



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: Thunder Bay (deadline Dec 16th) and Fort Francis (Deadline Jan 6th).

[Learn more & apply.](#)

COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO UPDATES:

No updates this week

JUSTICE CANADA

REMINDER - FAMILY LAW: The Department of Justice Canada invites all Family Lawyers to participate in the [2022 National Family Law Survey \(NFL Survey\)](#), which will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete. This year, the focus is on child support. **The deadline is December 23rd.**

Background Information about the NFL Survey:

Since 1998, the Department of Justice Canada has conducted biennial surveys of lawyers' and judges' experiences in family law in Canada, collecting data geared toward family law policy development. Historically the NFL Survey was administered only to participants at the National Family Law Program Conference. Starting in 2018, however, it has been distributed to Law Societies across Canada through the Federation of Law Societies of Canada (FLSC) to increase participation in the Survey. Since 2019, the NFL Survey has been distributed to family law legal advisers across the country through the FLSC and the Canadian Bar Association – Family Law Section.

The NFL Survey collects information on the characteristics of practitioners' family law cases, and their experience in family law issues. This information assists in the development of policy and programs related to family law in Canada. If you are a family law legal advisor, please fill out the [Survey for Lawyers](#).

MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

COURT FEE INCREASES: Pursuant to regulation, court fees in civil, small claims and family matters in the Superior Court of Justice and Court of Appeal automatically increase every three years by applying the Consumer Price Index, beginning January 1, 2023. To ensure continued access to justice,

fee waiver eligibility thresholds are increased at the same rate. A complete list of the fee and fee waiver eligibility threshold increases can be found [here](#). If you have any questions or comments, please contact Vaia Pappas, Director of the Operational Support Branch at (416) 326-2514 or by email at Vaia.Pappas@ontario.ca.

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](#).

RECOVERY SECRETARIAT

Questions about Courthouse operations related to health & safety can be directed to Samantha Poisson at MAGrecoverysecretariat@ontario.ca.

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- ❖ **METROLINX & OSGOOD HALL:** On November 30th, the LSO announced that, thanks to the efforts of community members & partners who have raised concern over the removal of 5 trees from the historic grounds of Osgoode Hall, Metrolinx has agreed that this removal is not necessary to facilitate an archaeological assessment for the Ontario Line station.
- ❖ **REMINDER - LAW LIBRARY & ZOOM QUESTION:** Has any law library purchased a soundproof booth that could be used for zoom proceedings in the library to provide privacy? One or two Law Associations are looking into this and would love to chat with those of you who have. Please email Katie at katie.robinette@fola.ca if you have a soundproof booth.
- ❖ **JOBS**
 1. The Public Prosecution Service of Canada is inviting applications from private-sector lawyers or law firms with experience in prosecuting or defending criminal matters, to act as Agents of the Director of Public Prosecutions. They currently have a posting for Fixed-Term Agreements (contracts) to assist the PPSC Kenora office. Learn more and apply [here](#).
 2. College of Nurses of Ontario has a posting for a Manager, Hearings. Position Summary: Develops, implements and administers programs and services to support the Discipline Committee and the Fitness to Practise Committee to carry out their statutory mandates. Learn more & apply [here](#).
 3. FOLA is looking for a Volunteer Social Media Manager. Learn more & apply [here](#).
- ❖ **NEW BOOK FOR YOUR LAW LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:**
[**Building Justice: Frank Iacobucci and the Life Cycles of Law**](#)
By Shauna Van Praagh
September 2022 | 9781487566289 | 376 pp | 9 b&w illustrations | Hardcover & eBook \$36.95
Building Justice draws on the inspiring life of former Canadian Supreme Court Justice Frank Iacobucci to offer insight into the meaning of engaged citizenship through law. Ignoring early advice that he had the wrong kind of name to go to law school, Frank Iacobucci, the son of Italian immigrants, made a name for himself as an outstanding Canadian jurist. Serving as justice of the Supreme Court of Canada from 1991 to 2004, Iacobucci was also professor and dean of law at the University of Toronto and deputy minister of justice for Canada.

In *Building Justice*, Shauna Van Praagh weaves together the voices of individuals whose paths and projects have intersected with those of Frank Iacobucci. The book provides a compelling consideration of the study and practice of law as it follows the stages of Iacobucci's life and career: from his childhood in Vancouver, his practice as a young lawyer, his time at the University of Toronto and with the Federal Department of Justice, his work as a judge at the highest level of court, and his significant engagement with Canada's ongoing response to the legacy of residential

schools. *Building Justice* is a beautifully written biography in which the stories of one jurist serve to explore and illustrate engaged citizenship through law.

If your organization is interested in a bulk or wholesale purchase of this title, please contact Michaela Jacques at mjacques@utorontopress.com. Learn more & order individual copies [here](#).

- ❖ **FOLA NEWSLETTER:** FOLA's December Newsletter is now available. You can view it [here](#).
- ❖ **MLA NEWSLETTER:** The Middlesex Law Association's latest edition of "The Snail" is now available. You can read it [here](#).

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

- ❖ **FAMILY LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDER LICENCE (FLSP):** Convocation approved the creation of an FLSP licence. Paralegals who complete the specified training will be able to assist clients with process navigation, completing applications for joint and uncontested divorce and motions to change for child support, based on the payor's "line 150/T4 slip" income and excluding special and extraordinary expenses. The proposed scope also includes responding to support proceedings and court appearances on motions to change, subject to the limitations described previously. The full details can be found in the [report](#). The Access to Justice Committee will review the FLSP licence within three years of its implementation to determine its impact on access to justice and report to Convocation. Following the vote, FOLA issues [this Statement](#).
- ❖ **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.**
- ❖ **REMINDER - CONSULTATION: EXPANDED REMEDIAL OUTCOMES FOR THE PROCEEDINGS AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE (PAC):** The Professional Regulation Committee is seeking feedback on its recommendation to expand the remedial outcomes available to the Proceedings Authorization Committee (PAC) to include mandatory regulatory meetings and continuing education or remediation programs. Visit [LSO Website](#) for more information. **Deadline is January 15, 2023.**
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **LAW SOCIETY EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:** As part of its mandate, the Law Society recommends and makes appointments to a variety of boards, councils and committees. The Law Society is currently seeking applications from qualified lawyers and paralegals for the following:
 - Legal Aid Ontario Board of Directors
 - Federal Judicial Advisory Committee

The application deadline is December 22, 2022. More information is available on the [external appointments webpage](#).

- ❖ **CONVOCATION - AGM:** The Law Society's AGM will take place virtually on May 10 at 5:15pm.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

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 with "Small Claims" in the subject line to Katie at 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. 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.