



FOLA Library Use Survey



Questions Responses 991

991 responses



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Summary

Question

Individual

What is the name of your Law Association?



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What is the name of your Law Association?

70 responses

Hamilton Law Association

51 responses

Essex Law Association

40 responses

Durham Region Law Association

33 responses

Halton County Law Association

25 responses

Middlesex Law Association

22 responses

Thunder Bay Law Association

21 responses

Simcoe County Law Association

18 responses

Lincoln County Law Association

17 responses

Peterborough Law Association

17 responses

Toronto Lawyers Association

16 responses

Peel Law Association

15 responses

Lambton Law Association

15 responses

TLA

14 responses

Essex

13 responses

Wellington Law Association

12 responses

Frontenac Law Association

12 responses

Welland County Law Association

12 responses

Brant Law Association

12 responses

Huron Law Association

11 responses

Renfrew County Law Association

11 responses

Perth County Law Association

11 responses

Norfolk Law Association

11 responses

Hamilton

9 responses

Toronto

9 responses

County of Carleton Law Association

9 responses

Sudbury District Law Association

8 responses

Muskoka Law Association

7 responses

Cochrane Law Association

7 responses

Dufferin County Law Association

7 responses

CCLA

6 responses

Halton County

6 responses

Halton

6 responses

Nipissing Law Association

6 responses

Kent Law Association

6 responses

Law Society of Ontario

5 responses

Oxford Law Association

5 responses

Grey County Law Association

5 responses

Frontenac

5 responses

Elgin Law Association

5 responses

DRLA

5 responses

Middlesex

4 responses

Lincoln Law Association

4 responses

Durham region law association

4 responses

Hastings & Prince Edward Law Association

4 responses

Brant

4 responses

Leeds and Grenville

4 responses

Grey County

4 responses

Simcoe County

4 responses

Halton county law association

4 responses

Huron

4 responses

Hastings County Law Association

4 responses

Toronto Law Association

4 responses

Lanark

3 responses

Lambton

3 responses

SDG Law Association

3 responses

Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Law Association

3 responses

Windsor Essex Law Association

3 responses

Grey Law Association

3 responses

Elgin

3 responses

Algoma

3 responses

toronto

3 responses

Sudbury and District Law Association

3 responses

Durham Law Association

3 responses

Victoria Haliburton Law Association

3 responses

HCLA

3 responses

Waterloo Region Law Association

3 responses

LCLA

3 responses

Oxford

3 responses

SDLA

3 responses

Kenora District Law Association

3 responses

Northumberland County Law Association

2 responses

Peterborough

2 responses

Association of Law Officers of the Crown

2 responses

Temiskaming Law Association

2 responses

Lincoln law assoc

2 responses

halton

2 responses

Wellington County Law Association

2 responses

Criminal Lawyers' Association

2 responses

durham region law association

2 responses

Perth Law Association

2 responses

Kenora

2 responses

PLA

2 responses

Algoma District

2 responses

Hastings Prince Edward Law Association

2 responses

Peel law association

2 responses

Bruce Grey

2 responses

Carleton County

2 responses

Wellington

2 responses

SD&G Law Association

2 responses

Welland County

2 responses

Toronto Lawyer's Association

2 responses

Kenora Law Association

2 responses

Sudbury

2 responses

Leeds Grenville

2 responses

Essex law association

2 responses

Toronto Lawyer Association

2 responses

CLA

2 responses

LSO

2 responses

S. D. & G. Law Association

2 responses

County of Lanark Law Association

2 responses

Peterborough County Law Association

2 responses

Peel Law Assoc.

2 responses

Cochrane

2 responses

Ccla

2 responses

Leeds & Grenville Law Association

2 responses

Hastings County

2 responses

Grey Bruce Law Association

1 response

Elgin County Law Association

1 response

Perth County Law Assn

1 response

Lcla

1 response

Law Association of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry

1 response

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry

1 response

Peep law association

1 response

Sudbury & District law Association

1 response

Frontenac Law Assn

1 response

Grey County LA

1 response

Hastings County Law Associaation

1 response

TORONTO LAW ASSOCIATION

1 response

Peel Law Assciation

1 response

Sudbury and District Law Association

1 response

Bruce Law Association

1 response

Bruce County

1 response

brant

1 response

Stormont, Dundas, & Glengarry

1 response

Middlesex Law Associatiom

1 response

Essex Law Assn

1 response

Thunder Bay Lawyer's Association

1 response

algoma district law association

1 response

TERRANCE LAW

1 response

Family Lawyers Association

1 response

Durham region Law association

1 response

NCLA

1 response

Perth County

1 response

Renfrew County Law Association RCLA

1 response

Barreau de Prescott-Russell

1 response

S D & G, at Cornwall

1 response

York

1 response

Sudbury Law Associatuon

1 response

Sudbury District

1 response

CHRISTOPHER HICKS

1 response

hamilton law association

1 response

WCLA

1 response

Middlesex and Essex associations

1 response

Martin Kerbel

1 response

County of Lanark Law Association (COLLA)

1 response

leeds grenville law assoc.

1 response

Duferin county law association

1 response

Durham

1 response

Hastings County LA

1 response

Kent

1 response

Toronto Lawyer's Association; Lincoln County Law Association; Peterborough Law Association; Hastings Law Association

1 response

Temiskaming

1 response

Durham Region Law association

1 response

I belong to both Middlesex and Lambton

1 response

York Region Law Society

1 response

Brant Law

1 response

Toronto Lawyers

1 response

Windsor Essex County Law Association

1 response

kapelos and carlisi

1 response

Bruce

1 response

toronto lawyers association

1 response

Muskoka Law Association and Simcoe County Law Association

1 response

Prescott-Russell

1 response

Waterloo REgion Law Association

1 response

hamilton

1 response

Cochrane law association

1 response

Redden Law

1 response

HCLA and HLA

1 response

SD&G

1 response

Victoria Haliburton

1 response

Lincoln County Law Association/Welland County Law Association

1 response

DURHAM REGIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION

1 response

Perth County LA

1 response

Nipissing

1 response

Hastings County Law Association

1 response

SUDBURY LAW ASSOCIATION

1 response

Christopher D. Randall (sole prop.)

1 response

The Hamilton Law Association

1 response

Law Society of Ontario/Toronto Lawyers Association

1 response

Toronto Lawyers' Association

1 response

Toronto Lawyers Assoc

1 response

PEEL

1 response

Brant law association

1 response

Halton Country Law Association

1 response

Wolf Hooker Professional Corporation

1 response

toronto lawyer's association

1 response

Simcoe County Law Ass'n

1 response

Middlesex Law Association

1 response

Norfolk County

1 response

Lennox and Addington

1 response

Frontenac Lennox & Addington

1 response

perth law

1 response

Muskoka law association

1 response

Lambton law

1 response

Grey county law association

1 response

Northumberland

1 response

wellington law association

1 response

Peel

1 response

Hastings and Prince Edward County Law Association

1 response

York Region (Library is at the Newmarket Courthouse)

1 response

Hastings and Prince Edward County

1 response

Renfrew County

1 response

Bruce/Grey

1 response

Lincoln County Law Library

1 response

Hamilton Law Associatioin

1 response

Family Law Association

1 response

Huron Law

1 response

Victoria-Haliburton Law Association

1 response

Haldimand and Hamilton

1 response

Lsuc

1 response

WELLINGTON Law Association

1 response

Leeds Grenville Law Association

1 response

hastings county

1 response

SDG law association

1 response

Kent law Association

1 response

Lois Davidson Library [Peterborough]

1 response

Toronto lawyers association

1 response

Canadian Association of Somali Lawyers

1 response

Lambton (the best law association with the best Librarian)

1 response

Essex law Association

1 response

Haldimand Law Association

1 response

Brantford Law Association

1 response

muskoka

1 response

Ontario

1 response

HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION

1 response

Lambton County Law Association

1 response

ESSEX LAW ASSOCIATION

1 response

Durham and Peterborough

1 response

Brant county

1 response

Durham Lawyers Association

1 response

Ontario Bar Association

1 response

Durham Region Law Association and Toronto Law Association

1 response

S.D. & G.

1 response

Simcoe County Law Assoc.

1 response

S.D. & G. Law Association

1 response

Huron County Law Association

1 response

Stormont Dundas Glengarry

1 response

Law Association of Leeds & Grenville

1 response

North Bay

1 response

kent law association

1 response

welland county law association

1 response

Kent Law Association/Essex Law Association

1 response

Thunder Bay Law Association

1 response

Oxford County

1 response

Essex County Law Association

1 response

dufferin

1 response

Leeds and Grenville Law Association

1 response

Halton CLA

1 response

Thunder Bay Law Association (TBLA)

1 response

Algoma District Law Association

1 response

Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Law Association

1 response

Essex law assoc

1 response

LAMBTON

1 response

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Law Association Library

1 response

PETERBOROUGH LAW ASSOCIATION

1 response

County of Lanark Law Assocation

1 response

welland county law asociation

1 response

Tla

1 response

Windsor Essex

1 response

ADLA

1 response

Nicholas N. Fur, Barrister & Solicitor

1 response

Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

1 response

RCLA

1 response

Simcoe County Family Law Lawyers Association

1 response

York county

1 response

Family Lawyers

1 response

Belong to two Lennox and Addington Law Association and Frontenac Law Association

1 response

Fromtenac Law Association

1 response

Rainy River Law Association

1 response

TLA, FLAO

1 response

Stormont, Dundas & glengarry

1 response

DiPierdomenico Law Firm

1 response

Barreau Prescott-Russell Law Association

1 response

halton law assn

1 response

CAMWL Canadian Association of Muslim Women in Law

1 response

Lanark Law Association

1 response

Durham Lawyers' Association

1 response

Canadian Association of Black Lawyers

1 response

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Law Association

1 response

Norfolk [County]Law Association

1 response

The Essex Law Association

1 response

Lennox

1 response

Lawyer

1 response

Frontenac Law Association

1 response

hamilton law assoc

1 response

mla

1 response

Sheri Richardson

1 response

Simcoe county

1 response

PBP Lawyers

1 response

Carpenter Family Law

1 response

perth county law association

1 response

middlesex law association

1 response

Jan D Weir

1 response

welland county

1 response

Brandon Law Professional Corporation

1 response

Halton Law Society

1 response

Kent Law

1 response

Hamilton Law Associaton

1 response

Oxford Crim Law Association and Brantford Law Association

1 response

SD&GLaw Association

1 response

London Middlesex

1 response

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Law Assoc.

1 response

HLA

1 response

SD&G County Law Association

1 response

Bruce County Law Association

1 response

Criminal Lawyers Association

1 response

Oxford County Law Association

1 response

hla

1 response

elgin

1 response

Casl

1 response

Sudbury Districty Law Association

1 response

Prescott Russell Law Association

1 response

Hastings Law Association

1 response

Hastings Prince Edward

1 response

Simcoe County Law Association/Toronto Lawyers' Association

1 response

Toronto Lawyers Assn

1 response

The Elgin Law Association

1 response

Timiskaming Law Association

1 response

Jones, Jamieson and Redekop

1 response

Timiskaming

1 response

county of carleton law association

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ccla

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Essex County

1 response

Toronto Law Assn

1 response

Muskoka

1 response

Robert Reynolds

1 response

Algoma District Law Library

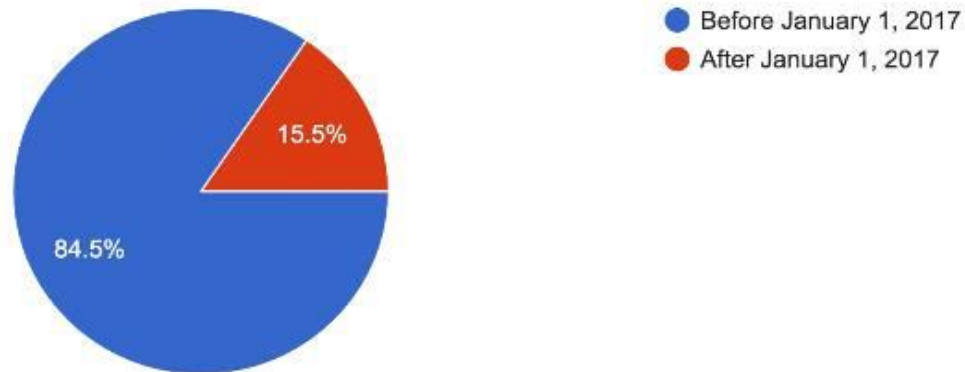
1 response

HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD

1 response

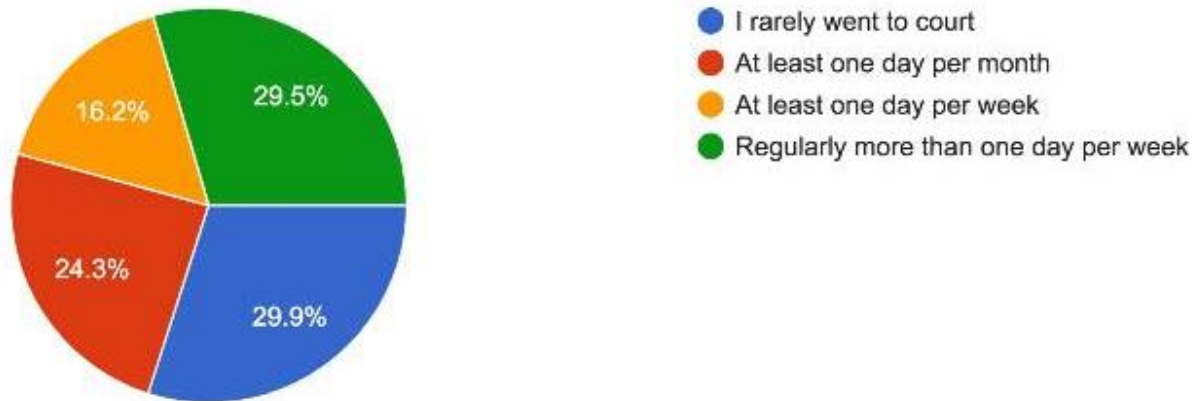
What is your year of call?

989 responses



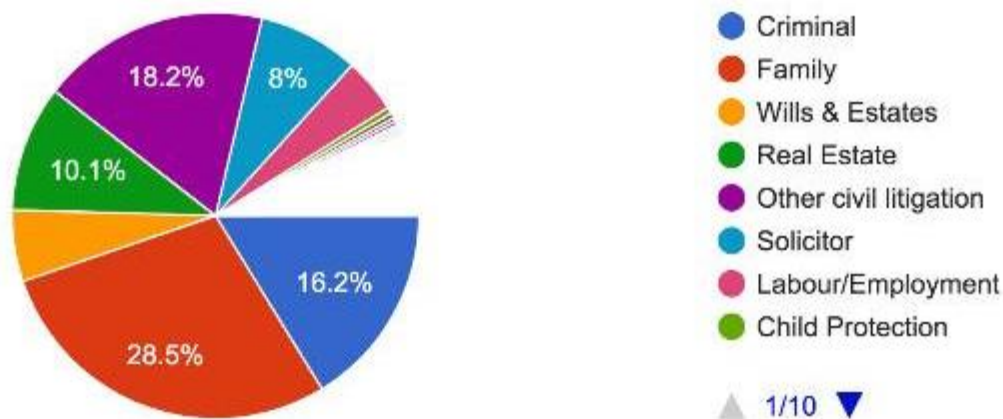
Pre-pandemic, how many days on average would you attend court in a week?

