



FOLA’s Central East Regional Report for November 2021 Plenary

The Central East Region consists of the Durham Law Association, Muskoka Law Association, Northumberland Law Association, Peterborough Law Association, Simcoe County Law Association, Victoria Haliburton Law Association, and the York Law Association.

This is our second plenary report since the numerous and rapid changes that COVID has brought to bear on members of the practicing bar in the Central East Judicial Region.

I have continued to participate in some of the bench and bar communications that have occurred in our region relating to the courts efforts to get back to more of a pre-pandemic level of operating. On this front, for the civil matters in our region we have now started to see the running trial (jury and non-jury) and long motion/application list being circulated to certain individuals.

I have just recently hosted a regional zoom call with many of the presidents and after some feedback will be continuing this process as there is general agreement that this form of reporting to the presidents is preferred to email reports and it also allows the presidents to share information as to how issues are being dealt with in their different associations.

I can report that out of all of the benchers that received the president’s letter regarding LIRN funding, I have received a response from one: Joseph Chiumminto. Paul Cooper sent an email acknowledging receipt of the letter but otherwise the response from the remaining benchers Alexander Wilkes, Dianne Corbiere, & Trevor Parry has been silence. We are currently in the process of trying to arrange a zoom conference call with all the presidents and Bencher Chiumminto to discuss his thoughts and concerns regarding LIRN budgets and the current push to have the Law Foundation of Ontario return to providing some of its funding to support law library budgets.

As I stated during our most recent regional call, if any of you have issues on which you think I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. As we all open up and hopefully start to have some in person AGMS in 2022 I continue to be willing to attend, if invited.

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Central East Regional Representative