



FOLA'S WEEKLY UPDATE
September 21, 2022
Summary

JOINT COURT NOTICE: SEPTEMBER 30TH: NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Friday, September 30th is the second annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This is a day to recognize the tragic legacy of the residential school system and the ways it continues to affect Indigenous Peoples in Canada. It is a day to mourn the children who did not return from residential school and to honour the survivors, their families, and the resilience of their communities.

To allow for reflection on this important day, the Courts will be closed except for certain matters that must be heard.

- In the OCJ, only Weekend and Statutory Holiday (bail) courts will operate.
- In the SCJ, urgent matters such as those heard on statutory holidays will be heard.
- In the CAO, no motions or appeals are scheduled for that day.

See Notice [here](#).

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

At their September Board meeting, the LiRN Board deferred approval of the revised Library Services & Management Responsibilities Policy HR Policy and Guidelines document to its next meeting (date to be determined, likely in October). This will allow for additional time to associations who'd like to comment but were unable to respond within the original timeline. If you have comments or concerns on the revised document, please let FOLA know by emailing Katie at katie.robinette@fola.ca.

FOLA

- ❖ **FINAL CALL: FOLA's ANNUAL AWARDS:** Next week is the deadline for Nominations for our 2022 FOLA Awards: September 30th. 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!
- ❖ **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.

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.
- ❖ **CONVOCATION:** The next meeting of Convocation is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 29. Meetings of Convocation are available via live broadcast. Visit the [Convocation page](#) for more information. At this meeting, the Treasurer is expected to speak about the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II further to the letter of condolence she will be sending to the Royal Family acknowledging the significant role of the Queen on the global landscape for more than 70 years. Watch for the meeting agenda, which will be posted on the [website](#) as usual earlier that week.

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:

CRIMINAL LAW SEMINAR - HALTON COUNTY LAW ASSOCIATION

Saturday, September 24, 2022

9am-1pm (EST) (Zoom)

\$55 (HCLA members) // \$75 non-members)

Views from the Bench - A Justice (tbd), Ontario Court of Justice

General advocacy tips and strategies - Ari Goldkind

Recent Supreme Court Decisions - Brendan Neil

Recent cases on mental disorder - Russell Browne

Charter s. 8: Technological advances and Appellate Court responses - Charon Kerr, Crown Counsel

Practical considerations when bringing applications for release in high-stakes, high-profile serious case bail hearings - Liam O'Connor.

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[Register here](#)

PEEL LAW ASSOCIATION: UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECTING THE DIVERSITY OF LAWYERS

October 4, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Speakers: Sherry Abotossaway “Nimkii Kwe”, Matthews Law (Thunder Bay)

Imran Kamal, Crown Counsel for the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General

Bhupinder Nagra, Nagra Law

Leah Simeone, Wood Gold LLP

Facilitator: Vanassa Richards-Thompson, Barrister & Solicitor, PLA President

[Learn more and 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](#).

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 Action Group on Access to Justice (TAG) in partnership with the Law Society of Ontario will host the seventh annual Access to Justice (A2J) Week from October 24 to 28. A2J Week will feature a diverse series of virtual programming on the theme “Access to Justice Counts: Using data to address the legal needs of Canadians.” Details on A2J Week 2022, including the full schedule and registration details, will be available on the [TAG website](#) later this month.

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 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.