985 responses

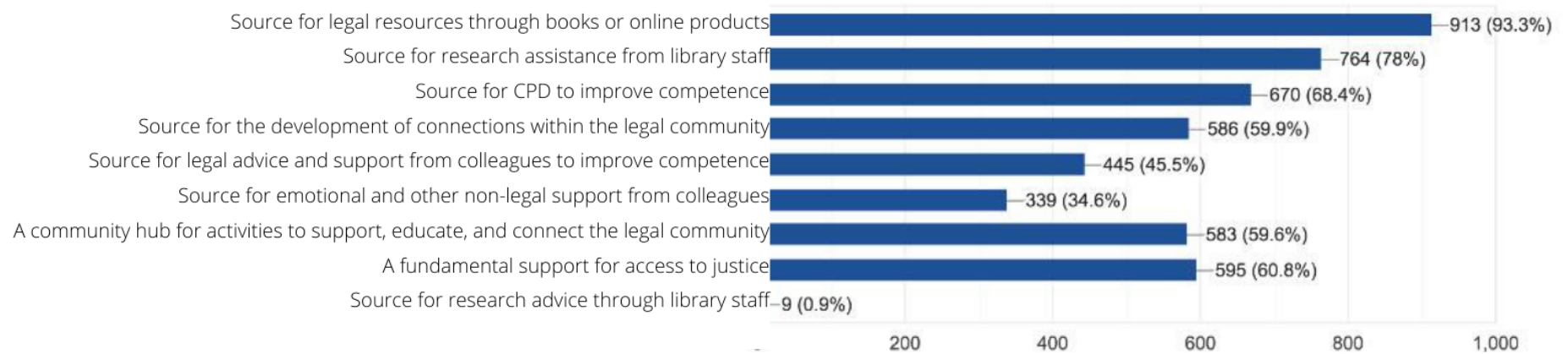


In what area of law do you predominantly practice?

985 responses

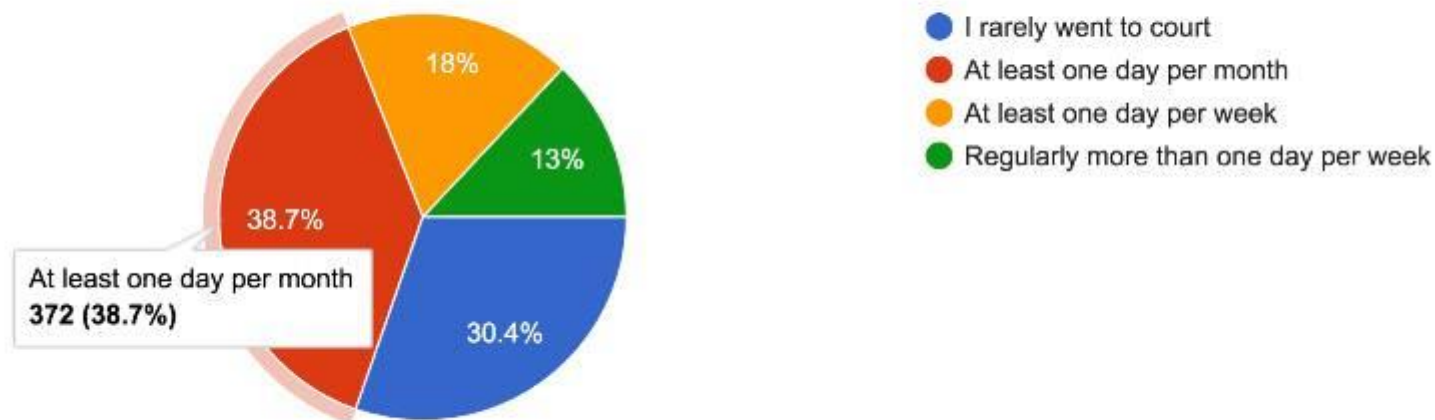


How do you see your library? Select all that apply.



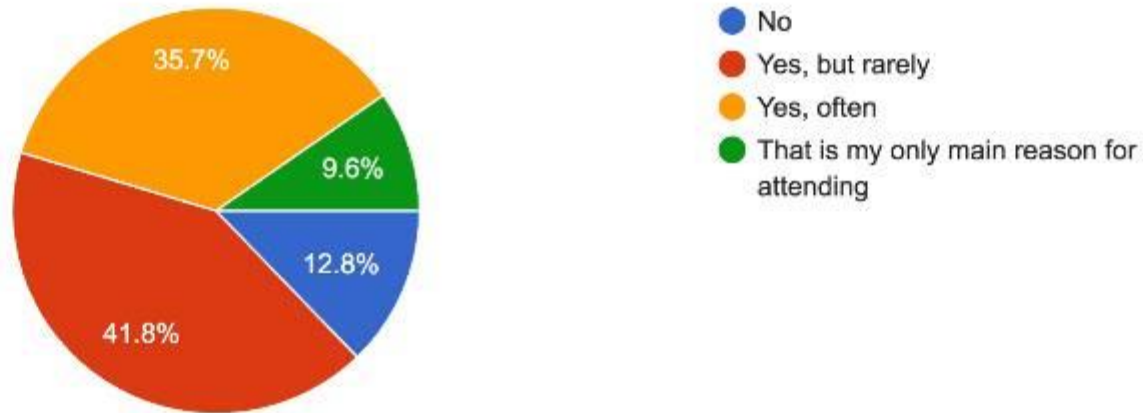
In those days in court, how many of those days did you require library resources?

962 responses



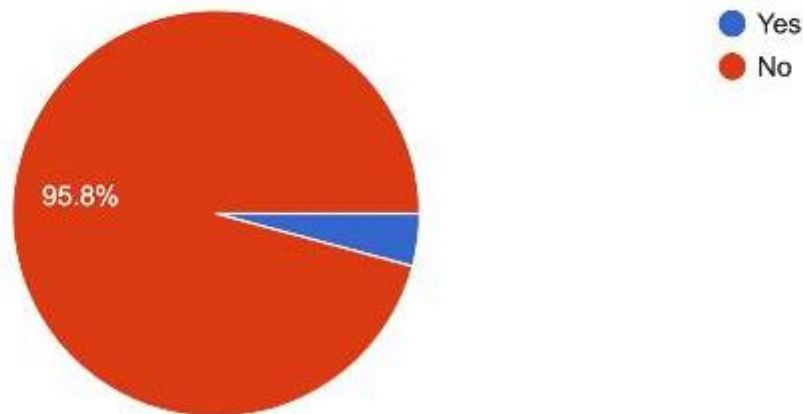
Have you attended the courthouse for the sole reason of library resource use?

985 responses



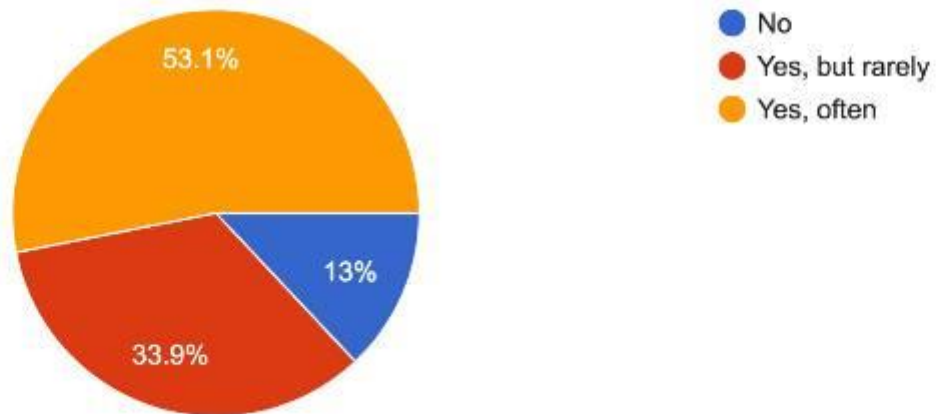
Can you buy all of the legal resource materials required to do your job for \$182, which was the 2020 annual library cost included in your Law Society of Ontario fees?

985 responses



Have you taken advantage of the off-site library resources (reading emails, visiting website for information/updates etc.)?

985 responses





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Question

Individual

Please provide comments on how your...our practice or helps your clients. ▼



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Please provide comments on how your Association Library contributes to your practice or helps your clients.

297 responses

For solo practitioners and small firms, the library is an invaluable resource for legal texts and updated information sources. It would not be affordable for one lawyer to afford the basic books and services to have the base level of competence in a particular practice area.

2 responses

The library is a very important resource to lawyers. It will no assist the public to have their lawyer loose access to this valuable resource to the practice of a lawyer and the services they provide to the public.

2 responses

It helps us provide the best service for our clients. Gives us access to greater support and resources.

2 responses

Legal research, cod resources, provides key updates and bulletins, links to court procedures

2 responses

Library staff provides assistance with the library materials and research

2 responses

For CPD and connecting with the legal community

2 responses

Pretty much the sole source of legal research.

2 responses

Some good books but not always

2 responses

Always helpful

2 responses

There continues to be an assumption that our library by nature needs to contain shelves upon shelves of paper books. The reality is, no one ever reads these books. We could easily fit the entire paper book component of our library onto a single hard drive. What is needed is access to online

resources, and computers. I have had this conversation with law library handlers many times and have pointed out that having a library full of paper books that no one ever reads, and having three old, partially obsolete computers, one of which does not even handle email, is not a good solution to the problem of a large and practice diverse Law Association's membership's day to day connectivity to resources, when you are living in the year 2021 (although it might have been in the year 1971). Having a law library system where the only understanding of a computer, is similar to Archie Bunker's understanding of the inner workings of the engine in his old Cadillac LaSalle, is not going to work. The law library computers are not magical things that must never be touched. They are for the most part old, broken down pieces of museum quality electronic equipment and the reason why they don't work right is not because you have to say the right incantation, it is because they are too old, their programming is obsolete and they need to be replaced with more modern equipment. As our court system is gradually beginning to realize that paper files, fax machines and hand delivered letter mail are all actually things that, outside of the legal profession, one only finds in museums, perhaps our law libraries could also clue into this reality, which has been in existence for at least 10 years now. Stop clinging to the distant past. Libraries contain computers, which computers have access to online legal resource databases. There is no need for shelves upon shelves of paper books. No one reads them. No one even knows how to search them anymore.

1 response

As a small and growing law firm I rely on the Norfolk Association library for its expansive collection of books to help me and my newly called to the bar associates to research the main areas of family law, criminal law, real estate, personal injury law and wills law. The cost of the books alone, including with the need for updated materials every year would be to costly to purchase. We are already covering CPDs for all the lawyers to ensure competency development but the published books provide foundation and niche information that is needed. We are 2 hours away from Toronto and would not benefit from any other libraries or their set hours. Our local library allowed 24 hour access. I used it every time I went to court and have gone just for research purposes. It provided an area where I could focus on research and when other local lawyers were present I was able to bounce ideas off from them. The librarian's emails keeping the association up to date on upcoming events, COVID protocols, surveys, and discussions with the local bar. I have had aid from the librarian in my research and have even recommended titles that my firm and others would have interest in. I have purchased some of my own materials but this can not replace the books I regularly take from the library. Family law touches on so many various areas of law alone and to be restricted to what I can afford would hurt my practice and limit my knowledge base. The local law library is a heavily used resource in our area and many of the local lawyers, predominantly the solo or small practice use it and would struggle without it.

1 response

I am a firm believer in access to justice, so much so, my practice is comprised only of non cash based clients. I can only continue to do this provided my operating costs do not increase. Purchasing all the necessary books, subscribing to on-line services such as The Lawyer's Daily, Heinonline, Quicklaw, Westlaw, etc., is not possible unless I change my client base - that is not something I want to do. My work gives me a great feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment because I know that I am helping those in most need. Judith from Hastings and Prince Edward Law Association is an absolute gem in assisting me find articles (weekly) and text when needed. She is like a bull dog in her persistence in finding exactly what I am looking for. If I were to lose her services and/or the Library, my practice would suffer as well as those in need of my services. Aside from using the library as a source for articles and books, it is a most desired place to bounce ideas off of other counsel, keep connected with the local legal community, make connections with out of the area counsel, and in general, have some place to go to seek help when the answer is difficult to find/determine. The Law Association also offer CPD at a reasonable price - again, without the Association, my practice will have to change to far fewer financially assisted clients and more cash clients. I love my work and those that I assist; if I were in it only for an income, my client base would be very different and my work would likely be far less satisfying.

1 response

My librarian is my go to for research. My small firm cannot afford the resources that are available at the library, nor can my clients afford to pay me to do much of the research. The library is useful when I am in court and need to draft/ print materials for the court. Our librarian assists on a daily basis. Counsel would be lost without her. The library is great for CPD, we put on great programs. The library is a place for counsel to gather, share experiences, debrief with each other after a hard day. We are all missing this and our mental health is suffering. The MAP sounds like a great program, but unless you have an addiction the services are not great. It does not cover our chosen service providers, and it is not easily navigated. Seeing other lawyers face to face all the time, socializing, working together increases competency, mental health and collegiality. All of these are essential. Our association runs many important programs, including a mentoring program for young lawyers, a young lawyers social series, including an annual night with the bench. We recently launched a reverse mentoring program for our young lawyers to mentor senior members on how to navigate all of the new technology. None of this would be possible without our libraries. Paralegals are an increasing presence. Some libraries allow them to use the libraries, our policy is that if they work for a firm they have access. Perhaps adding the library levy to the paralegal's fees would help bridge the gap in funding?

1 response

I am a litigator, but I don't have the resources in-office to fulfill all of my needs when it comes to research. And frankly, although some online tools like Canlii are good, and I find these useful, I often find myself turning to texts, old case law books and the like. This is especially true when dealing with a unique or obscure area of the law. I would also note that our courts' law libraries are more than just a repository of this profession's collective knowledge, collected over the past several centuries - my experience is that our law libraries are hubs for the day-to-day activities of the courthouse. They serve as a meeting place, and discussion space, and I do not think that can be replicated in the online world. I know it is now trendy and "cutting edge" to be fully online/digital, but we often forget that humans are analog, material, tactile-seeking, social beings. Much would be lost without our libraries - and I would strongly caution against running headlong "into the future". Libraries have been the hallmark of civilized and progressive Peoples, dating back well before the founding of Alexandria in the 3rd century BC - we should therefore be very cautious about moving away from the institution that has served humankind so well, and so faithfully, these past 2000+ years.

1 response

I attend the law library to do very specific research and to have the law librarian there available to assist me or to teach me in finding what I am seeking. Nothing is better than reviewing the materials yourself as you sift through to find what you need but assistance is often required in such research as it is varied in topic and in time. As a real estate lawyer, I am often digging back in time to determine the law existing at a particular historical point in time (for example, when a conveyance of land was made) but I am just as often looking at current materials. The research techniques and tips differ a great deal depending upon the nature of the research and the law librarian is essential and gives great tips and suggestions. The law library is a great source of continuing professional education as well and a place where meaningful discussions between colleagues can take place. At times it is a place for a "mental health break" - a place to quietly read or review materials before going to court or during a break in proceedings, or to review documents before they are filed with the court, or to share experiences with colleagues, or to learn of upcoming events and continuing education opportunities, etc.

1 response

The Library is the centre of our law association. It is used regularly by the vast majority of our membership. I use it regularly for legal research, I use the services of our librarian regularly for those days when I am not in the courthouse, and it is a central gathering place for discussions about the law. It also the place where the the lawyers in our association meet to socialize and support each other. It is one of the reasons our association is so congenial. The services available at our local library are invaluable to me and my practice. We are a small firm of two lawyers and we practice in a general practice with multiple areas of law. To purchase all of the legal texts associated with all of our areas of practice

would bankrupt our firm, there is no way we could afford these publications on our own. Our clients rely on us having the knowledge to assist them at a price-point that is reasonable for the area where we reside. Our clients cannot afford large firm prices and we cannot afford the libraries that large firms have in-house. Access to justice and legal services in smaller centres relies on there being a robust library available and a librarian to assist in our research needs.

1 response

Although the predominant number of files in my office relate to real estate because of the years of assisting clients with their real estate matters I am finding that the estate component is becoming more time consuming than the real estate. To provide the appropriate resolution of the disposition of estate monies I find that without the law library I would be in difficulty. The law library provides the most recent up to date information of the court decisions and legislatures in that area of law. That would mean that I would not be comfortable advising the clients that I have acted for over the years and in my opinion their best interest would not be able to be provided by me. Being aware of their background and their family history I believe that I am best able to advise them as to the allocation of their estate and who should be in charge after their passing. But it would also mean that a significant part of my practice would be lost and in my opinion the best interests of my clients would not be attained. The library is essential to my continuing my practice in the area of wills and estates.

