



# FOLA'S MONTHLY SECTOR MEETING UPDATE

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## SECTOR CHECK IN LOG #84

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### Summary

#### Invited Participants: Sector Calls

OBA, FOLA, LSO, LAO, the Advocates' Society, & OTLA

Superior Court of Justices in Ontario, Court of Appeal for Ontario, & Ontario Court of Justice

MAG -Department staff and the Recovery Secretariat

#### 1. COURTS

##### ❖ SUPERIOUR COURT OF JUSTICE UPDATES

- On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the SCJ announced that the [Notice to the Profession, Parties, Public and the Media](#) has been amended to clarify parties' responsibilities in civil and family matters regarding (1) filing books of authorities and facts, (2) providing accurate hearing-time estimates, and (3) bringing to the attention of the court all relevant material facts and the authorities that establish the legal proposition relied upon (as it is not sufficient to merely upload filed materials to CaseLines). See Part II, paras. 1-4 and Part III, paras. 16-18.
- **Family Law Matters (Including Family Law Pilot Project):** The SCJ is still encouraging uptake in the Family Law Pilot Project. You can learn more [here](#) (section VIII).

##### ❖ ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE UPDATES

- No Updates

##### ❖ COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO UPDATES

- Mask requirements have been lifted but there are still restrictions related to the number of parties entering the Court.

- **CONSULTATIONS - FINAL REMINDER:** Kathryn Manning, Chair of the Rule 34 Subcommittee of the Civil Rules Committee, has sent FOLA a Consultation Paper on Rule 34 of the Rules of Civil Procedure in Ontario, for which they are seeking feedback from FOLA. If you would like to send FOLA your thoughts for consideration as we draft our Submission, please send them to Katie at [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca) by Monday, August 15th at 5pm. Learn more [here](#).

#### 2. MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (MAG) & SOLICITOR GENERAL (ONTARIO)

##### ❖ eINTAKE

The Ontario government has expanded the use of the eIntake digital platform to include the Eastern region, making the platform available right across the province. eIntake expedites the process for law enforcement officers to file criminal charges electronically and streamlines the information shared between police, other

enforcement agencies and courts in real time. It also allows Justices of the Peace to enter their decisions, sign documents digitally and request additional information from law enforcement officers online. The eIntake system is now being used by 64 enforcement agencies and 129 courthouses across Ontario. It is among a series of digital initiatives the Ontario government is taking to build a justice system that is seamless, simple and efficient. See announcement [here](#).

### 3. OTHER ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NEWS

#### ❖ REMINDER: ONTARIO'S NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACT

Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) took effect on October 19, 2021. Existing non-profits have 3 years from that date to bring their governing documents into compliance with the new law. Learn more on our new [ONCA Resource Page](#).

### 4. RECOVERY SECRETARIAT

#### ❖ REMINDER: Questions about Courthouse operations related to health & safety can be directed to Samantha Poisson at [MAGrecoverysecretariat@ontario.ca](mailto:MAGrecoverysecretariat@ontario.ca).

### 5. LiRN

#### ❖ LIBRARY SERVICES & MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY HR POLICY AND GUIDELINES

As a result of Consultations with FOLA, Shareholders, Presidents, and Law Library Staff, LiRN has made some considerable changes to their Library Services & Management Responsibilities Policy HR Policy and Guidelines document that should allow for greater flexibility in how LiRN defines Association work vs. Law Library work. FOLA anticipates a new version of the document to be sent out by LiRN to all Presidents sometime within the next week.

### 6. FOLA

#### ❖ FOLA'S ANNUAL AWARDS: We are nearing the deadline for Nominations for our 2022 FOLA Awards. As a reminder, we have an award for Past Presidents, Outstanding Law Library Staff, and a special award to recognize an outstanding member of your Association. [Learn more](#) and fill out a Nomination Form today!

#### ❖ CANADIAN LAWYER'S SURVEYS:

1. **Top Litigation Boutiques:** Canadian Lawyer's survey of the top litigation boutiques is now open & FOLA is a proud partner this year! They are looking for your input on the best firms specializing in litigation. The survey closes on September 2, 2022. Complete the form [here](#).
2. **5-Star Legal Workplaces:** This 100% anonymous survey gives you the power to tell your organization what it is doing right – and how it can improve. Your feedback will help Canadian Lawyer uncover the 5-Star Legal Workplaces while providing your employer with valuable insights on how they can create better workplaces for all. Survey closes Friday, September 16, 2022. You can complete the survey [here](#).

