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Important Information

FOLA Fall Plenary 2025 – November 12 to 14 in Ottawa

Registration for the FOLA Fall Plenary is open. Please visit the website here for all info, from registration to the agenda. Presidents have also received an email with details. If you have any questions please contact Kelly Lovell, executive assistant, at Kelly.Lovell@fola.ca.

Plenary website: [2025 FOLA Fall Plenary – FOLA](#)

Real Estate Update – September 8, 2025

Thanks to Real Estate Committee Chair and 2nd Vice Chair, Mark Giavedoni, for penning the most recent real estate update! [Click here to view the PDF](#).

FOLA Spring Plenary 2025 Videos Posted On Youtube

We've posted selected videos from the FOLA Spring Plenary 2025 on the Youtube account here: [FOLA Spring Plenary 2025 - YouTube](#)

FOLA Committees – Meetings To Be Scheduled

We have received terrific interest from our member associations to participate in all our committees. Thank you! We are in the midst of scheduling meetings. If you have any questions please contact Ian Hu, Director of Policy & Advocacy, at ian.hu@fola.ca.

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.

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

Proposed amendments to court rules to implement the new Courts Digital Transformation online filing portal in Toronto

The Attorney General of Ontario is making proposed amendments to authorize use of the new Ontario Courts Public Portal and its operational functions and processes in Toronto courts. [Click here](#) to view the letter from the AG, including more information and how to provide feedback.

Recent FOLA Submissions

FOLA has been involved in **12** consultations and submissions so far this year. See our advocacy efforts [at our website here](#).

Protection Against Real Estate Instruments Withdrawn by Land Registrar for Non-Responsive Actions

On March 3 the Director of Titles released [Bulletin 2025-03](#), regarding Returns For Corrections and Withdrawal of Electronic Instruments. The procedure therein raises potential claims issues for lawyers engaged in real estate transactions. On September 18 [FOLA requested LAWPRO to educate the profession and confirm policy coverage regarding this issue](#).

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

Thanks to Corey Wall, FOLA Treasurer, for penning FOLA's submission regarding the AI Subcommittee Consultation of the Civil Rules Committee. The Court of Appeal's letter of July 17 and our feedback of September 12 are on the website here: [AI Subcommittee Consultation – Civil Rules Committee – FOLA](#).

Updates for the Profession

LSO Licensee Update – August 28, 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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[Request more information here.](#)



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"The LLM in Labour and Employment Law program has a stellar faculty with very talented and engaging people teaching the courses. As someone in our class described it, we were taught by some of the "rock stars" of labour and employment law." – Allison Cheron, LLB, LLM'18, Director, Client Service Centre, Law Society of Ontario

This program accepts new students only once every two years. The application window for the cohort starting Fall 2026 opens **October 1, 2025**.



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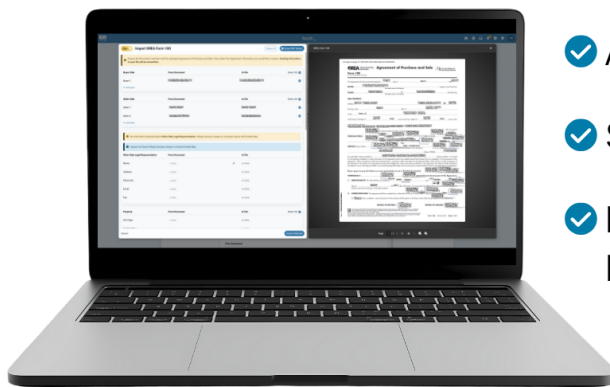
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- Practical insights for supporting your clients with cultural sensitivity

Price: \$295 + HST

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Registration Options

December 8, 2025:
Online (Live)
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET

OR

January 26, 2026:
Online (Replay)
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET

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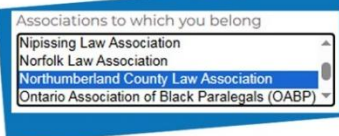
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Upcoming Events and Law Association News

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 Promotions

10% Off! 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!](#)

FREE! Advocacy Centre for the Elderly - A Lawyer's Standard of Care to Vulnerable Older Clients: Recognizing and Preventing Exploitative and Abusive Property Transactions, September 25

This is a free in-person and live-streamed event to be held at the OBA Conference Centre on **September 25**. This event has the support of the LSO – who will be presenting -- and the OBA – who have offered significant assistance in hosting the event.