1 response

The local librarian has set aside books and CPD materials for my use, and has also helped me locate useful precedents for preparing share and/or asset Agreements. My retiring partner used the library for resources on how to sell his practice/retire. I was unable to utilize the library as often during the pandemic as I have personally tried to limit my visits to any location that was not my home or office - I was also not working full-time in 2020 due to the birth of my second daughter. I miss the ToolBox (I think it was called) that gave me access to more online sources through the library that had been available during my articles and when I was first called to the bar in 2012. I will order text books for my own personal use but many law texts cost close to \$200 or more and if I find them not to be useful for my specific practice it feels like a waste of money. I like the ability to request books from my local law library so that I can complete research for clients, and update my personal knowledge on topics that are ancillary to my practice but affect advice I provide to my clients.

1 response

The written resources available are organized in a user-friendly manner which enables a quick review of the most current law, all in one place. The materials can be photocopied there as well and the librarian is very knowledgeable in terms of what is available. She will also obtain copies of cases/texts that aren't locally available. There are also textbooks on almost every area of law which are very useful as a starting point for research as they provide summaries of the law and its sources which aren't easily accessible online. There are also various precedents available as well as all of the cpd binders which provide a current summary of the law. Once at the library, I can usually find and peruse a relevant resource easily and quickly - every visit there is fruitful and it would be greatly missed as a research resource. More importantly, we need a centralized hub with a "secretary" who communicates with all of us and allows us to communicate with announcements, requests etc. among ourselves and also a place to share/mentor/discuss issues, files, judges, etc. while at the courthouse.

1 response

The Hamilton Law Association Library provides so many resources that have positively contributed to my practice. I have and continue to rely on library resources and services including books, periodicals, online databases, research assistance and educational/CPD programs. The staff is extremely knowledgeable, patient and always happy to help lawyers no matter how trivial the question. The HLA Library is an invaluable resource for articling students and over the years, I have often heard from our students that the library staff has played such an important role in their articling experience. Throughout the pandemic, the HLA Library was in constant communication with its members through e-mail and provided updates and information about changes to court/filing procedures and practice directions. I cannot imagine what it must have been like for lawyers that did not have the benefit of an Association like the HLA Library helping them navigate the ever changing practice directions especially since, in my opinion, the Law Society did not take on that role.

1 response

Our library is vital in a rural area where there are no large firms, and no other way to pool resources to get the necessary resources. Pre pandemic it was always busy. It was also the primary location for negotiations during court and to prepare Minutes. In Grey and Bruce counties the courthouses have no cafeteria, and no nearby food source, so counsel generally took lunch together in the library and would discuss cases, either that day's or upcoming. Since the pandemic, I have heard from many counsel that the loss of that social support has impacted their mental health. The library not only allows us to access legal resources, it allows us to discuss what we have learned with colleagues. Many times junior counsel have been in the midst of heated negotiations only to have senior, uninvolved, counsel weigh in or pass them a case that affects their

position. It also allows us to attend CPD programs together, not only for a lower cost than individual registrations, but also with the benefits of colleagues to discuss matters with.

1 response

As a small rural firm, we could not offer the same level of service nor attain the same level of competence without access to our Association library. Our librarian assists with research requests promptly and exceptionally well, and we are able to conduct our own research due to the resources available at the library which we could never possibly afford to purchase ourselves. A significant majority of our work is to legally aided and low-income families, domestic violence survivors without access to funds until well into court proceedings, and others who cannot afford to pay the fees we would need to charge in order to obtain the sorts of resources available through the library. Our Association library is absolutely fundamental to the ability of our firm and many firms like ours in the Association to provide access to justice to the families we serve. Failure to adequately fund libraries is actively deciding to make justice inaccessible to the majority of the Ontario population.

1 response

While I am rarely at the Superior courthouse I use the library relatively often as it has many excellent resources that I can not access elsewhere and that are far to expensive for my practise. I am a sole practitioner and do not have access to some large Bay street firm library as is the case for many people practicing outside of Toronto or Ottawa. I depend on the library for access to Quicklaw, Hein Online and other subscription services. I do research for other lawyers and would not do so without the library supports. Much of the caselaw I use is not available on CanLII and I could not access without the library's online resources. It is also my only connection to many local colleagues who practice in other areas of law than I do. It provides a very important communal component that allows me to competently refer my clients to practitioners in other areas and to work together with them to solve client problems that involve more than one area of law.

1 response

The Association Library was perfect for drafting documents on the fly when attending court including drafting orders and consent agreements. The library books and computers available assisted me in researching cases to use in factums and the librarian was a great resource in assisting me in where to look online to find cases to assist me in my endeavors. I found the library to be a hub to network and meet other lawyers and allowed me to find amazing mentors who have helped me to this day. I also found the association put on some great CPD programs which were provided at a low cost. My clients benefited from this resource as we were able to save time and money by drafting at the court and putting the parties' agreement(s) into writing before leaving the courthouse, by saving me time in drafting their factums and researching and by my continued education and learning provided by the association.

1 response

Having the Librarians, Actual books and online resources is invaluable. I practice in a specialized field that no one else does in the region. The librarians continue to assist me- especially with direction on research and finding legal information both in person and online. Having the books available in the library is also helpful since it allows you to research and find information that the online sources don't. Lastly, online services are also invaluable since they are so expensive and otherwise a small firm/sole practitioner cannot really afford it. Further, during COVID the Librarians have been amazing with providing information and guidance. It is the only legal community resource and acts as a true community. The support of the library is critical to a small practice. Our small firm of 3 lawyers uses the services frequently.

1 response

The Toronto Lawyers Association Library provides an essential service that all libraries provide - it is a community hub. It is a space for law students, paralegals and lawyers, not matter where they are in their career to research, share expertise, and forge community. Libraries are indispensable. They provide access to curated materials and knowledge that would otherwise be impossible to access as an individual or a small group of people. Further, having a physical library to attend in the core of Toronto means there is always a quiet place to research, write or ponder - all essential parts of a legal practice. The physical space that the library provides is extremely important in creating a sense of community for lawyers. It means that there is a space for you, irrespective of how much money you have as a legal professional.

1 response

The TBLA library is a hub of activity. I can always go there and do research or look for drafting resources. I can pick the brain of our law librarian or any of the other more senior counsel who happen to be there at the time. I can research an issue quickly and efficiently at our library. If our library does not have the resource I'm looking for our law librarian can order it for me from one of the other Law Associations. There is absolutely no way I would be able to afford the required subscriptions etc to be a competent lawyer if I had to pay for them myself. Research would also take me substantially longer if I had to order everything from Toronto. The geographic distance from Thunder Bay to Toronto is HUGE. Without our library in Thunder Bay I do not believe I would be able to maintain my competence.

1 response

The library is an invaluable part of the local bar. The practice of law can be very isolating, especially in a small community where there are a high number of sole practitioners and small partnerships. Law libraries provide more than simple access to legal information. it provides a community where lawyers discuss, chat, share, laugh and argue. It is a healthy and vibrant village. We need libraries for the law related resources they provide, which would often times be prohibitively expensive for small firms to procure. But we also need libraries to build our social network, our legal community and our collegial relationships. I believe that the loss or erosion of this community would directly effect clients by increasing the likelihood of litigation and prolonging court cases generally.

1 response

Our Librarian, on a daily basis, distributes information to keep us up to date, and helps with will searches in addition to her regular duties of keeping library resources up to date, helping to find resources and answers, and organizing CPD programs. During the Covid year, this has been more important than ever. We have been discouraged from attending the Court House for any reason, including the Library. I miss it. I expect to be back, to enjoy flipping pages, and "bumping into others" to exchange ideas, and to ask and be asked questions. It's amazing how positive an influence casual, serendipitous contact and conversation are. It is depressing to notice how easy it is to shut yourself off from personal contact with other lawyers; who else could possibly understand our gripes?

1 response

Pre-pandemic I would use the library daily. The Library is essential for research that is required during a hearing. I represent clients mainly through Legal Aid Ontario and access to resources through the library is my main source of research. I use printed material and electronic subscriptions the library offers. The London Criminal Lawyers' Association uses the library to hold CPD programs. In addition, information sessions from community organizations are regularly set up in the library area. The library provides a private place to work while at court, without police or crown access (very little crown access). It is not feasible to return to the office each time some work or preparation needs to be done during a day at court (even though my office is only 2 blocks away)

1 response

I am a paralegal member of the Halton County Law Association and I pay the Library fee. HCL was probably the first law association to accept paralegals as members. At present the LSO does not require paralegals to pay the library fee, yet we are equal members of the LSO. There are in excess of 9000 paralegals. If the LSO charged them half of what they charge lawyer members that would work out to an increase of over \$800,000.00 of NEW money for Libraries. What could you do with an extra \$800,000.00? FYI - I also attend the OCJ in Brampton where paralegals are banned from the Library even though I have paid the fee. I have been told if I attempt to access the Library the police will be called! Isn't being an equal member of the LSO a wonderful thing????

1 response

I think my input is important. I have been a full member of the Hamilton Law Association for 45 years. Each year at the annual meeting, I always second something, so I show up in the minutes. And I joke that is the extent of my involvement with the administration of the association. I love the HLA, every part of it. It is crucial to me being a lawyer. My wife made me move to Simcoe. The first thing I did was join the NLA, my wife was not happy with the cost. I do not care. [Please do not tell her I said that] But for Covid, I would be at the library almost every weekend, and I have the advantage of the HLA. I am angry as hell over the closing of the registry [LT] offices. This would be far worse. Thank you. James W. Orme.

1 response

It is central to the fabric of the legal community in the County, and the law libraries across the province are the hubs connecting lawyers from all cities. I practiced litigation for 17 years in Superior Courts in almost every County; libraries provided space to work remotely between Court appearances, crucial research facilities for issues arising during trials and motions, and assistance from library staff and members of the local bar. Gatherings and chance meetings gave rise to friendships, networking opportunities and encouraged civility and collegiality amongst learned colleagues. Although transformation to reflect new technology is important, loss of the physical library space would undermine the collective strength of the bar.

1 response

The Durham Region Law Association ("DRLA") sends daily emails with new information about Court procedure and updates to the legal profession. I get almost all of my announcements and notices to the profession from the DLRA. I'm able to quickly get up to speed and do not have to hunt for this information. . I book all of my CPD training through the DRLA. I feel more connected with my local legal community. The DRLA connected me to a mentor who I meet with monthly to talk about law practice. I moved to Ontario from Alberta in 2020 and was called to the Bar in Ontario May 2020. I was previously called to the Bar in Alberta in July 2013. The DRLA has been invaluable for me new to Ontario.

1 response

The resource staff assists me in obtaining / accessing materials from the Great Law Library, and enables us to have group watching of Continuing Education materials and presentations. From time to time such staff provides guidance as to available legal research materials, and assists me in locating same. When at Court the Library, and the Library staff assists by having the computers available for use in the Law Library, and the photocopier is accessible at the Law Library to enable revisions, corrections and printing of the documents when a draft Order or document needs to be prepared on site to advance or finalize a Court Order, or other document.

1 response

It is extremely beneficial to have access to the books, particularly annotated statutes. The library is able to update the books as new updates come out. We have a small firm and the cost of obtaining the resources we use from the library each year would far exceed \$5000. The library is extremely beneficial to help us access the resources we require to research and be able to properly advance the clients claims. Additionally, with the library we are often able to find what we need right away, which cuts research time when wading through long court decisions that may not be relevant. The library is fundamental to allow us to do our jobs as lawyers.

1 response

Now that I no longer work for a large firm with its own firm-library, the association library is the only place I can get lots of secondary source material. When I was practicing civil litigation, the libraries were critical - both as a quiet place to do last-minute preparation before court, and - which happened more than once - when a judge would have a question I would run to the library on the lunch break and perform some frantic legal research and print out materials for the evening. It is somewhere to collect yourself other than the hallway, especially if travelling to an out of town courthouse. Every major courthouse should have a library.

1 response

Our law library has been a vital source of support for counsel even during the pandemic. I have received support for CPD which, during normal times is provided at the library, but during the pandemic has been provided by the library for use elsewhere. As well I have received case law required for court submissions and researched by the librarians. Also, I have worked with one of the staff in support of a project pertinent to the OCJ Robes Display compiled by Justice Douglas Phillips. Our law library is a support which assists counsel to provide their best service to their clients, the community and the justice system as a whole. We need it!

1 response

Our library is a community hub for our lawyers. We use the space regularly between Court matters to engage in settlement discussion, complete settlement documents, discuss cases with our peers, and as a young lawyer I learned more from that type of interaction than most other things I did. Our association is close and collegial, largely due to that space and our librarian, Barb. As a newer call I rely more on online resources than print but without those interactions in the library I would not have the competency I do. Our library also arranges and hosts CPD which as a practitioner in a small firm is invaluable.

1 response

The Library and the Librarian are invaluable resources for myself and the younger lawyers that I supervise. the library provides a place to research legal questions when on breaks from court, especially in Trial situations. The Librarian is a valuable source of information and connection to legal literature both on site and through the Great Library. This is especially true for the younger lawyers I supervise. They benefit from the presence of the library and the librarian which is a great service to their clients and saves the clients money. It provides a quiet space to prepare legal work especially if out of town.

1 response

Having been in two different law associations in two different areas of the province during my years of practice, I think the law library is always the hub of our association. We have meetings, but the law library is where the day to day interaction of counsel happens on a regular basis. This may have temporarily changed due to Covid, but the law libraries are still vital to many lawyers, especially sole practitioners, for resources, and to the bar as a whole for collegiality and competence. Having a space to prepare, to converse, to research, to gather is essential, and it would be a travesty to take that away.

1 response

When I cannot find materials or the materials I am able to find are insufficient I often look to the law library for assistance in finding those materials. They are able to scan pages and email them to me. Some times they make suggestions which are very helpful. They are always available and do a great job in locating the information I am looking for (and it is often urgent and they are able to provide me with the information quickly). They also have online resources available which i use often. The number of materials both online and physically in the law library would cost too much to purchase on my own.

1 response

The library is indispensable to my work. I work with law students at two legal clinics and each semester, I take them on a tour of the library. After many years of practice, I have relied heavily on the law library. I now teach law students at the law school - but I still go to the library (in non-Covid times) to do work there. I find it crucial to maintain connections to the local bar, I have hosted community focus groups there, and I have participated in events at the law library. I find it an essential aspect of my work. Online tools do not replace the importance of physical space and connection!

1 response

I could not practice without the assistance of our excellent library staff. When I started practicing in Renfrew County, the Library was an invaluable hub to connect with other members of the Bar. I was made to feel very welcome, invited to participate in social and professional gatherings and quickly felt like I was a member of the community. 20 years later, my feelings have not changed. The library and the staff are invaluable when a quick legal answer is needed, as well as providing access to materials I might not otherwise look at. They work long and hard, and are largely unsung heroes.

1 response

We are a small law firm and it is not economical to pay the cost of numerous subscriptions and resources. The Association Library has numerous resource materials which our firm borrows on a regular basis. Hard copies of the materials are more accessible and user friendly. Hard copies of materials last for many years and can be regularly and frequently borrowed. There was a group requirement for CPD hours, and my firm required the services of the Law Library to attend on group CPD programs. The library staff here is extremely helpful as a resource person to assist lawyers in many areas.

1 response

It is an integral part of the practice of law in any courthouse. It offers critical space to prepare, regroup, and access resources, particularly in the field of criminal defence. The crown has resources at the courthouse as their office is there. It is critical to have this same access as defence counsel. I have often used the library as my base during trials. I have the use of the fax machine and printing for when I need urgent access to items from my office, cases printed in the midst of unexpected argument or agreements drafted for matters that were not anticipated prior to trial.

