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LSO BENCHER ELECTIONS

The 2019 Bencher Elections are scheduled to be held on April 30, 2019!

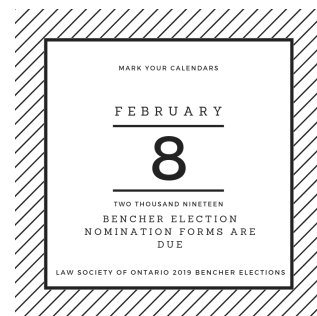
REMINDER! Nominations close forms must be received by the Law Society at Osgoode Hall by 5 pm on February 8, 2019!

Registration information (and all nomination forms) is available on our [Bencher Election page](#).

Voting opens: mid-April 2019

Voting closes: April 30, 2019

Over the next month, we'll be updating our page to ensure you are an informed voter. So keep checking back!



Click the image for more info

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

The Ontario Courthouse Libraries Association (OCLA) is excited to roll-out their new [mobile-device-friendly site](#). The new website is designed to be a lawyer-centric portal to the County and District Law Libraries in the province - complete with individual law library profiles on one convenient site, offering an easy-to-digest overview of the information, and services being offered. Some of the features include:



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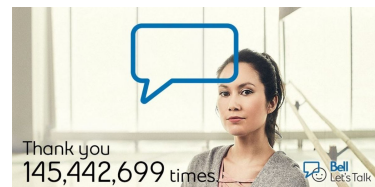
- Highly visible quick link icons to contact information, location-based mapping, weather, and Association websites.
- Quick catalogue access to diverse resources, directly from the home page.
- A persistent header with a drop-down menu for easy navigation by Association or city.
- Find information about hours, access, electronic resources, parking, robing rooms, lounge facilities, value added extras, and more.

[Check it out.](#)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN #BELLETSTALK DAY!

The final results are in! #BellLetsTalk Day raised another \$7,272,134.95 for mental health programs, bringing Bell's total commitment since 2009 to \$100,695,763.75! To all of you who joined FOLA on twitter, you are all Mental Health Superheros!

We've removed the #BellLetsTalk section of our website, but our [Mental Health resources](#) are all still there! So please do book mark this page and share it with your colleagues - because **when you replace the I in Mental Illness with WE, you get Mental Wellness! HA!**



Click on the superhero image to visit our Mental Health page



Learn More! Click on the image

CPDOnline SPECIAL DEAL!

As most of you know by now, FOLA has partnered with [CPDOnline](#) so that we can offer qualifying Law Association members half price off their regular subscription price.

And if you subscribe in January, you'll be able to benefit from a full year of 24/7 access to fully accredited online content from the convenience of your home or office (or from anywhere in the world!).

Just imagine not having to cram in those hours at the end of the calendar year! Get your head start today by visiting our [website](#) to learn more.



LAW SOCIETY SUBMISSIONS

In January, FOLA sent formal responses to the Law Society. The first was in response to the Tribunal Committee's call for comment regarding new draft Rules of Practice and the second was in response to the Alternative Business Structures Working Group's draft regulatory framework. You can view both here:

[RULES OF PRACTICE](#)

[ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS STRUCTURES](#)

FEATURED NEW RESOURCE #1

Do you know any law students? FOLA has a helpful new [resource page](#) just for them. Containing suggestions on how to connect with lawyers in small firms throughout Ontario, tips to help them prepare for their interview, how to leverage the courthouse law libraries, and even contact information for Law Association Presidents, it's been designed with the law student in mind.

Please have a [look and share!](#)



Click here for direct access to resource page!

FEATURED NEW RESOURCE #2

Thinking about opening up your own practice? About to close one down? Or have you found out that you are the subject of a complaint?

FOLA has a brand new [resource section](#) full of information you need to help with all aspects of your practice - from start to finish!

If you think something is missing, please us know and we'll look into adding that. This section is designed with you and your practice in mind.



Click on image for instant site access!

WANT TO FINALLY LEARN WHAT THE BLOCKCHAIN IS ALL ABOUT????



VIDEO: Blockchain 101

FOLA has partnered with two awesome Blockchain communities in the legal space: The [Global Legal Blockchain Consortium \(GLBC\)](#) & [The Global Rise Of Women in LegalTech \(GROWL\)](#) and we have some of their fantastic resources available for you (**FOR FREE!!**).

Get started by watching GLBC's great Blockchain 101 video. Then start to put all your newfound smarts to use by brainstorming and sharing ideas and/or proofs of concepts as to how blockchain technology might be used in the business or practice of law.

Dive right in! Talk to your Law Association President about hosting a Hackathon during the [Global Legal Hackathon](#) (Feb 22-24, 2019) and reach out to ambitious women to help in the legal profession to encourage them to join GROWL! Tips on how to do this are on our site.

For more on our partnership visit: [GLBC & GROWL](#) on our Blockchain resource page today!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

17th ANNUAL ESTATES & TRUSTS SEMINAR - Feb 6

The Hamilton Law Association (HLA) is hosting their 17th Annual Estates & Trusts Seminar at the Hamilton Convention Centre on Feb 6th from 1-4:30pm.

The program contains 1.0 Professionalism Hour of LSO content and is eligible for up to 2.0 Substantive Hours.

GLOBAL LEGAL HACKATHON - Feb 22-24, 2019 - 6 Continents | 54 Hours

The Global Legal Hackathon engages law schools, law firms and in-house departments, legal technology companies, governments, and service providers to the legal industry – across the globe. It brings together the best thinkers, doers and practitioners in law in support of a unified vision: rapid development of solutions to improve the legal industry, world-wide.

FEDERATION OF ASIAN CANADIAN LAWYERS & THE ASIAN CANADIAN LAW STUDENTS JOINT CONFERENCE

February 23, 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM - Toronto Region Board of Trade

This year, the FACL conference is merging the Asian Canadian Law Students Conference into one unique event. The conference theme is Practicing Law and Humanity.

Luncheon keynote speaker: The Right Honourable Richard Wagner, Chief Justice of Canada

Gala keynote speaker: Arif Virani, MP for Parkdale-High Park, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

14th ANNUAL CURRENT ISSUES IN COMMERCIAL LITIGATION SEMINAR - March 6

The Hamilton Law Association Presents their 14th Annual Current Issues in Commercial Litigation Seminar on Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 – 9:00am to 1:45pm at the Sheraton Hotel Hamilton.

This program contains 0.5 Professionalism Hour and is eligible for up to 3.50 Substantive Hours.

THUNDER BAY LAW ASSOCIATION AGM - March 6

The Thunder Bay Law Association invites you to attend their AGM on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 4:30-7:30pm at the Victoria Inn.

Open Bar; Buffet style meal @ 6:00pm; Guest Speaker: Mike Winward, FOLA Chair; Presentation of TBLA Awards

All members are urged to attend - RSVP to Rene Larson at Rene.Larson@larsonlawyers.com

FOLA'S MAY 2019 PLENARY - MAY 8-10, 2019 - TORONTO!

FOLA's May 2019 Plenary Session will be held in Toronto at the Doubletree Hotel from Wednesday, May 8th (evening only) to Friday, May 10th, 2018.

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been set aside for May 8th and May 9th at the Doubletree Hotel at the FOLA rate of \$209.00. Please note that in order to secure this rate you will need to make your reservation prior to Tuesday, April 16th, 2019.

After this date the rooms will be subject to availability and at ongoing market rates but the Law Society will only reimburse for our negotiated rate of \$209.00 plus taxes.

The link to make your reservation is: [Booking Link](#)

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