#### ❖ NEWSLETTERS: FOLA's August Newsletter is now available! You can read it [here](#).

#### ❖ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - MIDDLESEX LAW ASSOCIATION: - The Middlesex Law Association is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director. Interested applicants are requested to submit their resume and brief cover letter to [middlesexlawassociation@gmail.com](mailto:middlesexlawassociation@gmail.com) prior to 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, August 12, 2022**. Learn more [here](#).

### 7. LEGAL AID ONTARIO

No updates this month.

### 8. LSO

#### ❖ CONSULTATIONS: PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE'S [MANDATORY SUCCESSION PLANNING REPORT](#):

The Professional Regulation Committee's consultation report: [Mandatory Succession Planning](#) was included as an information item to Convocation. As outlined in the report, the Committee has launched a consultation that will be open until November 30. In particular, the Committee would like to hear from sole practitioners and licensees in small private practice firms. FOLA will be preparing a Submission. If you would like to contribute your comments for consideration in our Submission, please send them to Katie at [katie.robinette@folo.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@folo.ca) by November 4<sup>th</sup>. You can also submit your comments directly to the LSO. **Consultation open until November 30, 2022.** The consultation form is available [here](#). Those interested may respond to some or all of the questions.

❖ **HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The Human Rights Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of human rights and/or the promotion of the rule of law provincially, nationally or internationally. The award is granted for devotion to the advancement of human rights and the rule of law over a long term or for a single outstanding act of service. The call for nominations deadline is October 3. [Learn more on the LSO website.](#)

9. **EVENTS**

❖ **OSGOODE HALL - ESTATE LITIGATION SERIES**

**September 21, 28 and October 6, 2022 - ONLINE**

Estate Litigation: The Practical Guide for Legal Professionals

Held over the course of three evenings, this program will provide delegates with the fundamentals of estate litigation. Using real-life case studies and a step-by-step analysis of the litigation process, delegates will leave equipped with the knowledge, skills and tools to confidently advise clients and be an effective advocate in estate matters.

*\*LSO Accredited for 8h 50m CPD (7h 55m Substantive; 55m Professionalism)*

[Register here](#)

❖ **ARBITRATION FOR FAMILY LAW LAWYERS: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS**

**October 12, 2022, 9:00 am – 4:00 p.m. ET**

This new and unique program is designed to provide family law lawyers with the practical guidance they need to successfully navigate the challenges of arbitration and achieve positive outcomes for their clients. In one intensive day, their expert faculty will take you through the key elements of family law arbitration.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

❖ **REMINDER: DURHAM REGION LAW ASSOCIATION FALL 2022 CONFERENCE**

**SAVE THE DATES: Thursday, October 13, 2022 & Friday, October 14, 2022**

Registration coming soon

❖ **EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: CULTURAL COMPETENCE FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS**

**Nov 15, 2022, 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET**

In this half day program, you will learn the practical skills you need for greater cultural competence in the legal profession and immediately put your skills into action through a series of exercises where you'll address challenges faced in different legal settings and learn strategies for successfully overcoming them.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

**QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?**

**COURT WORKING GROUPS**

**SCJ FAMILY LAW & IN-PERSON vs. ONLINE MATTERS**

If you have ongoing concerns regarding in-person vs online appearances at the SCJ, please direct your concerns to Katie at [katie.robinette@folo.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@folo.ca) and she will relay them to our Family Law Working Group.

**SCJ SMALL CLAIMS COURT WORKING GROUP:** FOLA is requesting that practitioners (as well as Deputy Judges) take a moment to consider and comment on what works well and what could use improvement in our Small Claims Court so that constructive feedback can continue to flow to the Small Claims Court Working Group. Please send comments to Katie at [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca).

**EVERYTHING ELSE**

Law Association members are welcome to send any issues/concerns related to the above Updates to FOLA by emailing Katie at [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca). We will address them in as timely a manner as possible. Please also note that FOLA cannot assist in issues related to a specific case and the Courts will NOT provide clarification on any Notice to the Profession.