practice, how to use various technologies, security and data protection, cybersecurity, cloud computing, and working remotely. Resources are available in multiple formats and can be searched by topic and format. The creation of the Resource Centre stems from the Technology Task Force's mandate to consider the role of technologies in the delivery of legal services and to encourage the technological competence of legal professionals. Visit the Tech Resource Centre [here](#).
- ❖ **CONVOCATION:** The next meeting of Convocation is scheduled to take place on October 27, 2022.

### ARTICLING OPPORTUNITIES

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON:** The Legal Services Division of The Regional Municipality of Halton (Halton Region), in co-operation with the Town of Oakville (Town) and the Halton Regional Police Service (Police) is seeking three (3) articling students for the 2023-2024 Joint Articling Student Program. Each articling student will rotate between Halton Region, the Town and the Police for a combined twelve (12) month articling term. This unique articling experience will appeal to those articling students interested in gaining a wide variety of legal experience in the area of municipal law. **Deadline is October 14, 2022.** [Learn more & apply here.](#)

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**OSGOODE'S PART TIME PROFESSIONAL LLM:** Osgoode's Part-Time Professional LLM program is now accepting applications for programs starting in Fall 2023. Osgoode's Part-Time Professional LLM is designed to fit into your busy life, allowing you to pursue professional development goals while working full-time. The option for interactive online learning enables you to engage with peers and instructors across the globe in real-time, from anywhere in Ontario. **Deadline: May 1, 2023.** [Learn more and register here.](#)

### EVENTS

#### 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](#)

#### MLA: THE REAL ESTATE UPDATE - FALL 2022

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm // Online via Zoom**

**Speakers:**

Jeffrey Lem, Director of Titles for Ontario's Ministry of Government & Consumer Services

John Goudy, Scott Petrie LLP

Michael J. Lamb, Michael J. Lamb Law

**Chairs:** John Goudy, Scott Petrie LLP & Matthew Wilson, Siskinds LLP

This fall's real estate program welcomes back Jeffrey Lem, the Director of Titles. Jeffrey will address changes to and developments in real estate law, and the Land Titles Act. As always, he will answer your questions and provide direction and practical tips. The second part of the program features John Goudy speaking about the Drainage Act and Professor Michael Lamb will take us back to basics with best practices for Agreements of Purchase and Sale.

[Learn more and register here](#)

**MLA: WHAT EVERY FAMILY LAWYER AND CIVIL LITIGATOR NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW TORT OF FAMILY VIOLENCE**

**Thursday, October 20, 2022 - 1-3PM (via Zoom)**

Recently, the Court has recognized a new tort of family violence. Victims of family violence now have access to a new civil remedy that acknowledges the unique suffering that victims face when they experience violence from a loved one. Recognition of this new tort makes it essential, now more than ever, that family lawyers and civil litigators know how to recognize and respond to clients experiencing family violence.

This program aims to cover practical and procedural considerations and strategies that family and civil litigation lawyers must know when dealing with clients who are victims of family violence.

[Learn more & register here](#)

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE WEEK**

**October 24 to 28**

The seventh annual Access to Justice Week will take place October 24 to 28, 2022. A2J Week 2022 features a diverse series of virtual programming on the theme "Access to Justice Counts: Using data to address the legal needs of Canadians."

[Learn more here](#)

**PEEL LAW ASSOCIATION: WHAT'S NEW AND NOTEWORTHY IN CRIMINAL LAW**

**Tuesday, October 25th, 4-5PM (Zoom)**

With Antonietta Raviele of RV Law LLP

[View flyer](#)

[Learn more & register here](#)

1 hour of substantive credits

**MLA: NAVIGATING GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES IN CLOSELY HELD COMPANIES**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022 - Online via Zoom - 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

**Speakers:** Susan Kushneryk and Eric Morgan, Kushneryk Morgan LLP

**Chair:** Jennifer Hawn, Polishuk Camman & Steele

In this program, Susan and Eric will discuss how lawyers who work with closely held companies can navigate governance challenges, including complex legal frameworks and ethical issues involved in the governance of companies.

**FOLA FALL 2022 PLENARY: SAVE THE DATE!**

**November 9-11, 2022**

Embassy Suites, Niagara Falls Ontario

[Visit our Plenary Page for more information](#)

**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 send your concerns to Katie at [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca) and they will be relayed 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](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca).

**EVERYTHING ELSE**

Law Association members are welcome to send any issues/concerns to FOLA by emailing Katie at [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto: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.