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Important Information

Mark Giavedoni Appointed as FOLA 2nd Vice Chair

Congratulations to Mark Giavedoni, who was appointed as FOLA's 2nd Vice Chair during the FOLA March board meeting. Mark will continue to serve as the FOLA Real Estate Committee Chair.

LiRN Seeking New Board Directors – Deadline March 15

LiRN is seeking four new Directors who bring library expertise, access to justice and strong finance and governance skills. Directors bring geographic diversity and experiences in different size and types of legal practice. A strong candidate is a strategic thinker committed to the competence of legal professionals and with an interest in, and understanding of, the professional development and legal information needs of all legal professionals and county law library users. Expressions of interest are invited until **March 15**. Resumes can be sent to the Nominations Committee by emailing Sarah@calibratesolutions.ca.

Welcome New Executive Directors Tanya Jenkins (Carleton) and Pamela Lee (Middlesex)

Welcome to new executive directors Tanya Jenkins of the Carleton County Law Association and Pamela Lee of the Middlesex Law Association!

Real Estate Update – February 5, 2025

The latest Real Estate Update is published! [Click here](#) to access. Thanks to Real Estate Committee Chair and 2nd Vice Chair Mark Giavedoni for putting this together!

FOLA Spring Plenary 2025 – Book your hotel!

The Spring Plenary will take place from **May 14 to May 16** at the Hilton Doubletree in downtown Toronto. The website is at <https://www.fola.ca/plenary/> with a draft agenda. Presidents should have received an email regarding hotel registration. We are working on conference registration and will post updates on the website as well.

Civil Rules Reform Committee Presentation – Save the Date - March 27

We have worked together with the Civil Rules Reform Committee (CRRC) for a special presentation regarding the civil rules reforms. The CRRC is tentatively slated to present to FOLA members (All members of associations are welcome) via Zoom on **March 27 at 4:30 pm**, pending business returning to government. Zoom details will be made available once confirmed.



Visit [our website](#) for more information, including our previous submissions. If you have any questions please email Ian Hu, Director of Policy & Advocacy, at ian.hu@fola.ca.

2025 FOLA Awards Series – Nominations Wanted

FOLA invites you to nominate a deserving candidate for the 2025 Awards Series! Information is on our website at <https://www.fola.ca/awards/>. For those that put in nominations for the 2024 Award Series, those nominations are on file and will be considered as well.

Current Consultations

LSO Indigenous Cultural Training Course Consultation

Update: Following our email to the Associations to fill out FOLA's survey to help us shape our feedback to the LSO, we have received over 200 survey responses. Thank you! The survey is open to all members of Associations until April 1, click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBJGKKV>

The Equity and Indigenous Affairs Committee (EIAC) is seeking feedback from lawyers, paralegals, legal organizations and the public on the implementation of an Indigenous cultural training course in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Call to Action 27.

For more information, [click here to access the LSO's consultation website](#).

LSO Bulk Payments – How's it going?

What is your firm's experience dealing with bulk payments? We are gathering your input to determine if any steps need to be taken to advocate for you. Please email your comments to Ian Hu, Director of Policy & Advocacy, at ian.hu@fola.ca.

Recent FOLA Submissions

LSO – Call for Comment: Towards More Effective Governance — Governance & Electoral Reforms at the Law Society of Ontario

We submitted our comments **January 31**, [click here to view](#).

Updates for the Profession

LSO Licensee Update – February 27, 2025

Please [click here](#) for the latest LSO update.



Featured Member Rewards

A reminder that all members of FOLA county and district law associations have access to the rewards program here: <https://www.foia.ca/resource/member-rewards/>. If you have any questions or issues accessing the member rewards, please contact Kelly Lovell, Executive Assistant, at kelly.lovell@foia.ca.

Discounts are available for a number of services and products! Below are the featured member rewards; more can be found on the website!

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Upcoming Events and Law Association News

FOLA promotes law association events and other news. If your organization has upcoming events or related news that would be of interest to our members, please complete the form that can be found [here](#) and submit to both Ian Hu (ian.hu@fola.ca) Kelly Lovell (kelly.lovell@fola.ca).

