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Re: Law Libraries

I am a family law lawyer in London, Ontario. I was called in 1989. Throughout my career I have been a sole practitioner or practiced with 1-2 associates.

I practice mainly in London, Ontario but occasionally in St. Thomas, Woodstock, Goderich and Stratford.

I am writing to advise of my support for Law Libraries and for increased funding by the Law Society. Law libraries are essential for my practice.

I rely on the law libraries and their staff. I often visit the law library. I frequently rely upon the librarians for research. When I am in a court house other than London, I am dependent on the law library's resources.

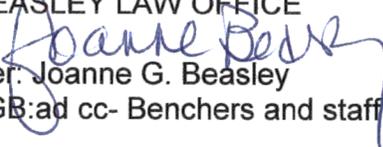
I appreciate the "space" that I can use as a lawyer inside the courthouse.

I support law society fees being allocated to ensure law libraries are funded.

As a sole practitioner/small firm, the cost of individually purchasing all of the resources that are needed is prohibitive. Law libraries provide the resources and more. The staff are a resource. The physical space is important. Lawyers are able to work in between court appearances, obtain training, access legal resources, meet with other counsel, etc..

It is the regulatory mandate of the Law Society to ensure that the public is served by lawyers and paralegals with the highest standards of learning and competence. Cutting law library budgets, and thus access to resources, works against this goal. Law libraries ensure access to justice.

Yours truly,
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