1 response

Our library is THE hub at the Walkerton courthouse for counsel. We have no lawyers lounge. It is obviously a source of legal texts, but just as importantly it is a work space - regularly criminal and family lawyers are in the library before, between, and after court appearances to prepare, to review materials, to discuss cases with senior counsel. Without this HUGE resource, our clients would obviously suffer. Also, we have an absolutely fantastic law librarian, who is in my opinion underpaid for all the work that she does. It is her dedication that keeps our association and library going.

1 response

The Association Library provides a place for counsel, and the librarian to work together for the benefit of all parties impacted by the need for Court. Our law librarian provides us with a cost effective way to research so that we can keep costs minimized for clients and therefore help ensure that people get access to justice. The funding to law libraries and librarians, each and every jurisdiction will find it more time consuming and difficult to assist clients as required. They are without any doubt a very important part of the ability of lawyers to provide the services we provide.

1 response

I am a sole practitioner with a specialized practice in education, labour relations and education law. Frequently, I have to research areas which intersect with my specialty, but which are outside of it. I find the Law Library to be a superb resource at these times. In addition, the CCLA runs some of the best and least expensive CPD programming in Ontario. I find the LSO's library budget cuts at odds with their stated commitment to supporting the backbone of Ontario legal services (sole practitioners and small firms) set out in their 2005 Report on Sole Practitioners and Small Firms.

1 response

As a young practitioner in a rural area, I generally can't rely on my more "seasoned" colleagues for assistance with any matter that is novel, new, or otherwise outside their cultural comfort zone. Having a law library gives me a lifeline to the wider legal community so I can better serve my clients. Law libraries, through the services they provide, allow smaller firms and sole practitioners to compete with the in-house resources and infrastructure larger firms have. Law libraries are essential for facilitating access to justice and fostering equity in the practice of law.

1 response

The law Library and staff are a very important resource. The law is constantly changing and to keep up to date with current legislation , regulations and case law it is useful to have dedicated resource staff. You cannot always keep up with every email or online source. The

information for recent Bills, regulations and case decisions is not always available. It is cost prohibitive to subscribe to every online search engine and each covers its own publications. Now with increasing isolation, it is more important than ever to have a law library available

1 response

The library was invaluable resource for research, resources, preparation for court, connecting members of the bar to important updates in the justice system at large, etc. Every single time I go to court, I spend time in the library. It was a refuge in the court day where you could find support in colleagues and other members of the bar as well as negotiate on matters. In addition, I would regularly attend the library for community legal events and CPDs. I continue to remain in constant contact with library staff to remain connected and updated.

1 response

It provides a link for CPD and offers invaluable research assistance and materials. It also offers computer terminals to draft minutes and perform Divorcemate calculations. Many a case are settled in our law library. Judges expect counsel to be able to access the law library to carry out research or draft minutes while a case has been set down to a latter time. There's often no time to run back to the office. More importantly, I could never have the range of legal research materials available to me if not provided by our Law Association.

1 response

I am a research lawyer. I write factums one after another. They seem to be increasing in importance, as more and more motions are in writing and require factums. Many of my firm's cases go on to the Court of Appeal level. I could not do my job adequately without the library's resources. I am a fairly frequent user of interlibrary loans as well, and communicate often with library staff. I have Westlaw at my fingertips at the office, yet I cannot get the full picture on the law in any given area without texts and resources in the library.

1 response

I don't often need to do formal legal research in my solicitor practice, but when I do I of course need reliable, up-to-date resources. The TLA Library means I have access to the resources I need, without having to pay for and store, well, a whole library. Although being in Toronto means I have access to the Great Library, it's been extremely helpful to have access to both collections (and both sets of legal librarians), and during COVID the TLA Library has been open more frequently for when there's no substitute for being on-site.

1 response

The Law Library is so much more than a library and the law librarian so much more than a librarian. The library provides a central resource centre, not just for books or legal research but also for consulting with the librarian or other lawyers, access to research in a pinch while in court, access to computers to draft/print orders or case law on the day of court, and a central location for lawyers to gather, to ask questions and share resources with one another. This is especially so in regions where sole practitioners are many.

1 response

Each lawyer with a Brant Law Association membership can obtain legal research from the librarian at no additional cost. Therefore, this really helps Legal Aid clients who have limited hours of legal services appointed to them, and financially helps the other clients as well. It is most important just before and during a trial when a lawyer is super busy and a new issue arises to which they are not familiar or need proof with caselaw. I direct all lawyers at this firm (5) to utilize the library to save client's time and money.

1 response

It keeps me more up to date with legislative changes and helps me provide a more educated service to my clients. It keeps me knowledgeable and provides access to resources at reasonable cost. Now however I do not wish to attend at any courthouse and only want online resources. FOIA

should consider only dealing with publishers who allow licensing and access(to members only) to online or electronic access. Any publisher who requires a lawyer to access information solely at a law library should no longer be dealt with.

1 response

Our Association Library is integral to my practice. We do not have the resources to maintain a comprehensive collection of written and electronic material, nor do we have much opportunity to connect with our colleagues at the local bar outside of the various events and courses offered by our Library staff. Our librarian is incredible and an invaluable resource to our small Association. Especially in smaller cities, the Association Library is fundamental to the provision of legal services and to access to justice.

1 response

Immediate availability to do individualized case research on points that arise before and during trials/motions. Immediate availability to assist with processing research requests. Direct contact for assistance, by virtue of 3 knowledgeable and helpful staff. My Law Library is indispensable to my practice as a sole family law litigator. I don't have time for research and do not have a student or junior, yet need info in a timely manner and often urgently. My law library staff are fabulous in helping me.

1 response

The Association Library is essentially an extension of my office - I research, work, and meet at the library on a regular basis. I use the paper collection and can access other materials (like conference proceedings) that are not available online. My office can send me materials or documents by email to access through the computers and I can print material for court use in a pinch. I meet with colleagues and clients at the library. And sometimes, it's just a nice place to work with a change of scenery.

1 response

The library is an integral part of our legal community. Pre-pandemic I attended all of my CPD programs at the library. As a sole practitioner this allowed me to interact with my colleagues during this programs. When in court the library is also an important resource as I would regularly use it to finalize and print settlement documents to be filed in court that day. Again, as a sole practitioner I cannot afford access to expensive research materials. The library provides me with this access.

1 response

Our Librarian keeps us up to date on all upcoming meetings and possible CPD programs. Further, she forwards correspondence from the Judiciary to the members of the law association to keep us up to date on new practices and procedures. In addition, the library has texts that I don't have personally, so I can access them whenever I need them. In addition, the library is where I go to get copies of "unreported" cases (cases that are reported but not published), and difficult to find cases as well.

1 response

I work at a small firm, and most of my clients are assisted by legal aid. The library gives me access to resources I could not otherwise afford, which allows me to provide a higher quality of representation to my client. The library also serves to connect our legal community together for both professional and moral support. This creates a network of colleagues, which leads to access to CPD at reduced cost, and both emotional and professional support, which ultimately benefits our clients.

1 response

The pandemic has unfortunately drastically changed the practice of law... who needs libraries or court houses anymore ???...the decision makers are completely removing human beings from the practice of law.....post pandemic practicing law means being chained to your desk 10 hours a

day staring at a computer screen.....I read recently that judges are conducting murder trials in front of their fireplaces wearing sweaters????...I mean REALLY ???.....this is so NOT what I signed up for !!

1 response

I am in court for several hours at a time, several days a week. Pre-pandemic, the law library served as a community hub where I could talk with lawyers, bounce ideas off them, negotiate with counsel, eat, relax, etc. I also used it to review old CPD, look at books on specific topics that I can't access online, or do legal research. I work for a small, social justice firm that does not have the funds for Lexis Nexus - the library allows me to do research necessary for my practice.

1 response

The library is invaluable to young lawyers. I could never afford the books I rely upon for legal research, advocacy training, and practice management. Beyond that, it is a hub for local lawyers to discuss access to justice issues, particularly for the criminal bar, but as I have observed it serves a similar purpose during civil and family trial sittings. It simply needs to be funded. Less books, less community, less organizing is a bad idea in any context, but especially in law.

1 response

1. Research during a case on unexpected points that arise, is essential to assist the client's case. Often the Librarian is an integral and quick part of that process. 2. Colleagues who have often had a similar issue congregate in the Law Library, and provide an additional resource. 3. Texts available in our Library often contain Summaries of issue subject matter, readily accessible to assist particular points, and especially if the need is urgent, in the case.

1 response

My local library as been critical in improving my competency, and therefore my ability to effectively advocate for my clients. Whenever I'm stuck on a legal issues, I can write to our local law librarian. She has consistently, and promptly, steered me in the right direction. Not only has she been extremely helpful, but my clients save on legal research fees. Our local library also permits lawyers to borrow texts, which has been invaluable to my professional development.

1 response

In my view, Law Association Libraries are particularly crucial for sole or small firm practitioners, particularly in smaller communities, who do not have access to the colleagues or resources that a large firm would provide. These sole or small firm practitioners are essential for access to justice and even in a post-pandemic world they will be crucial to ensuring that my colleagues have access to the resources that they need to provide legal services in our community.

1 response

The books and resources at the Association Library are invaluable. A number of the books are not available on-line and can no longer be purchased. I also use Quicklaw while at the library. Based on my limited usage of this service (about 30 hours a year), it would not make sense to subscribe to Quicklaw. This is an invaluable service for those of us who are sole practitioners or small law firms or who not litigation lawyers but still require these resources.

1 response

During this pandemic, our Library Association (DRLA) has been FUNDAMENTAL to being able to continue to practice Law. We have a GREAT Librarian and support staff (research) and they have in the past hosted great educational and social events. I've attended at Courthouses outside

of Durham Region that don't have a full time Librarian, and it was very difficult to access and navigate resources when the Court raised an unforeseen issue that s/he wanted to be clarified.

1 response

Our local law and our law librarian, Brianna, are absolutely critical to my ability to provide high quality service to my clients and maintain my competence. They are also vital to my ability and that of my colleagues to maintain connections between the members of the legal community. It is hard for me to imagine that there is any other surface provided by the Law Society of Ontario for my dues that is even close to equally as important to my professional life.

1 response

The librarian helping me with research, especially as a sole practitioner is helpful. As well, access to software that I can't afford for my practice is available for use at the law libraries. They put on CPD programs, allow for networking with other lawyers so that you can build your network and get help. Lawyers cutting library funding; of all the nerds to cut funding to libraries, lawyers? Really? I'm embarrassed and disappointed. They should be also.

1 response

Local Librarian is able to efficiently locate relevant legal resources for uncommon issues and does so in a timely manner. Also Local Librarian assists lawyers use the technology and applications available on the computers in the library ie Divorcemate. It is unfortunate that we no longer have remote access to Quicklaw as many practicing lawyers do their research outside of 'working' hours and CanLii does not provide the same level of research assistance.

1 response

I can not properly operate as an effective lawyer without the necessary tools to do the job right. The Library and all the resources is an essential tool and without makes me a less effective lawyer working without the proper tools. It's like the a Carpenter being forced to work without a hammer or a mechanic without a wrench. Taking away out tools of the trade does not make logical sense although it may appear to make financial sense for LSUCK

1 response

It is the conduit through which lawyers communicate with other lawyers in our association - including searching for Wills, sending and receiving proxies for meetings, and informing the membership of important events in the life of the legal community (receptions, funerals, etc.), social events (mentoring dinners, lunch and learn events, golf tournaments), and continuing professional development opportunities (video replays of programs, for example)

1 response

I encourage unrepresented parties to visit library to obtain proper information and help to meaningfully participate in the proceeding. I also encourage my clients to go to the library to educate themselves to better understand the process . I also attend the library for info of recent changes in my area of law, or if I am in court , the library is fastest way to print documents or communicate with the office re: amending documents.

1 response

Jennie our librarian is a huge source of support if I have some research to do that is tricky or if i need a resource from another library. I think the library really assists in leveling the playing field between sole practitioners or small firms and the large firms. I also think that the library is a really nice place for us lawyers to have some social connection with our colleagues. I use the online services of divorce mate often.

1 response

if print is removed from the county spaces there will be no space for the other reasons lawyers use the library - a place to work, look up materials and print them, draft documents on short notice, meet with colleagues, socialize, earn CPD credit, learn from one another, assist junior lawyers in learning the law, a quiet place to gather your thoughts, have your lunch or a coffee or grab a granola bar because there isn't time for lunch.

1 response

The local library is essential to the practice of law. The librarians are trained to direct us practitioners to sources essential to keeping abreast of the law. In addition, the Law Library is a source of local legal history. Our Librarians knit together our local law association. Its existence promotes a sense of purpose to serve the community, provide legal services, encourages courteous exchanges amongst combatant litigators.

1 response

It is massively helpful to have Divorcemate and other software applications available on library computers and to print them off on library printers. It's absolutely critical. The law librarian is also useful for advising on extra resources on other topics. It's great to access a national newspaper in the lounge. Relating to lawyers in the lounge is the # 1 means to develop collegiality and support with one's peers.

1 response

The library is essential is providing resources as well as a librarian able to assist in research. the CPDs are great, along with the newsletter, webstie, twitter and facebook account to keep everyone updated and informed. the library is essential to all lawyers, especially smaller firms and

sole practitioners and the public, who don't have their own resources or skills. without the library the legal community would be lost.

1 response

Apart from the photocopying at court, it does not. It is impractical to physically travel to the library. Having online LexisNexis or Quicklaw or similar service that I can use remotely is the only benefit that I could see from the library. I would pay 10 times the annual association fees to have this access, as it would still be less than the amount I have to pay to have in-office online subscriptions to legal research.

1 response

the library offers a place to do research required on cases before the case gets to court but it is extremely important for legal issues that arise while in court for a matter. to be able to go to the library, research, print off a case and get back to court with it during a break is invaluable. i use the quiet area for lawyers to work as well as private rooms to make calls or discuss confidential matters very often.

1 response

The Belleville Courthouse Library is a tremendous resource. If I ever have a file with unfamiliar subject matter the library is my first stop. Without it, I would not have access to Quicklaw and not be able to do thorough research. The librarian, Judith Dale, is an excellent aide to get me started on my research and always points me in the right direction. I also make use of their written paper materials frequently.

1 response

1) I get to read a national newspaper when in the lawyers' lounge; 2) The law librarian is the only association employee and thus is in the know on all goings on in the county legal world. This is very useful. 3) Someone keeps paper in the copier and printers for the computer; 4) Someone deals with Divorcemate and other software providers which are used; 5) Procure key resources for the various legal specialities

1 response

When I go to the library for specific research purposes I almost invariably find materials without trying that are relevant to other files that I am working on at the same time. This experience is extremely rare when researching using electronic resources and databases. It also offers the possibility of discussing research problems directly with the librarian or practice matters more generally with colleagues.

1 response

The library provides an invaluable resource for a sole practitioner in a small town. It is very important on court days for immediate research and also as a place for discussions with other counsel , law association matters, etc etc Library staff have also been very helpful to me in searching resources both for ongoing litigation and for other issues such as office requirements and adaptations during Covid.

1 response

We are in a small community. Our library is essential to lawyer-to-lawyer engagement in court, for resources/information, for use of computers which assist us in drafting materials/accessing online resources/etc. Whenever I am in a courthouse, I access the library services (I practice primarily in Norfolk, but also in Woodstock, Brantford, Hamilton and Cayuga). It is essential to my practice (pre-Covid).

1 response

Our library is more than a library. It is a community. Without it, we would not have the connection to our association. It also is a library and is important for the research and work that I do. Solo and small firm lawyers cannot afford to equip themselves. We need our libraries. If the mandate of the LSO is to protect the public, closing association libraries or cutting their funding will do the opposite.

1 response

The library provides essential resources which are exceptionally important, particularly to those of us who are sole practitioners. I do not have the funds to purchase the latest reference texts, or maintain database subscriptions. My only access to these materials is through the library. Without the funding necessary to sustain these services through the library, my practice would be negatively impacted.

1 response

With work from home and courthouse closed, what few resources I needed I couldn't get from the library even if I wanted to. I could see the value of looseleaves available in the library as they are obnoxiously expensive and small firms/solos could never afford it. But realistically, the products need to be digital now, and the legal supply companies are not quick to offer good digital product there.

