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Important Information

LSO Virtual AGM September 18, must register by September 16

The LSO's virtual AGM is on September 18, and to attend you must register by September 16. There is a motion brought by licensee Anita Szigeti regarding disclosure of fees and costs related to the departure of former CEO Diana Miles.

[Click here to register for the LSO Virtual AGM](#)

FOLA Lobby Day March 26, 2026 – Save the Date

Lobby Day is confirmed for March 26, 2026, save the date! More to come as we set the day up.

FOLA Fall Plenary – November 12 to 14 in Kanata – Save the Date

The FOLA Fall Plenary will take place in Kanata from **November 12 to 14**! Please save the date.

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

AI Subcommittee of the Civil Rules Committee – Court of Appeal Consultation

The Court of Appeal for Ontario's Artificial Intelligence Subcommittee of the Civil Rules Committee is conducting a consultation to analyze and make proposals regarding the use of AI and technology in the litigation process. The deadline is **September 12**. [Click here to view the consultation paper](#).

We are working on a submission. Please provide feedback and any questions to Ian Hu, FOLA Director of Policy & Advocacy, at ian.hu@fol.ca



Recent FOLA Submissions

Bail Act Consultation

FOLA provided feedback to the Assistant Deputy Attorney General Katie Wood regarding a *Bail Act* consultation (they gave us a one week turnaround) on **August 25**. Thank you to Criminal Law Committee Chair Karen Seeley for holding the pen! [Click here to view the letter and our feedback](#).

Proposed Changes to the Notary and Commissioner for Taking Affidavits Application Program

The Ministry of the Attorney General requested feedback on two proposals intended to reduce red tape and burden, and to modernize Ontario's notary public and commissioner for taking affidavits application program.

FOLA provided feedback on **July 24**. [Click here to view our submission](#).

Civil Rules Review

FOLA submitted comments on **June 16**. We have collected the separate county and district law associations, along with FOLA's, on the website: [FOLA Submission: Civil Rules Review](#).

Updates for the Profession

LSO Licensee Update – June 25, 2025

There was no July edition (summer break) of the LSO Licensee Update. 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.fola.ca/resource/member-rewards/>. If you have any questions or issues accessing the member rewards, please contact Ian Hu, Director of Policy & Advocacy, at ian.hu@fol.ca or Kelly Lovell, Executive Assistant, at kelly.lovell@fol.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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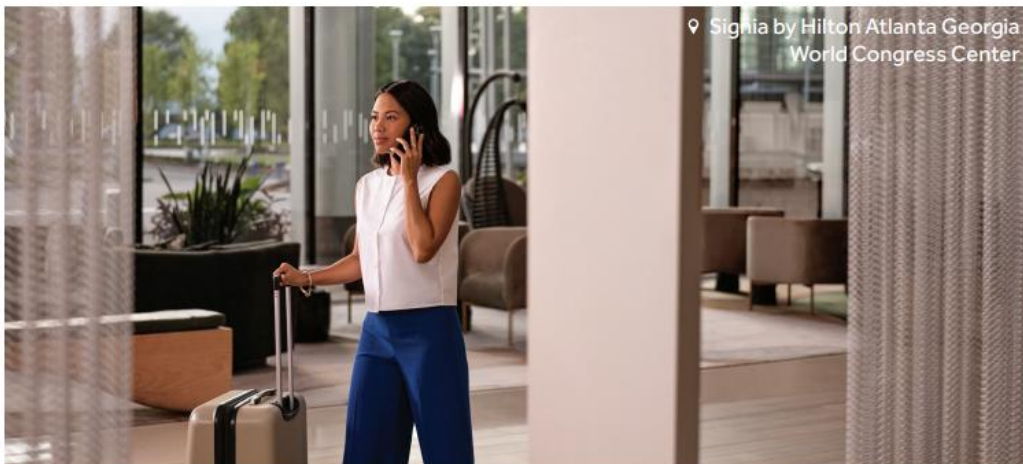
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Upcoming Events and Law Association News

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).

Featured Promotion

OsgoodePD – 19th Annual Update: Personal Injury Law and Practice, October 7

FOLA members receive 10% off Osgoode Professional Development's [19th Annual Update: Personal Injury Law and Practice](#) using promo code FOLA-10.

Get up-to-date and well briefed and join this critical dialogue about vital developments in the ever-evolving field of personal injury law on October 7. Whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants/insurers, get crucial insights and solutions to key challenges in personal injury practice.

Don't miss this comprehensive update in interesting and engaging topics highly relevant to everyone working in personal injury law. You'll hear from expert practitioners and the bench about the most important current issues, while also gaining perspectives that will help to better inform your practice as an advocate. [Register today!](#)

County And District Law Associations

Hamilton Law Association Journal – a giant History Journal edition!

