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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 18, 2022

Toronto, ON – On February 23, 2022, the Federation of Ontario Law Associations (FOLA) will hold a Virtual Lobby Day. Over 40 small and sole practicing lawyers from every region in Ontario will spend the day meeting with Ministers' staff, MPPs (both government and opposition), and the Attorney General to discuss a wide variety of justice issues including legal aid, family law, courthouse issues (including the wide-spread delays facing our clients and inconsistencies in e-filing protocols), criminal law, real estate law, and more. You can learn more about our Lobby Day here.

While some issues relate to measures taken as a result of the COVID pandemic, some issues (such as legal aid funding, matters related to family law, and courthouse staffing) pre-date such measures.

FOLA's Committee Chairs would be more than happy to speak with members of the Press to discuss issues facing the legal profession that are raised in sessions during our Lobby Day.

ABOUT FOLA

FOLA is a non-profit organization that represents Ontario's 46 Law Associations. Together with our associate member, the Toronto Lawyers Association, FOLA represents approximately12,000 practicing lawyers from all regions of the province. Most of FOLA's members are sole practitioners who run their own firms or practice in small firms. All serve on the front lines of Ontario's justice system.

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