1 response

Our Law Association maintains the Barrister Lounge at the Family Courthouse site which means I have access to a computer with printing at a more affordable rate than the photocopier offered to the public that has a rate that is twice as high. The lounge also offers basic library reference books for family law and a place to speak with counsel and socialise while waiting for matters to be called.

1 response

Having the library available as a resource provides confidence required material will be available as and when needed. The librarian provides timely and reliable assistance with any search issue. The library atmosphere and resources provides great work environment. Meeting colleagues and discussing issues at the library improves our overall ability to serve clients and provide access to justice.

1 response

Our Association Library provides me with 24 hour access (pre-pandemic) to the books and publications which i need to keep myself updated on, and to research new, legal issues raised in my practice, and which are most familiar to me, and which therefore allow me to conduct my research faster than constantly trying to get appropriate computer and internet connections remotely from my home office.

1 response

Access to computers, printers, web resources that are steps from the courtroom. In Wellington county we don't have a barristers lounge, so the library doubles as a place for lawyers to congregate and meet on court days and for events, CPD, etc.. Few law firms have print materials or loose leaf subscriptions any more - when I need those secondary sources I use the library regularly.

1 response

I greatly appreciate having the Cochrane Law Library a short walking distance from my law office which is Suzanne Desrosiers Professional Corporation. The selection of books is excellent for a community in Northern Ontario as well as the archived CPD materials. I use the library whenever the need arises and I would be devastated to see it removed or its funding significantly cut.

1 response

The library is a valuable resource for texts. the librarians are extremely helpful with loose leaf material and binders. they have gone out of their way to get me electronic copies of research materials from the Great Library. I have been in the library and have noted that the local criminal bar often meets and talks about the effects of recent criminal cases on their practice.

1 response

We are a small bar, with many small firms. Having a fulsome library provides us equal footing with the larger firms and an equal access to necessary texts. Also, the library is a hub and neutral ground for meeting with other lawyers from hashing out details of hearings to receiving advice on how to proceed in a matter with more senior or experienced counsel in that area.

1 response

I practice in a small community without the benefit of other legal library resources close by. I am a sole practitioner with limited resources to fund my own online research tool access. The support of the librarian is invaluable. In addition, the community support and connection that is created by use of the library is vital and has been missed during the pandemic.

1 response

My local library ensures that I get regular updates via some newsletters in my specific field of practice. My local librarian conducts research for texts and cases that I need. My local library has provided me with CPDs. My local librarian ensures that important notes regarding our field of practice is sent to the local bar. My local library is a hub for the local bar.

1 response

A very helpful legal research resource, assistance with CPD, assistance with printing when required. Invaluable with respect to searches for wills. The ELA helps us organize the legal community in our region. They help let us know when a lawyer has moved firm, needs a new associate, or when a law firm has moved offices. The ELA is good at what it does. No spam.

1 response

Before I was in-house (started in 2019), I used courthouse libraries outside of my home area more often than I did my "home" association's library. Usually, I used it as a place to prep before court and during breaks, to have a private discussion with counsel for the other parties, and to see out of town colleagues and catch up on the goings-on in neighbouring areas.

1 response

Our Association Library is a fundamental resource, particularly for those regularly attending Court and who often need access to such resources on little notice in order to advocate effectively and achieve settlements. Our Association Library is in desperate need of funding in order to provide local counsel with the resources they need to assist clients and the Court.

1 response

Our library is essential. Rural practice is difficult as we tend to have smaller communities spread much over a large geographical area. The library is our hub and is essential for competence. It is essential for mentoring from senior counsel to junior counsel. The staff is essential to ensure the high level of competence required for the best service to our clients.

1 response

Our association has always been amazing in helping with research and they provide many excellent continuing legal education seminars/webinars. I recently moderated and spoke at one of their webinars. The staff provided an exceptional level of support, assistance and knowledge. They do an excellent job and they clearly care about the quality of work they provide.

1 response

From my time as a law student and now into my practice, our library and its staff have been an invaluable resource to my ability to access research and material, enabling me to keep my fees at a lower rate and provide better service to my clients. I have also utilized the library to make connections with colleagues and contribute to my professional development.

1 response

I have a primarily legal aid practice. I buy law books from time to time but the resources that are available at the library (books and Quicklaw) help me do better for my clients than I can afford to do on my own. During the pandemic (outside of lockdown periods) I have on occasion gone to the courthouse for the sole purpose of using the library's resources.

1 response

It doesn't. Really did not know you provided any of the services listed on here...still don't know how I would go about accessing them. I have used the online subscription services a few times prior to covid, but as far as I can tell these are not accessible online. Had a look at the website, still not sure how I would say for example get research assistance?

1 response

when at court access to divorcemate - family judges ask us to use it. research for areas of law I am not familiar with but are intersecting with a court case I have. attending webcasts with colleagues. quiet place to work, prepare for a hearing etc. it is an economical resource for me. i am a sole practitioner and do not have the resources of large law firms.

1 response

The Library staff are very knowledgeable and helpful in providing resources or assisting with avenues of research. Without the use of the library and the extensive knowledge of its employees, I would be unable to provide quick service to my clients in areas of the law that are unfamiliar to me. They assist tremendously in my efficiency with my law practice.

1 response

As a community legal clinic lawyer, I do not have an opportunity to interact with other members of the local bar on a regular basis. The library helps to keep me connected with my colleagues. I have also had occasion to request research services from the library staff which was very convenient and helpful. I strongly support adequate funding for the library.

1 response

The library is equipped with resource materials needed for research. When attending court, the library is indispensable given that it has resources that are necessary to reach a settlement if parties are negotiating. It also has computers and printers so that minutes of settlement can easily be drafted, printed, and filed in court on the date of appearance.

1 response

Pre-COVID and hopefully post-COVID they offer CPD (group) for a nominal fee. It was cost effective and a chance to speak positively and learn with colleagues. We have a great librarian who is very supportive when I had unique legal questions and would assist in research. She is fast and experienced. The library is a very important of our law association.

1 response

Frankly it's an indispensable component of my practice; often issues or tasks will arise last minute while I'm at court, and I could not research and prepare to litigate these issues without access to a fully equipped law library. Any reductions in law library resources or services would have an immediate and negative impact on my practice and clients.

1 response

I highly value the Westlaw and Quicklaw subscriptions available at the library. There are some specialized products, including the weekly Franks and Zalev family law newsletter, that I would have to subscribe to Westlaw to obtain. I also like being able to access past CPD materials, including the annual Carleton County family law conference materials.

1 response

My Association library is ESSENTIAL to my practice, and to the practice of every lawyer I know in our small city. It is the focus of our collegiality, and enables all of the lawyers who use it to better serve the public, and to provide access to justice. Cuts to libraries would have the effect of impairing our service, and impairing access to justice.

1 response

The Association Library does not contribute much to my practice as I am a full-time employee with Legal Aid Ontario but I know it is a big support to sole practitioners. I just feel our library does not need the large amount of space it has and needs to more to more online resources and less purchasing of books that people rarely if ever use anymore.

1 response

Dufferin Law Association is very active in pushing resources and information out to all of its members. It is also very active in the community and assists lawyers in keeping everyone up to date in activities and recent updates. It has been exceedingly helpful to me, as a new member of the community and assisting me in integrating to this community.

1 response

The HLA is a huge resource and benefit for Hamilton lawyers. It acts as a hub of legal resources and personnel. It contributes in many ways to the professional competence, professionalism, and mental health of its members, for their benefit and the benefit of their clients. This is particularly important for lawyers in small firms and sole practice.

1 response

Library assists in providing the legal community with resources that may not be available to every firm which in turn will help lawyers better serve their clients. The Library also provides a physical space for the Association which is very important in order to maintain that sense of community and provide support for all members of the Association.

1 response

As a sole practitioner, assistance with legal research is key as online resources and paper resources are expensive. Assistance with legal research also assists with competency and making legal services more accessible and affordable. I plan to use the service more often as I recently stopped using an online product which was not cost-effective.

1 response

The library is a tremendous asset for our legal community. Though my current employment at a legal clinic does not require me to attend at the courthouse very often, prior to this, and for nearly 9 years, I was attending court 2-3 times per week, and stopping in to use the library frequently. It would be a shame to lose funding to this resource.

1 response

Our Association Library plays a key role in providing critical awareness to current event's facing our association. They provide regular reports, updates, and commentary. Our Library Association is key to the success of our local bar. There updates have kept me updated and well-informed on COVID-19 Issues, Practice Procedures and Other issues.

1 response

There are many resources that are just not available online and available through the library. Also a lot of online resources are cost prohibitive and being able to share the resource and cost as an association is more advantageous and cost effective, especially helps with keeping lawyers overhead down which in turn helps with access to justice.

1 response

As a sole practitioner, I have online resources for my main area of practice but the library has been invaluable to me in providing immediate access to resources necessary for other areas of the law which become necessary to know but for which I have no legal information. Essential for both the lawyer, the client and the general public.

1 response

Significant benefits include providing a place for discussion and negotiation between counsel which improves other lawyers who can observe discussions and ask advice and share information. It also provides greater access to justice - more things get done when people have a forum to discuss issues and have settlement discussions.

1 response

The Association Library has always been an integral part of my legal practice, allowing me to educate and inform myself if and when needed, and thereby help my clients. I have served on its Board of Directors, and I am a Past President. I am therefore acutely aware of it the library's importance generally to our membership.

1 response

Often times, I have been able to draft Temporary and final Agreement in a library while attending to Court in person. Other times photocopies services provided by the library have helped my cases while in court. If research was needed, the library staff was extremely helpful especially for my firm which is a small firm.

1 response

My Association is very important in keeping me up to date on CPD matters and many other matters of importance to the local legal community as far as contact with colleagues is concerned. The Association also plays an important roll in assisting the legal community in locating Will and other documents important to client.

1 response

We are a small jurisdiction and our library is essential in connecting us to one another and to the resources needed to properly represent our clients. Our librarian is the only staff member between our library and our sister jurisdiction's library and so we can't accommodate further cuts and still run our two libraries.

1 response

I would attend the library in-person to quickly get up to speed in a new area of law. There would be a lot of content to cover so having some direction from library staff was invaluable, especially since this guidance was not available at my law firm. The newsletters are great and I read them each I time I receive them.

1 response

The library is critical to maintaining competence. It is particularly important to those practitioners who cannot afford their own information services. Given the legal market, the new calls and the cost of information products, I see the need for enhanced library services only increasing in the foreseeable future.

1 response

A good source of case law, notes, articles usually required but sometimes difficult to obtain through my limited resources. A very good source of obscure or not popular material which is sometimes needed and always helpful. Due to distance I usually don't attend the library; service is excellent through email / fax.

1 response

I regularly send my students and associates to the TLA library for research assistance. We all attend CPDs they provide. If in court, I will use the lawyers' lounge and robing facilities, and enjoy the collegiality of those spaces. The librarians and resources are invaluable for a small firm with limited budget.

1 response

We are a small office in a small town and our staff have very limited computer skills. The library has been fantastic at helping us find case law. We don't do enough business to justify the very expensive online subscriptions for ourselves. As well, the library makes us aware of resources are actually out there.

1 response

Our law library (and its counterparts in other jurisdictions) are absolutely critical in ensuring the fair and equitable access to legal resources across the entire profession. Legal information resources are well-known to be high-priced, and these resources need to be available to all members of the profession.

1 response

Stacey Zip is a gem and very helpful. The existence of a brick and mortar library is critical to access to justice in devising minutes of settlement, access to caselaw, print and computer capacity and fax capacity, general knowledge.... the list goes on. The value this provides AT COURT, cannot be overstated.

1 response

As fairly new to being a sole practitioner, and wanting to keep costs low and resources virtual, access to the library materials and free staff assistance has been invaluable. Without an assistant or many high-priced subscriptions, this has been an exceptional value, even though used somewhat infrequently.

1 response

Improves competence, collegiality and the functioning of the legal system. I have had countless files resolve simply because of a chance encounter at the law library. The value our Law Association Library provides to our legal community, and the community at large who use legal services, is beyond measure.

1 response

I deal extensively with the Hastings County Library. I require the continued exceptional assistance of Judith Date with case law and commentary from LexisNexis Quicklaw. She continues to immeasurably keep me properly informed upon issues constantly arising. I would be at sea without her consistent aid.

1 response

Most law firms in our area do not have the resources to fund in-house libraries and, as such the library and its resources are vital to our ability to practice law in a competent manner. Furthermore, it is a hub for continuing education and mentoring and is vital to the practice of law in our community.

1 response

The library staff help with research projects. It is also helpful to have online access to Divorce Mate to prepare or alter support calculations in the midst of a Hearing/Conference. It is extremely helpful to have access to online research that can be better directed than research using Canlii only.

1 response

It would be impossible to do economical litigation without the library resources. As it is it is difficult for many clients to afford access to justice. Our efforts to support access to justice for many who cannot afford it would be severely undermined without the local librarian and library resources.

1 response

I reside and practice over an hour away from our library, which is the reason for not using it very much, and for never using it for research purposes. I use the space when i'm there for court as a work space or a client meeting space. It is mostly useful for our connection to other lawyers also.

1 response

As a sole practitioner, it would be very hard for me to practise without access to the resources at my local law library. I can't afford those resources, and the lawyers on the other side of my cases often have unlimited resources. It would be a very uneven battle without my local law library.

1 response

The library and the librarian are an important part of this legal community, helping new lawyers with accessing resources and having a place to do work, organizing and holding CPD events, and providing a space for interaction with other lawyers and members of the judiciary out of working hours.

1 response

We are given up to date notices regarding court operations, local court committee activity, I can access legal research through the librarians and with the free online databases, we make use of the library for social and mentoring purposes. I could not imagine practicing without this support.

1 response

Karen is a wealth of information and is always prompt to assist whether it be in person, via email or virtually. When there are days that I was in physical Court and may have needed something printed, or to look up cases etc. not available on line, this was essential to have in the Courthouse.

1 response

Research materials are expensive. FOr example, our firm of 6 lawyers was paying nearly \$10,000 for O'Briens each year, it just became too expensive. Our library has O'Briens available for use. It is important to have access to commentary and precedents in order to properly serve clients.

1 response

My Association Library is very valuable. Our firm is not in a position to purchase all of the legal books and resources that we need and the ability to access these resources with a brief 5 minute walk is invaluable. It is also a community hub and fosters connection within the community.

1 response

The Library is the last spot left in the Court House where counsel can meet in private with other brothers and sisters of the Bar and relax away from all the rigors of the Court House. It is a mental health haven in a sea of stress. My place to regenerate and lower the blood pressure.

1 response

As a sole practitioner, I would be quite lost without it. It's hard enough to function as it is. If the funding authorities keep cutting back on support, they should hardly act surprised if more lawyers leave the profession as soon as they can. How does that improve access to justice?

1 response

We have only 1 law librarian, and she's only paid for a few hours per week. As a result our members can't benefit from research assistance as larger Associations provide. More funding would be very important to result in better benefits to our members and the public from our library.

1 response

We need our library open more hours! The LIRN (Legal Info & Resource Network, formerly LibraryCo) has continued to assign 4.5 hours to the Prescott & Russell Law Association which automatically restricts the ability for the library to provide full services compared to other areas.

1 response

I do not believe the librarian to be overly busy. The law library should be set up to be a location for courthouse users to utilise a computer when needed for virtual court. In particular, for those persons who have limited access to internet or are having technology challenges.

1 response

It is a reliable source of information about practice updates, local developments, and resource for CPD. It also gives great comfort to know that research assistance is available whenever I need it. When I am at court, the library computers and internet are a valuable resource.

1 response

Our library is a hub for a very large area - Simcoe County - it enables me to find esoteric and specialized texts and research materials - and provided invaluable resources during a civil trial - I cannot recall a single civil trial that did not require the library in some way.

1 response

They are a great "start" resource when you are looking for bizarre cases. And they introduce you to other lawyers that have had similar cases to help you. They know everyone and everything - so you never feel like you are floundering. They will give you a solid starting place.