A murder. J.J. Robinette. What lawyers used to wear. This 52-page whopper is now available and full of interesting things! [Click here to view.](#)

County of Carleton Law Association – 3rd Annual Courtroom Etiquette Wikihow - September 3

The CCLA New Legal Professionals and Advocacy Club Committee is pleased to be hosting the third annual Courtroom Etiquette WikiHow. This event will be taking place at the Ottawa Courthouse in Courtroom #37 on Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:00 pm. This is going to be an excellent interactive event with lots of practical tips/tricks from members of the judiciary about how to navigate the physical courtroom now that more proceedings are taking place in person. We are excited to be joined by Justice Naik, Associate Justice Kamal, and Deputy Judge Galarneau.

This is a bilingual event open to all lawyers, paralegals, articling students, and law/paralegal students.



The in-courtroom portion is being held from 5:00-6:00 in courtroom #37 and there will be a networking reception thereafter. The networking reception will take place at Brown's Social House at 160 Elgin Street. Light refreshments will be served.

Kindly note that the Courthouse doors will lock as of 5:00 pm so please meet us outside Courtroom #37 by 4:45 pm.

For those who cannot attend the in-courtroom portion, we still encourage you to register on the CCLA website and join us at the networking reception afterward.

The registration cost is \$25 + HST for CCLA members and \$35 + HST for non-members.

To register, please [visit the CCLA website](#).

Toronto Lawyers Association - Observing a Live Virtual Estate Proceeding – September 16

Join the TLA on September 16 **for a groundbreaking new program**, where you will have a chance to observe a **virtual Toronto Estates List matter**, via Zoom, and debrief in a small group setting with Estate litigation practitioners to answer your questions and give you tips on how to conduct virtual matters. This is the first session in a new series — two additional dates will be announced as the court releases them. Participants must register for each session individually. **Space is limited to 20 participants.**

The virtual proceeding will commence at 10:00 a.m. and the matter of the day may be scheduled for 1hr, 2hr, 3hr, or longer. Program faculty will convene on a TLA Zoom link at 9:30 a.m. to assist participants with logging onto the Court's Zoom link. After the virtual proceeding is complete or at the lunch break, Program faculty will convene with the participants again on a TLA Zoom link to debrief and have a one-hour free-flowing discussion. This is your opportunity to ask questions, gain insights, and receive practical advice on navigating virtual court proceedings effectively.

[Register here](#)

Toronto Lawyers Association - Criminal Pub Night with James Lockyer – September 25

This session will take place on **Thursday, September 25**, from **5:30 pm – 7:30 pm In-Person**. Looking for a relaxed evening with great company, insightful conversation, and a chance to reconnect with Toronto's criminal law community?

Join us for the first-ever TLA Criminal Pub Night. This new event brings together defence counsel, Crown attorneys, and students for an evening of conversation, connection, and a fireside chat with **James Lockyer C.M.**, followed by an **Ask Me Anything (AMA)** session.

What to expect:

- An open and friendly atmosphere to catch up with colleagues and meet new faces across the bar.



- An exclusive **AMA** session with **James Lockyer C.M.**, renowned criminal defence lawyer and founding director of **Innocence Canada**. Hear about his career, his advocacy work, and ask your own questions - personal, professional, or philosophical.
- Drinks, stories, and real conversations in a casual setting that's perfect for unwinding after a busy week.
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Whether you are an experienced practitioner or early in your career, this is your opportunity to learn something new, share your perspective, and engage with others who shape the criminal bar in Toronto.

[Register here](#)

Durham Region Law Association – 2025 Annual Fall Conference – October 23-24

The DRLA presents the 2025 Annual Fall Conference from October 23 to 25 at the Ajax Convention Centre. Topics include wills & estates, civil law, employment law, family law, real estate, and young lawyers. 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

JPAAC Updated Application Form

To assist candidates with preparing for the next application process, the Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee is pleased to share the new [application form](#).

Even though there are no vacancies currently advertised, the Committee is making the [application form](#) available now to give candidates an opportunity to review the questions and arrange for court observations in the regions they wish to apply.

The Committee encourages candidates to start court visits as soon as possible. Given the brief advertising period, it is important to plan ahead as you will need to attend 3 different types of courts where justices of the peace preside. The specific type of court you would like to observe may not always be scheduled so you may need to attend several times.

For information on observing justices of the peace presiding in court, please read "[How can I observe Justices of the Peace presiding in court?](#)" under the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the [Committee's website](#).

Please **do not submit** this [application form](#). It is for reference only to allow candidates additional time to prepare for the next application process. An updated form that can be completed and submitted will be posted with the court locations once the vacancies are advertised.



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