Event details are also listed on the calendar on FOLA's website [here](#).

Featured Promotion

Osgoode PD - 19th Annual: The Civil Litigator's Survival Guide to Evidence

Evidence can make or break your case! Stay current so you have the tools you need to build a successful litigation strategy with OsgoodePD's 19th annual one-day program. Join a distinguished faculty of leading judges and senior practitioners covering topics such as: hearsay, evidence in motions and applications, techniques for handling experts before and during trial, Tips from the Bench, and more. Register for the **March 26** online replay. Learn more and register [here](#).

County And District Law Associations

Case Center: What You Need to Know (LSO & Ontario Superior Court)

Chief Justice Morawetz: I encourage you to attend the program, "Case Center: What you Need to Know" jointly presented by the Ontario Superior Court & the Law Society of Ontario scheduled for **March 19**. See below for registration details. The program is accredited for 1.5 professionalism hours and will cover a wide range of tips and demonstrations to build your competence with Case Center including:

- Ensuring materials are uploaded to the proper bundle and described with the Court's proper naming convention
- Organizing materials effectively with tabs and indexes
- Uploading audio and video files directly using Case Center
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- Using Case Center to effectively direct the presiding judicial official through your materials
- Effectively presenting material through Case Center to a witness
- Using the notes feature to quickly and easily navigate your materials during your appearance
- And other helpful guidance and demonstration

[Register here](#)



County of Carleton Law Association – A How-to on Civility – Don't be THAT lawyer

The New Legal Professionals and Advocacy Club is excited to announce its first workshop, "A How-To on Civility—Don't be THAT lawyer," which will be held on **March 19** from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the CCLA lounge. Coffee, refreshments, and small food items will be served.

This seminar aims to equip new lawyers, paralegals and soon-to-be lawyers and paralegals with essential strategies for maintaining and prioritizing civility in legal practice. Learn from experienced counsel and the judiciary how to foster a respectful work environment while managing and responding to difficult interactions and personalities. Discover practical tips for effective communication, conflict resolution, and stress management, foundational to any successful legal career! [Register here](#)

Toronto Lawyers Association – Estate Law Roundup: 10 Key Issues to Address in 2025

This session will take place on **Wednesday, March 26 from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm** via **Zoom Webinar**. Join us for this year's highly anticipated annual Estate Law program, where we'll review 10 critical topics that are shaping the future of Estate and Trust practice in 2025.

Our expert panel will discuss the latest trends, legal developments, and essential principles that continue to influence estate planning and litigation. Whether you're an experienced practitioner or newer to the field, this program will provide practical insights into the pressing issues facing Estate and Trust professionals. [Register here](#)

Toronto Lawyers Association - Rosen's Anatomy of a Trial: A Course for Young (Criminal) Litigators

These sessions will take place on **Saturday, April (5, 12, 26) & May (3, 10, 24) from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm** In Person Only.

The TLA Criminal Committee has arranged for well-known criminal defence counsel John Rosen to repeat his 6-part criminal advocacy and cross-examination course. As before, John will be joined by experienced prosecutors and defence counsel, who will share their unique perspectives on trial advocacy.

The program is designed with a primary focus on criminal lawyers with 2-5 years of practice. Young litigators interested in improving their litigation skills are also welcome. [Register here](#)

Waterloo Region Law Association – 2025 AGM & Coulter Osborne Award Dinner

The Board of the WRLA is pleased to announce the AGM and the presentation of the Coulter A. Osborne Award to Steven Lubczuk on **Thursday, April 10** beginning at 4:00 pm. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



Appointment and Job Opportunities

Judicial vacancies and job opportunities are free to advertise. Please submit your opportunities to FOLA Director of Policy & Advocacy, Ian Hu, at ian.hu@fola.ca

Judicial Vacancies: OCJ – London, Oshawa

Deadline for London and Oshawa openings is **March 21**.
Apply via the [JAAC website here](#).



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