1 response

The Library is the last line of defence in conducting research and obtaining updated legal information. The assistance we receive from staff and the access to pooled resources is critical for providing clients with excellent legal services. We MUST keep our legal libraries.

1 response

It is invaluable. For all of the reasons listed above - conferring and socializing with colleagues and having legal research abilities at the tip of your fingertips are paramount. Knowledgeable staff members also greatly assist by significantly cutting down on research time.

1 response

The Hamilton Law Association library is fundamental to the practice of Hamilton lawyers. Our firm has largely eliminated its own library and relies entirely on the HLA library for its expert legal research needs. There is no other credible public law library in Hamilton.

1 response

Our librarian is a very strong resource. I also frequently use the computer software and rent the books offered at the library. This resource is extremely important to me as a new lawyer. I have had the opportunity to meet countless mentors through our law library as well

1 response

The library is a useful resource for research of the law, for support during court attendances, and for meeting and collaborating with other lawyers in my community. Since the onset of the pandemic, the inability to attend personally at the library has been sorely missed.

1 response

I rely on my library for legal research on specific questions of law as well as educational materials that are more broad. Pre pandemic I attended the library often to do legal research, especially using QuickLaw which is not affordable for a sole practitioner/small firm.

1 response

Provides ability to get quick and very good research assistance and tools at a low cost for my small firm. Physical spaces create a place to go and be with other lawyers at my own association and across the province. This is of great assistance when I'm going to court.

1 response

As a sole practitioner in a small community, it is invaluable to me. I could never afford to acquire access to all the resources the library has to offer, to say nothing of the opportunity it affords to seek guidance and advice from library staff and other lawyers.

1 response

Our library is in a different building than our Family Court therefore it is of no use to us unless we decide to make the trip to the other courthouse where the library is housed. What would work best is if all library resources were online and accessible remotely.

1 response

Our Association's library is crucial to my practice, and therefore my clients. It is effective and cost-effective. It is a great resource for sole or small firm counsel. Our Association Librarian, Michelle Gerrits, is an invaluable resource for the Association.

1 response

Law libraries provide a sense of community, resources and a place for group CPD programs for sole practitioners/small firms. Loss of this resource would be a detriment to lawyers generally and would have an irreparable impact on small firms and rural firms.

1 response

Connections more than resources in this day and age. Also - the question "In those days in court, how many of those days did you require library resources?" does not offer an answer of "None" - I am in court every week, but I do not access library resources.

1 response

It's our hub for information. Michelle does an excellent job keeping us informed and notified of many issues. She also is very helpful in research suggestions and precedent options. This is an indispensable service in the administration of law to the public

1 response

The librarians at the Middlesex London Courthouse are incredible. I love our library. It is the best use of fees I can think of. I love the library. I love the access to information. Our library is critical especially to sole practitioners and small firms.

1 response

It allows me to run things by other more senior counsel to get some ideas and allows me to discuss and debate the law and judicial decisions with colleagues. It also provides me with research resources that I would otherwise need to pay for on my own

1 response

It is essential. I could not practice law without the library's now that the Law Society has taken away office access to the toolkit. Outrageous that a regular non bat street lawyer living 2 hours from Toronto has to fight for basic legal resources.

1 response

My association library is a fantastic support for research purposes, even outside of court. I often contact our law librarian for assistance in accessing material that I do not otherwise have access to (e.g. case law, treatises, and other materials).

1 response

When subject matter in a file winds peripherally into areas of law which I no longer practice it can be reassuring to be able to access materials to refresh and update myself on specific details from trusted resources rather than an internet search.

1 response

The availability of the hard copy research materials and research assistance is integral to my practice and access to justice. If it does not continue, access to justice will suffer and lawyer's expenses will materially increase. Please continue.

1 response

We are a small firm without the means to maintain a large library of up to date resources, let alone a dedicated staff member or members for research assistance. The resources and assistance provided by our association library are invaluable to us.

1 response

The library supports sole practitioners and small firms. Without a fully staffed library solos and smalls will pay significant fees to maintain access to services that support competence. The libraries are more critical than most can appreciate

1 response

The librarians are a wonderful resource for accessing research materials quickly and remotely, even pre-pandemic. It's easy to email them with a topic or research question and they will promptly point you to materials that might be of assistance.

1 response

Before covid- a very helpful in- person resource providing answers for questions and hosting CPD on weekends. During covid, answers questions by email or phone regarding legal research, case law, cpd, and sending helpful articles and information.

1 response

Not mentioned above is the need for access to a printer during court. At most of my court appearances I require access to a printer to print off Minutes of Settlement or some sort of Consent. To write these things out by hand would be onerous.

1 response

It is a vital source of information and support. As Review Counsel, I often refer my students to our local library which has been a wonderful resource for them. They respond effectively, keep us connected to the local bar and are very helpful.

1 response

provides me with legal resources I need to do my job that I could not afford on my own. Place to meet with other counsel to discuss ideas. has a photocopier accessible that we can use for clients. I got sent an online periodical from my library.

1 response

I think have shared access to research resources is very important. It especially helps level the playing field for those with smaller practices, including the lawyers lounge, the opportunity to meet and talk to other lawyers is also important.

1 response

When I was practising, the library was an invaluable resource to keep my client's costs low and therefore improve access to justice. It's also the best place in the Courthouse, by far, to review and prepare for submissions before an appearance.

1 response

A great resource for research materials and utilizing the knowledge of the librarians for more complex research questions. The library mailing list is also the premier source of information and connection for the Durham Region legal community.

1 response

The association is active and sends out weekly newsletters which is helpful. They have been an invaluable source of sharing information during the pandemic. Prior to covid the onsite library was a valuable resource and the staff were helpful.

1 response

Library at the Newmarket Courthouse is essential to our ability to provide access to justice: the staff (notably Betty and Janet) are important resources, and so are the books and other tools available at the library. Nothing replaces them.

1 response

Simply put, it is an essential tool in maintaining professional competence. I should note that, pre-pandemic, my practice took me to courthouses all over the province, and I always make use of the local association's library when I am there.

1 response

Access to QuickLaw as a practitioner, and updated looseleaf publications (like the CED and Watts Jury Instructions) are key for me as a young practitioner who cannot outlay \$3000 on private consolidated publications in my business expenses.

1 response

Our library has been so helpful. If the courthouse was open, I would be going in-person to visit and check out the available resources. I am a new call and it is so important to me to have the library as a reference tool and support system.

1 response

Without access to a local legal library I would not have the support I need to be an independent solicitor. The library provides valuable precedents, research tools and books. Furthermore, I do call the research librarian for assistance.

1 response

The library is a necessity for me in order for me to be the best lawyer that I can be. It is an excellent resource to use for legal research and as a workplace when I find myself having to be at the courthouse for all or most of the day.

1 response

The Association Library is essential. The staff are knowledgeable and available to assist me in my research or to do research for a nominal fee. The Library space provides for a safe, quiet, secure place to review cases/research etc..

1 response

It has been over a year now since I've used the library but it was certainly an important hub for networking and feedback. It was a comfort knowing that if I needed anything during my day[s] in court I could access it from the library.

1 response

I extremely value the library service. It is vital to the competency of my law practice. Please do not eliminate this service. It brings so much more to the practice of law than just education that can be achieved online. Thank you.

1 response

I find the TLA's library to be an invaluable resource in assisting with my practice. Even when closed to personal attendance, as it is now due to the pandemic, the library staff is most kind and helpful in undertaking remote research.

1 response

Provides access to resources we don't have the budget for as an in-house dept who can't bill back resources to external clients as law firms would. Librarian assistance has been quick and effective to assist in finding information.

1 response

It has been a source of information, guidance and support through many years. Particularly during these time, it is of utmost importance to my practice, as well as personal well-being in relation to the stressors of the profession.

1 response

The local association library does not contribute to my practice or help my clients. I obtain all the materials and resources I need without any input from the local law library. I do not see a need for law libraries any longer.

1 response

It is a valuable source of legal resources and the staff are excellent at responding to research requests. The library staff also provide much needed CLE on new resources/products/on-line services to assist in the practice of law.

1 response

Access to law texts and legal research not available online except through paid subscriptions to LexisNexis or WestLaw; a place to edit and revise Court Orders during motions or application hearings and as expected by the judiciary

1 response

It is a "practice hub" for the members of the association, both physically and virtually. It keeps comprehensive resources that we could not afford to maintain on our own and therefore increases the efficacy of our legal services.

1 response

My library (librarian) provides me with valuable insight into the issues I ask to be researched as well as the caselaw and other materials required to resolve the issue. This is an invaluable asset that assists me in my practice.

1 response

The association library is one of the few areas of value I get from the LSO, albeit indirectly. It allows access to materials I would not have otherwise. I am outside Toronto and the LSO library is of little value to my practice.

1 response

We are in a sparsely populated part of the province a few hours away from major urban areas and the legal resources available there. I was called in 2016 and practising on my own for the first year. The library was my lifeline.

1 response

The library is an excellent resource for having staff locate caselaw that is not available elsewhere or difficult to find. I also like having access to subscription services without having to incur the cost of same in my firm.

1 response

We have a great librarian so that probably makes a big difference, but the paper resources and the human to direct you to them is very valuable, and better than online resources, which I have been comfortable using since 2005.

1 response

It contributes to my practice by offering me access to invaluable books and legal research tools to ensure that I can quickly get myself up to speed on areas of the law I haven't yet encountered; especially as junior counsel.

1 response

It is an excellent resource, especially for texts and papers outside my core area of practice (for which our office library is the primary resource) and therefore helps us broaden our client base and expand access to justice.

1 response

The knowledge and expertise of Library staff is unparalleled. Having access to in person resources and equally accessible online content makes all the difference for a junior call with limited resource access in my practice.

1 response

our library staff, Jennie and Lee, are amazing. They ensure we have everything we need, we are always informed with CPDs, they do research for us and during the pandemic deliver books to me. I need them to run my practice.

1 response

Helpful when in court and need ready access to legal resources, internet access on library's computer; access to Divorcemate for support calculations; photocopying settlements arrived at while in court and for filing, etc.

1 response

The knowledge and experience of library staff (not to mention their patience, common sense and good humour) improve the focus of my legal research while saving me a lot of time (and while saving my clients a lot of money).

1 response

I am a sole practitioner, and the access to colleagues is very important to me, both for knoweldge available, strategies to discuss. The actual resources - in particular the latest in family law publications is essential.

1 response

Our library is fundamental to our local bar, self represented litigants and members from other areas. As the only large jurisdiction without a law school library, losing our library would be devastating to our community.

1 response

My library access allows me to better serve clients because I am able to obtain books, online materials and CLE. Our librarian is also a great resource for obtaining information, articles and books from other libraries.

1 response

I miss the library for mostly the connection with my colleagues and the advice (bouncing ideas off colleagues and discussion cases). Also, a place to get away from clients and to negotiate settlement with colleagues.

1 response

Excellent resources available that would otherwise not be, knowledgeable staff to help with research, meeting place for connections within the legal community, meeting/social area to be used between Court appearances

1 response

moved to this jurisdiction recently - library services (lounge, listserv, librarian) helped me to get up to speed with local custom and then stay up to date. Their annual conference is very good, I attend each year.

1 response

Provides me with a safe, quiet place to research, read and at times meditate to help alleviate the stresses of the profession. I would sincerely miss its presence were it to be scaled back or eliminated in any way.

1 response

The library is an essential part of keeping me up-to-date, research into niche subjects not otherwise available, rounding out my knowledge, and connecting with colleagues (e.g. for CPD and building collegiality).

1 response

I wish our librarian was more skilled at legal research. She mostly acts as a connector to CPD programs and is generally helpful in other ways to our law association but is not really able to assist in research.

1 response

1. CPD 2. Legal Resources/research 3. Access to computer/internet/printing in the middle of a case while at court 4. Quiet place to work when at Courthouse 5. Provides social area for contact with other lawyers

1 response

It is a valuable resource, the kind of which individual lawyers, sole practitioners can not afford for their research and legal information. Besides staff are very helpful in pin pointing the relevant resource.

1 response

It allows for resources to be accessed that would otherwise cost substantially. I am a sole practitioner and so the cost of accessing a number of resources - both in book and online would be exponential for me.

1 response

Our courthouse is outdated and small. The library gives us a private space to work and think, to look up information, and to modify documents on the fly. It is a valuable resource both in person and on line.

1 response

The Library is the central hub of the practice of law in our area. We are in a remote location and do not receive any of the benefits like local CPD or legal resources that lawyers in the GTA have access to.

1 response

Good resource for basic and advanced legal materials. Critical for past CLE materials. Also provides a way to see what materials are available on a topic. Training in online resources an important element.

1 response

Our library was more important to my success starting out than anything else. I continue to make use of the library on a regular basis. I am a strong supporter and encourage any proposed investment in it.

1 response

The library has more up-to-date texts and commentary than I have access to in my office so it's critical for my legal research. The librarian is an essential partner in helping me find the best resources.

1 response

Just last week I couldn't find a case critical to the preparation of my defence. I sent an email to our Law Association Executive Director at 5:00pm and she sent the case to me the next morning by 9:00am.

1 response

source of legal research very important to my practice. Our librarian is an important person in our maintaining our connection with our members of the bar. She is the glue that holds much of it together.

1 response

The HLA Library continues to be a helpful resource for sole legal practitioners and their clients in a rapidly changing legal and technological environment in all areas of the law and society in general.

1 response

I have been spending a small fortune on resources that I would much rather get at the library, as there is more diversity, and more commentary, so it is definitely very beneficial to my clients and me.

1 response

The Association Library is an essential resource, particularly in our small community. The suggestion to cut funding is a clear example of the disconnect of the Society to the needs of its members.

1 response

The number of resources provided and the time they are provided in, including any research and memos helps streamline issues, improve understanding and overall, provide better services for clients

1 response

The e-mail updates from our librarian are invaluable, especially to keep us informed during the pandemic. The e-mails alone are worth the membership fee each year, but I also appreciate the CPDs.

1 response

I have practiced law for many years and I am outside the county seat. The staff of our library is exceptional and has provided invaluable support, finding material and forwarding material for me.

1 response

Not helpful in my practice although it was when I did family law. I believe it is an absolutely necessary resource for lawyers who are not in large firms and can't afford a current law library.

1 response

There are unique Client questions that require some research that are not otherwise available or updated. The Law Association Library is the most efficient and accurate source of information..

1 response

As a sole practitioner I count on the services offered by library staff to assist me. Personal subscription to legal resources is too expensive for me so I rely on library staff and resources.

1 response

Provides me with quick and accurate answers Enters into diligent research to obtain information which may not be readily available Always very pleasant, very professional and very co-operative

1 response

Our association library is vital to my practice and my firm. The resources there, including the librarian, are essential given that we have no other associations or resources within proximity.

1 response

Given the limited budget available to me, I rely on the library for legal research database access. There's also periodic newsletters from the local law library that are a valuable resource.

1 response

As a sole practitioner the library is a very important source for research and precedent materials for my practice. I could not afford to purchase all the resource materials for my practice.

1 response

The CPD and practice updates the Peel Law Association Library circulates are an invaluable resource to me, particularly in keeping up to date with proposed legislative and judicial changes.

1 response

It would be impossible to practice without their support and resources. Small practitioners don't have the means to purchase all the resources offered by the library to assist in practice.

1 response

I use their looseleaf materials, sometimes Quicklaw, and the librarians assist me to obtain materials that are not available through my office's primary e-search tool, Westlaw eCarswell.

1 response

I was able to obtain approx. 5% of a text from the Great Library during COVID, which helps - I would have preferred to attend in person - cost of text is significant, not practical to buy

1 response

The library provides the backbone of my legal research materials that are outside my area of practice and for general legal knowledge. Without it, I would be much less able to practice.

1 response

Having the ability to access printing and computer resources while at court is very helpful. I also use the robing rooms in the library, and use the library's space on breaks from court.

