

Toronto Lawyers Association Report

The Toronto Lawyers' Association (TLA) supports its 4,000+ members through its many advocacy efforts, educational programs, and library services which have not been interrupted – not even for day – throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

On the advocacy front, the TLA has made submissions on important issues that affect our members' practices, including:

- Response to Expert Evidence Subcommittee of the Civil Rules Committee regarding Problems with the Late Delivery of Expert Reports
- Data Collection for consideration of the Family Legal Service Provider
- Virtual Appearances in the Superior Court of Justice
- *The 2007 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and other forms of Family Maintenance* Letter to Minister Doug Downey
- New Toronto Courthouse – in response to the closing of courthouses in Scarborough, North York and Etobicoke
- Library funding
- LSO Consultation re Competence Task Force (in progress)

On the education front, in the last few months, the TLA delivered a variety of programs on its own and in partnership with others. In follow up to the February 5th event *Managing the Second Wave: Mental Health, Resilience and Resources*, the TLA, jointly with LawPRO, developed and offered *Continuing to Manage: Mental Health, Resilience and Resources* in June 2021. We have an exciting line-up of programs for the upcoming months, including the *Supreme Court of Canada Roundup* (December 2, 2021) and *Chief Justice George Strathy in Conversation with Ian Binnie* (January 26, 2022). To register and to see other programs, please visit our website: <https://www.tlaonline.ca/>. Going forward, education programs held on-site at the TLA will be live-streamed and recorded.

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