1 response

I am a sole practitioner, and the law library is an indispensable asset to my practice. I could not afford to keep all useful family law resources in my office nor to keep them current.

1 response

Research source to keep up to date on various aspects of criminal law both substance and procedure. Also allows for varying sources relevant to the same issue all readily within reach.

1 response

I rarely use the library and not at all in the last few years. If the law society is cutting fees due to the pandemic I can understand why the budgets of those it supports get cut too.

1 response

Since we are a rural community, it is imperative that we have a place to meet especially on court days. Our courthouse has very limited private meeting space so the library is a must.

1 response

I am sole practitioner and post-pandemic, don't have an assistant. I have no other place to connect with my colleagues. I also cannot afford to buy all the books I would like to own.

1 response

legal resources are expensive for a small firm. I have regularly attended to obtain resources and precedents for client matters that are beyond the usual or routine that I deal with.

1 response

Its a vital hub in the local legal community. It improves my ability to render good legal advice to my clients and is also a very important source for precedents on different issues.

1 response

The Library provides a fundamental resource for my ability to deliver effective, practical legal services to my clients. Without it, the services I provide would definitely suffer.

1 response

Ensures regional updates are distributed and hosts social events. I've also modified court orders and printed them to have them signed the same day rather than having to reschedule.

1 response

the library is an important place to gather information in person and through other sources - the librarian is incredibly helpful, and she is key to keeping the association running

1 response

The TLA provides me with access to legal research librarians who are an invaluable resource. They are accurate, cost-efficient and provide research that is of the highest quality.

1 response

When I first started my practice, my local library was vital to my success. As I had very little mentorship at the time, I would not have been able to get where I am without them.

1 response

Doug and Kathleen and all of our local law librarians have been such a fantastic resource to me and my clients. They are always kind, warm, welcoming, and endlessly knowledgeable.

1 response

Our Library Staff are fantastic. They arrange valuable CPD, networking and assist with legal research. My law practice would suffer significantly without this valuable resource.

1 response

Allows me to access books that my firm doesn't have and that I cannot personally afford to buy. Librarians are very helpful with locating books and locating cases I cannot access.

1 response

I find the librarians are very helpful in aiding me in my research and I rely on the library resources to help me very often in regard to preparing the legal aspects of my case. .

1 response

It is a source of information of impact to the local bar and is an additional resource in case there is something required to support client service and not available at my firm.

1 response

Our law library is essential as we practice in a small town but provide services to a large geographical area. It is the hub of our networking between lawyers and legal support.

1 response

Having remote access to research services has been very helpful during the pandemic; as in house counsel, I would struggle without this and hope that it continues post-pandemic.

1 response

I'm a sole practitioner. The textbook collection has been invaluable as has been the ability to ask research questions and to have cases and other materials sent to me remotely.

1 response

The library provides the materials required to attain competency in solving various problems that arise in my practice and the librarians are extremely helpful and resourceful.

1 response

Provides access to more detailed research materials than we can afford to maintain in our office or access online - especially in areas outside our primary areas of practice.

1 response

The Law Library is an important resource not only for faxing, printing, and photocopying, but to provide those with the resources that they may not have at home/ the office.

1 response

The Association Library - and network of which it is a part - is a critical foundation, not just to the practice of law, but also to an effectively functioning court system.

1 response

Valuable local source of information/access to information. It is the only area of the courthouse where lawyers can have a quiet workspace/area to have group CPD programs

1 response

They manage the Wills enquiries for Durham Region lawyers/members which is a benefit for my practice and my clients. The library also assists with events and offering CLE.

1 response

Provided Support Mate which I cannot afford on my own, provided resources for legal research as do the librarians, provides somewhere quiet to work on files while at court

1 response

My clients are Lega Aid Ontario Clients. I could not keep up on the law, or manage the kind of in court resolutions needed for low income clients, without our law library.

1 response

Access to books is essential. Pre pandemic it was also a place to meet other lawyers. I find Westlaw and Quicklaw do too much nickel and diming even with free memberships.

1 response

I work as in-house counsel for a municipality. There are few resources available to us in-house and we often rely on help from the library and the librarian for research

1 response

I don't think you can practice law without access to a good library and library support. Most sole/small practices can not afford to provide the access to legal research.

1 response

While I do not attend Court as often as I did in the past, when I would, the law library was an essential element of court work, and also a valuable tool for the public.

1 response

Our librarian has been a valuable resource and is the glue to keep the association together. I've been at this for 50 years and the fraternity that once was is no longer

1 response

Our library is vital to access to justice for many lawyers who do not have all the necessary legal resources at their office. it is also a hub for lawyers to convene.

1 response

It is a tremendous asset to my practice. I cannot imagine working as a lawyer and not having access to my Association Library. I do not want to see its services cut.

1 response

The librarian helps in research. I have often called him and asked him for a case I could not get or for some research in a legal text. He has been most co-operative.

1 response

Librarians help with excerpts from updated textbooks, legal research online. These services cannot be duplicated with the range of material available two librarians.

1 response

coordinates us, provides basic informational resources for browsing when subject matters are just out of our predominate practice areas. Well worth the annual cost.

1 response

It is invaluable in being the "go to" source for all things legal and in answering my questions about where to look if I am unfamiliar with a particular area of law.

1 response

It is a vital resource at the Courthouse. It gives me access to materials that I would not otherwise be able to use - a particular help to me as a sole practitioner

1 response

The availability of TLA Library staff to respond quickly to inquiries, including scanning and providing copies of library materials same-day, is extremely helpful.

1 response

Easy access to resources and Quicklaw. Our Librarian Judith is a valuable research resource and assists criminal litigators everyday. We would be lost without her.

1 response

With no other law library in the region, I depend on the Association Library for collections, historical resources, current subscriptions and knowledge management.

1 response

The library is an excellent resource for precedents and research. The librarian's assistance is invaluable. The texts that are available are a very useful tool.

1 response

Our Library is an enormous support for solicitor client relationships, Law Association community activities and communicating with colleagues and administration.

1 response

I rely on the librarian for arranging CPD and making suggestions and for information circulated among the membership such as requests for wills and current news

1 response

The library provides me a base while in Kenora. I do not practice primarily in Kenora. It provides access to a place to print, get a book/resource when required.

1 response

access to research materials remotely from our office; law librarian assisting with research; allows small town lawyers to meet lawyer from other practice areas;

1 response

i could not be competitive with large firms without this library. Lack of this library would cripple my practice. It permits me to compete on a national basis.

1 response

Provides resources that would otherwise be cost-prohibitive to a small firm, like print resources, online research tools, and research assistance from librarian

1 response

The library provides me with access to legal resources that I could not otherwise easily or economically access, which allows me to better represent my clients.

1 response

Our Association Library keeps us up to date on changes in court procedures, new events happening in the community, and as liason between the bar and the bench.

1 response

I have utilized the librarians to obtain access to restricted access books, to perform research, to obtain gossip, to locate local agents for assistance, etc.

1 response

I consider the law library my main connection to research resources and my local legal community. I would be outraged if the LSO cut these services to members.

1 response

I don't have to buy a million different books. I can just go look at them in the library. It saves a ton of money. And I don't need to subscribe to LexisNexis!

1 response

During this Pandemic, our library has been critical in ensuring lawyers and self-reps had access to justice and were update to the changing legal environment.

1 response

Very important for access to justice generally. Even though I may not use the library regularly it is essential for many practitioners and is a vital resource

1 response

As a sole practitioner there are essential books for my practice I require but cannot afford, I especially cannot afford the upkeep of most recent editions.

1 response

Texts and computers (QuickLaw) for research. Help from the librarian on some days. The only hub or meeting place for talk with colleagues face to face.

1 response

See the above. It is also convenient to go whenever you want to a place that has the materials you need. This is the biggest advantage not above mentioned.

1 response

Association Library contributes to my practice in important ways, particularly as my practice is largely legal aid. The library enhances access to justice.

1 response

IT PROVIDES AN ESSENTIAL MEETING PLACE TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE MATTERS WITH OTHER COUNSEL, LEGAL RESEARCH, PREPARE DRAFT ORDERS, ETC. WHILE ATTENDING COURT

1 response

The staff is very helpful. This is important for smaller firms or solo practitioners who that do not have a researcher/clerks on staff or junior lawyers.

1 response

I am able to do my job faster through hard copy and on line resources, it makes it possible to liaison with other lawyers which is an invaluable resource.

1 response

Readily accessible for legal resources - hard copy and online; legal research assistance; easy environment to support or receive support from colleagues.

1 response

Legal research, true up cases; other legal resources, updates on events and happenings, education and events; clarifying information, general questions

1 response

I am a rural lawyer in a small firm with a limited budget. Without access to our library we are relying on google to give us the information we need.

1 response

Consult material, speak with colleagues, use computer to draft minutes with opposing counsel, use photocopy machine, ask questions to librarian, etc.

1 response

Textbooks are helpful. Caselaw is available online but not textbooks, which give an overview to assist in researching legal questions for my clients.

1 response

Making legal arguments often requires reference to statute or caselaw. My primary resource for caselaw is the local Law Library and Law Librarian.

1 response

My clients tend to be lower income and one way to cut costs is to do research and use other library resources instead of expensive private options.

1 response

Access to legal information that I cannot locate, especially historical and statutes. Also provides quick research information requests responses.

1 response

In ordinary times, our Association library is the primary source of mentorship, camaraderie, and text based legal research for our entire district.

1 response

Very accessible, cost-effective, professional research & legal resource facility for a practising sole practitioner (civil litigation) such as me.

1 response

My Association Library is essential to my practice and my clients. it is an invaluable resource for research, resources, and community connection.

1 response

The library provides valuable resources when needed. Further, it offers a printing station that is often utilizable in between court appearances.

1 response

We have a small library with vast resources. Our librarian keeps it all together. Beyond the accessible information, it is a hub for our members.

1 response

Access to quicklaw is the main reason I use the library. The fact that it is a block away from the OCJ is why I very rarely use it on court days.

1 response

I value the contributionhe Accsociety make to advocating for us, and for facilitating education and social activities

1 response

Our library is essential to providing quality legal services to the community. The advice, knowledge and resources of the staff is unparalleled.

1 response

Find out what colleagues think - how they approach issues, and improve collegiality, all of which makes for harmonious and efficient practice.

1 response

It is a space to use a computer (research or type up a document) while on a break, have lunch, use the facilities and talk with other lawyers.

1 response

We would be lost without our library resources. Pulling books, assisting with liasing with the Great Library in Toronto it is very helpful.

1 response

as outlined above. It's a good first stop in the research process and often you will bump into a colleague who may also provide some advise.

1 response

I think it's integral. We have Westlaw; and it's great. But sometimes I need more in depth coverage of a legal topic than I can find there.

1 response

I made good friends through my old.association (waterloo). I just moved to brant and look forward to meeting new people after the pandemic.

1 response

The staff are awesome in assisting to find case law and related materials for my files. They save time for those of us not computer savvy.

1 response

Kelly and Derek are invaluable. Any question you need answered, any case you need to find, any help you need at all... they are wonderful.

1 response

Essential resource for research and building competency. Essential for making connections with other local counsel and out of town counsel.

1 response

Great place to obtain resources and assistance on matters that are not readily available at my firm or online. Helpful in organizing CPDs.

1 response

see above - it keeps me connected to the local legal community and it provides legal resources that I may not have access to in other ways

1 response

It assists in connecting colleagues and new lawyers in the community as well as assisting with research and completing CPD requirements.

1 response

Absolutely necessary resource for research and help from the staff and librarians. Great for any required last-minute work or research.

1 response

It is my oasis to allow concentration on major projects and at the same brainstorm with colleagues regarding legal and practice issues.

1 response

My most frequent use of the law library is to get out of my office so I can work in a quiet environment free from calls, emails ,texts

1 response

When I have no idea what the legal issues are for a client I start at the library using loose leaf services and text books primarily.

1 response

The research assistance, the access to Lexis Advance Quicklaw, and the access in the library to textbooks and online legal research.

1 response

Our librarian is very hands on and assists us with tracking down and obtaining resources needed to inform our research and practice.

1 response

the librarian helps with finding materials needed; opportunity to connect with colleagues and get their advice on a practice matter

1 response

LSO library staff are extremely knowledgeable, helpful, & insightful. They regularly add resource offerings to those I am seeking.

1 response

The best part of the Library, other than legal resources is that it provides a neutral ground for meeting others in the profession

1 response

Lawyers practicing in Rural Ontario communities do not generally enjoy the luxury of in-house legal education and resource centre.

1 response

Our Association Library does an excellent job of doing legal research and helping us with our legal research and CPD requirements

1 response

Good resource for legal materials, site for CPD courses, and a meeting place for colleagues to share information and experience.

1 response

Love the library, everyone is so helpful there and it fosters a great sense of community. I always use the books and resources!

1 response

It remains the only resource for many sources that are not economic to purchase and I'm in a big firm. We can't do without it.

1 response

It provides books and databases that I can't afford, and gives me valuable research advice that counts toward professional CPD.

1 response

The library staff has saved me and my client hours of research. It is a huge benefit to the legal community and our clients.

1 response

It is my primary research tool which can be done cost effectively for my clients without having to pass the costs on to them.

1 response

It's a useful resource at court to obtain information quickly. It is a good way to pool resources for access to information.

1 response

Instrumental in getting hard-to find resources such as Reports of the Law Commissions struck to introduce legislative reform.

1 response

I am a sole practitioner Having the resouces of the library and the librarian avaiable greatly speeds up my research time.

1 response

the Association Library keeps me abreast of the law; similar to CPD; important role in awareness and professional competence

1 response

We have an excellent librarian who makes consistent efforts to keep our members updated on CPD, and aware of research tools.

1 response

Provides resources that we don't have at the firm; provides a physical space to go when in Court; provides assistance to us.

1 response

They provide resources that I am not able to access through my firm, which allow me to advocate effectively for my clients.

1 response

i FIND IT PERFECT VENUE TO GET AWAY FROM THE OFFICE AND TO FOCUS ON FILE WORKL AND PREPERATIONOF MORE COMPLICATED MATTERS

1 response

The Library is a necessary resource for my practice. I may not use it frequently but it offers assistance when I need it.

1 response

The CLA is very quick and accommodating in ordering requested materials; as well they provide numerous CPD opportunities

1 response

Keeps me up to date, great resource for legal research when required, and a center for legal support from and for peers.

1 response

Always very pleasant, very professional and very diligent in getting me the answers which may not be readily available.

1 response

Retired. I was always interested in the practice, included legal research and I still look at topics from time to time.

1 response

They've pulled up caselaw for me, they've also allowed me to print things needed for court while a matter is held down.

1 response

Although I am not a high volume user, I am very happy knowing it is there as a resource and a support when I need it.

1 response

It is essential for conducting legal research which is critical for advising clients and the basis for good advocacy.

1 response

Access to Lexis Nexis Quicklaw discontinued for home access. Only place (pre pandemic) that I could access Quicklaw

1 response

Kelly and Derek are a great help when I can't find a case or when I need a text that generally deals with an issue.

1 response

The library staff and resources get me the information I need to competently and efficiently represent my client's.

1 response

It is essential to my practice area, and indirectly helps my clients by allowing me to access necessary resources.

1 response

As a general practitioner, the library provides the information for matters that I do not predominately deal with.

1 response

It is an essential part of my practice. It provides cases, statutes and precedents that are current and relevant.

1 response

I'm a sole practitioner now and cannot afford the resources on my own. My TLA library staff have been invaluable.

1 response

It gives the small practitioner a reference resource, which without he/she could not compete with the large firms

1 response

the library is invaluable when i'm in the courthouse. i don't need it often but when i need it, it is invaluable

1 response

Our library runs wrongful dismissal databases searches for me several times per week & it is incredibly helpful.

1 response

Has provided immense support on researching obscure legal principles that I needed library database support for.

1 response

It is such a great resource! We need them to do our job and provide the best possible assistance to our clients.

1 response

Immense support in finding materials online and downloading various formats provided by way of Crown disclosure

1 response

It is well worth \$182 to me to have the library resources including our very helpful librarian. Don't close it.

1 response

Always up to date information to keep up with evolving issues, available and dependable in many circumstances.

1 response

Research, access to resources, access to cases while arguing a trial, a place to attend and participate in CPD

1 response

Provides timely updates and communications from a variety of sources. It is essential to my practice of law.

1 response

it provides me with access to legal research, CPD and a community of lawyers that I would not otherwise have.

1 response

If I can't find something, our library can provide the resource we would otherwise have to pay for separately

1 response

In a rural area, far from a University law library, a properly "stacked" Association library is a necessity.

1 response

Research and resources I can't get from quick law or anywhere else I can't get the answers I need without it

1 response

We need a separate room for Lawyers to be able to sit around tables to have coffee and snacks and socialize

1 response

Our small firm would not be able to maintain the resources at hand that our association library affords us.

1 response

I know that it is always a resource that I have if I need assistance finding precedent or other materials.

1 response

Without the Thunder Bay Law Association Library, I would not be able to practice law in Northern Ontario.

1 response

Keeps me updated on legal and professional changes and CPD, research assistance, pooled legal resources.

1 response

Printer/copier in courthouse, legal materials, librarian to assist with legal research, CPD, networking.

1 response

operating a small practice would be much more expensive and difficult without access to our law library.

1 response

Provide valuable update for recent legislative changes, this is quite important for a sole practitioner

1 response

I can access resources that my firm doesn't subscribe to and I have research help available if needed.

1 response

Help with library resources during the pandemic, on line and book-based research before the pandemic.

1 response

Library provides a one-stop location for materials, research assistance and CPD compliance resources

1 response

The availability of a library provides a quick , easy access to up-to-date materials and information

1 response

computer research while at court as I do not have cell phone. This service is vital to my practice.

1 response

Access to looseleaf services and books that I can't/won't purchase or subscribe to because of cost.

1 response

Library staff support for research assignments is the most important feature of the library for me.

1 response

Primarily research before Court and help with photocopying cases and materials during Court matters

1 response

Ready access to legal research resources and and CLE required to competently advocate for clients.

1 response

Significant help with legal resources, community hub with other lawyers who provide legal updates

1 response

It is a critical resource, particularly when in court for motions advocacy, case conferences, etc.

1 response

The library is the source of answers when no one knows what they are. It is my court house office.

1 response

additional source of legal materials (including by email during WFH), relevant email updates, CLE

1 response

Valuable access to up-to-date textbooks and CPD materials and to computer apps, faxes and copies.

1 response

An excellent librarian to help locate resources and a community hub to interact with colleagues.

1 response

Our librarians are a wealth of knowledge and great resource when I get stuck on a legal question

1 response

It has been a great contributor to my fulfillment as a student and lawyer over the past 27 yrs

1 response

Very important part of my the functioning of my law practice, especially for resource materials.

1 response

The library is my source for caselaw and in particular the research necessary to find the law.

1 response

legal research; continuing legal education; source of legal advice and support from colleagues

1 response

A well stocked and current library is vital to the work that all lawyers in our community do.

1 response

It provides invaluable resources, especially because I am a new Call and a sole practitioner.

1 response

Access to affordable research - as a sole practitioner, I cannot afford subscription services

1 response

I need better better support for legal research. Librarian needs more training in this area.

1 response

A good resource for research at times when in court and on other occasions from time to time

1 response

The library is an essential resource for the practice of law and to allow access to Justice.

1 response

The library is an important source for research materials and for contact with other counsel

1 response

In Huron County the library is an important, if not only, hub for our community of lawyers.

1 response

When I can search physical books, I find useful material I can't find on my own or on line.

1 response

The Peel Law Association is an invaluable resource and is needed in the Peel Law community.

1 response

provides a link to search for Wills within our association, files from retired lawyers ect

1 response

Mainly as a sole practitioner resources and support as well as divorce mate and comraderie

1 response

They assist in sending out a mass email to lawyers when looking for a Will which helps us.

1 response

The library provides crucial resources that would be hard to access elsewhere at its cost.

1 response

It allows me access to many resources I would not otherwise have access to for my research

1 response

Over the years the law library has provided essential tools for research and development.

1 response

Our local librarians are a wealth of information and are always kind and willing to help

1 response

I will start utilizing their research capabilities more frequently as my practice grows.

1 response

Use of phone to call clients and print resources I cannot afford as a sole practitioner.

1 response

Our association helps create more competent members increasing assistance to the public

1 response

Mostly for access to online legal research that I don't wish to purchase independently.

1 response

The books and resources there are extremely helpful as someone working in a small firm.

1 response

HLA is an anchor to my Practice. It is always there. Always accessible. Always helpful

1 response

As a solo practice, the library is my primary connection to the local legal community.

1 response

The Association Library has been an integral part of my development as a young lawyer.

1 response

I rely enormously on my association library for CPDs and for assistance with research.

1 response

It is my main resource for legal research as the fees are too much for our small firm.

1 response

without the library and its resources, I am not sure how well our practice would run.

1 response

Little if no support in the area of research assistance. Exorbitant membership fees.

1 response

The library levels the field, permitting all lawyers access to essential information.

1 response

For my book, I rely on updates and searches from the research librarian to assist me.

1 response

When I started and could not afford all the texts I can afford now, it was critical.

1 response

Information about practice directions, local Court scheduling, etc. CPD programming.

1 response

When I need a case or statute that is too old for Westlaw. For copying and printing.

1 response

Provides me with up to date changes in the law and new strategies to assist clients.

1 response

Keeps me informed of all important developments that are relevant to practicing law

1 response

It makes it functionally affordable for me to practice in a small, rural community.

1 response

This also acts as our lounge to relax in. We use the library to draft in as well.

1 response

Without Leeds Grenville and super fantastic librarian, I suffer; my clients suffer.

1 response

The Library is invaluable to my law practice, and to access to justice in Ontario.

1 response

We are in a remote part of the province. Our library is essential to assisting us.

1 response

it is an invaluable resource that need in order to conduct my practice efficiently

1 response

association plays a critical role in maintaining up to date and adequate material.

1 response

ok this is getting silly THE LIBRARY IS VITAL AND SHOULD GET MORE FUNDING NOT LESS

1 response

The Association Library allows me to compete on equal footing with other lawyers.

1 response

Providing access to legal research that is up to date and available at a low cost

1 response

Up to date references, helpful with all questions, friendly and efficient service.

1 response

The librarians are outstanding and without them I could not get any research done

1 response

It is essential for research that comes up mid-trial and for research generally

1 response

Helpful information, saves time in research, with saves money for the clients.

1 response

Information for resources in the library and for access to non-library sources

1 response

its an integral part of our association for all the reasons noted previously.

1 response

It is the cornerstone to my practice and my continued development as a lawyer.

1 response

It assists in research, especially out of date or out of print publications.

1 response

Continuing development of knowledge and assistance throughout the local bar.

1 response

Excellent location for research and professional discussion with colleagues.

1 response

Provides a meeting space, provides books when I need to read up on something

1 response

Always a great source though perhaps less so with so much available online.

1 response

I am able to obtain resources that I would not be able to afford on my own.

1 response

Very helpful for research, court procedures during pandemic and precedents

1 response

for me it provides access to research materials not readily available to me

1 response

It is imperative to maintain library and resources for the practice of law.

1 response

they do specific research on narrow issues, quickly and without complaint.

1 response

I could not practice without the critical support of courthouse libraries.

1 response

Staff are helpful. Allows materials to be available that I would not buy.

1 response

The quality of my legal services is largely based on having this resource.

1 response

The Association Library is essential for competence and access to justice.

1 response

Also provides consolidated practise directions. I really miss the library

1 response

Excellent staff, supportive, informed and available to assist. Life saver.

1 response

Access to resources, rules, staff assistance, and discussion with counsel.

1 response

The library can maintain resources that I can not as a sole practitioner.

1 response

It is indispensable in ensuring accurate and timely legal advice is given

1 response

Providing research resources normally out of reach for smaller practices.

1 response

The Association library is an essential part of my practice and is vital.

1 response

It is essential. It is a lifeline for lawyers. It expands our competence.

1 response

The staff at the Lincoln County Law Library go out of their way to help.

1 response

A vital part of our local practice, on the many grounds indicated above.

1 response

I have participated in HCLA CPD, but have never used the actual library.

1 response

Key resource - cannot maintain necessary materials in my own collection

1 response

Essential to have access to legal research resources in a court house.

1 response

Our librarian is particularly helpful in providing relevant resources.

1 response

They help me pull cases and books needed to understand the law better

1 response

The HLA library, and the staff therein, are essential to my practice.

1 response

I am old school and enjoy researching written documentation and texts

1 response

very accessible and assists in research - often in urgent situations.

1 response

they seem to coordinate activities but i do not use it as a library

1 response

I need it when I'm in a trial to print things or research on the fly

1 response

Greatly improves competency and relations between members of the bar

1 response

Essential representation on behalf of all members of the local Bar.

1 response

Critical for research and assistance from librarian doing research.

1 response

It contributes by providing research materials and organizing CPDs.

1 response

The law association is fundamental to the competent practice of law

1 response

Library staff provide priceless legal research to sole practitioner

1 response

My Association Library is essential and fundamental to my practice.

1 response

Keeps law up to date. provides crucial CPD and research assistance

1 response

It's an excellent and inexpensive resource for research, and CLE.

1 response

Space to work and useful resources that I could not usually access

1 response

significant resource for legal research both online and in person.

1 response

Legal resources, meeting place with colleagues and computer needs.

1 response

I could represent my clients effectively without this resource!!!

1 response

The library is an essential resource for the reasons named above.

1 response

It provides an affordable means of obtaining information/research

1 response

I may not use the Library often but when I do, I really need it

1 response

Very important for research while in Court. Can't do without it!

1 response

j'ai aimé participé au FOLA Lobby Day en février 2020 à Toronto.

1 response

Staff are very helpful in providing access to research materials

1 response

I'm happy to be an ambassador...so call or email me if you want.

1 response

Helpful for research and access. Very knowledgeable librarians.

1 response

I'll be brief: the law library is a simply invaluable resource.

1 response

technology hub; divorcemate in court; place to speak to counsel

1 response

Access to hard copies of research items/CLE/quiet palce to work

1 response

Librarians assist in finding material; chatting with colleagues

1 response

When I need a publication, the local library can get it for us.

1 response

Local legal issues are addressed through the library dynamics

1 response

Access to library services should not be cut. It is essential.

1 response

Helps immensely with legal research and a feeling of community

1 response

The staff is fundamental in providing support and information.

1 response

Easy access to timely research on the fly, ensuring competence

1 response

The library is the communication hub for our law association.

1 response

Invaluable research resource for my authorship of legal texts

1 response

For a broad section of the bar, libraries are very important.

1 response

Buying the latest resources is crucial to keeping me updated

1 response

Essential resource for research, assistance and CPD programs

1 response

Provides me with quick information or answers when required

1 response

Provides resources that would otherwise be cost prohibitive

1 response

I particularly appreciate the assistance of the librarians.

1 response

Without the law library, my ability to research is limited.

1 response

Judith Dale is a fantastic resource for our legal community

1 response

Primarily communication by our librarian of legal updates

1 response

I could not competently practice my profession without it

1 response

Source of legal texts and research conducted by librarian

1 response

It usually has the most recent CPD articles in Family Law

1 response

It is a COMMUNICATIONS HUB! That makes it indispensable.

1 response

Critical for legal research and assistance with research

1 response

It is a vital resources for sole and small firm members.

1 response

The research assistance and materials help tremendously!

1 response

It is essential, I would not have a practice without it.

1 response

Reducing time in accessing appropriate legal resources.

1 response

Librarian conducts CPD programs and advice on research

1 response

Resourcing, researching, providing access to materials

1 response

Legal research while in court and in advance of cases

1 response

The PLA is the best. Let's keep them properly funded.

1 response

My association library is essential for my practice.

1 response

Source of core legal texts and other legal resources

1 response

Important resource which is otherwise not affordable

1 response

the library is essential to my ability to practice

1 response

Invaluable resource. The fee levied is a bargain.

1 response

I still like paper for the law beyond case reports

1 response

Great resource center and extremely helpful staff.

1 response

Our librarian is a huge help with finding caselaw.

1 response

Have not really used this resource to any capacity

1 response

It is a central hub for our local legal community.

1 response

We get emails with newsletters and updates on CPD

1 response

It is the life-blood of the local legal community

1 response

It provides very valuable information and support

1 response

it provides much needed backup for legal research

1 response

help finding resource materials, access to emails

1 response

The librarian is the glue that holds us together!

1 response

You have captured it well in the questions asked

1 response

An invaluable resource for research and courses.

1 response

ongoing competence and professional development

1 response

Access to research materials,mainly textbooks,

1 response

It helps me a lot, we have a great librarian

1 response

I don't know how I would survive without them.

1 response

I do not use the library often, and I should.

1 response

Very much. It is an essential service to me.

1 response

retired -- keeps me in touch with profession

1 response

organization, community, research assistance

1 response

Has resources that I do not have at the firm

1 response

See the uses of the library I noted, above.

1 response

Databases, industry updates and networking

1 response

Availability of more books accessed online

1 response

Able to access texts not easily available.

1 response

See above; "how do you see your library?"

1 response

The law library is an essential resource.

1 response

Crucial to staying on top of Covid update

1 response

Helps me to research matters for clients

1 response

QUICK AND EFFECIENT ACCESS TO RESEARCH

1 response

The library serves as an information hub

1 response

Complements it, expands it, improves it.

1 response

Unmatched convenience & extremely helpful

1 response

Now retired but engaged in ADR practice

1 response

continuing education and legal research

1 response

It is an invaluable part of my practice

1 response

I utilize it for research when required

1 response

It is the heart of my work as a lawyer.

1 response

The resources it provides is invaluable

1 response

Helps with legal research and resources

1 response

Access to secondary sources is helpful

1 response

It's an important tool for my practice

1 response

Librarian is awesome and does research

1 response

Research resources, providing updates

1 response

It ensures my practice is up-to-date.

1 response

i must confess it does not contribute

1 response

it is critical in a smaller community

1 response

Resources, information, court updates

1 response

Research assistance; borrow materials

1 response

Provides easy and fast legal research

1 response

Valuable resource for legal research.

1 response

Very important resource for research.

1 response

of great assistance as resource tool

1 response

Knows different ways to do research.

1 response

provides a great deal of assistance

1 response

CLOSE TO COURT AND PROXIMITY TO LAO

1 response

Organizes CPD programs in Timmins.

1 response

It is a great place to socialize.

1 response

Research assistance is invaluable

1 response

invaluable as it keeps me updated

1 response

In all of the above checked ways.

1 response

By buying books that I could use

1 response

Essential to the practice of law

1 response

An oasis of reason and assistance

1 response

A tremendous source of support.

1 response

Resources; collegiality; repose

1 response

Updates on CPDs and resources

1 response

Helps me to serve my clients

1 response

Provides necessary resources

1 response

it doesn't, I don't use it.

1 response

Connection to local lawyers

1 response

It is necessary and valued

1 response

Access to legal textbooks

1 response

a vital resource for both

1 response

See answer to question 4

1 response

See third section above

1 response

Staff assisted research

1 response

Cost efficient research

1 response

Research, FOIA e-mails

1 response

No idea what they do

1 response

Access to resources.

1 response

Essential resource

1 response

emails and updates

1 response

Resource material

1 response

As set out above.

1 response

Keeps us informed

1 response

critcial resource

1 response

it is invaluable

1 response

Very beneficial.

1 response

as set out above

1 response

It is essential.

1 response

Legal competency

1 response

CPD and research

1 response

It is critical!

1 response

Invaluable!!!!

1 response

Updated titles

1 response

Very helpful

1 response

is essential

1 response

VERY HELPFUL

1 response

It does not

1 response

It doesn't.

1 response

Essential

1 response

Very much

1 response

minimally

1 response

It helps

1 response

Resource

1 response

Minimal!

1 response

books

1 response