Join ACE for a timely and compelling discussion on the evolving standard of care in legal services for vulnerable older adults. Using the Law Society of Ontario Tribunal's decision in LSO v. Harrison as a lens, this session will examine how legal professionals can prevent – or inadvertently enable – fraud, scams, and elder financial abuse in transactions such as real estate deals, mortgage lending, powers of attorney, and intergenerational wealth transfers. Older-adult clients are increasingly targeted by sophisticated schemes – from romance scams to cryptocurrency fraud and equity-stripping mortgages. Lawyers play a critical gatekeeping role in either protecting or exposing these clients to harm.

[Click here to Register and for more info](#)



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.](#)

Toronto Lawyers Association – Mastering Case Center: Practical Skills for Effective Courtroom Use – October 1

This session will take place on **Wednesday, October 1**, from **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm via Zoom Webinar**. Through a focused and hands-on approach, you will learn how to upload materials properly, avoid common pitfalls, and present documents seamlessly in both in-person and virtual courtrooms. You will leave with practical strategies you can use immediately – whether you are managing your own files or supporting counsel during a hearing.

Topics include:

- Preparing Your Materials: Best practices for formatting, hyperlinking, and naming files
- Common Pitfalls and How to Avoid Them
- Setting Up Case Center for a Smooth Court Appearance
- Using Case Center in Real Time:
 - Uploading and organizing exhibits
 - Presenting documents to the court and witnesses
- Getting Support from Case Center when you need it
- Interactive Q&A: Real-world scenarios and participant questions

[Register here](#)

Toronto Lawyers Association - Responding to a Law Society Complaint: Steps & Strategies – October 21

This Session will take place on **Tuesday, October 21**, from **12:00 pm – 1:30 pm** via Zoom Webinar. Receiving a complaint from the Law Society of Ontario can be stressful and uncertain, but with the right approach, it can be managed with professionalism and confidence.

This online CPD program offers a practical roadmap for navigating the LSO complaints process and is essential for lawyers who want to proactively manage regulatory risk and protect their professional reputation. You will be hearing from professional discipline experts. From initial



response to potential outcomes, participants will gain valuable insight into best practices, common pitfalls, and strategies for mitigating risk and protecting their professional standing.

[Register here](#)

Middlesex Law Association – AI Conference – October 6

The Middlesex Law Association invites you to a half-day conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its impact on the legal profession. This program brings together members of the judiciary and leading product providers to share insights on how AI is shaping case management, client service, and legal research.

Topics include:

- **Judicial Perspectives on AI:** A Justice of the Superior Court will discuss the role of AI in the courts, evidentiary concerns, and the impact of technology on procedural fairness with **Justice Peter Lauwers** and **Madam Justice Ria Tzimas**.
- **AI Tools in Practice:** Demonstrations and presentations from product providers on the use of AI in legal research, contract review, and litigation analytics.
- **Risk, Ethics, and Regulation:** Understanding lawyers' duties of competence, confidentiality, and supervision in an AI-enabled practice.
- **EDI Considerations:** Addressing algorithmic bias and ensuring equitable access to justice in the adoption of AI technologies.

[Click here to register](#)

Hamilton Law Association – 18th Annual Corporate Commercial Seminar – October 2

The Hamilton Law Association invites you to this seminar at the Hamilton Law Association, 45 Main Street East, Suite 500, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM including breakfast and lunch. Highlights include sessions on shareholder minority rights, life insurance considerations for shareholder agreements and corporate/estate planning, running a charity and not-for-profit, debtor/creditor/insolvency, commercial leases, trusts, franchise law and more!

[Click here to register](#)

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

Staff Lawyer – Legal Aid Ontario – Criminal and Family (12 months, Kenora)

LAO is hiring for a criminal & family staff lawyer on a 12-month contract in Kenora.

Apply by the deadline of September 19. [Click here to view the PDF for details.](#)

Tribunals Ontario, Assessment Review Board

Tribunals Ontario currently has challenging and interesting opportunities for those interested in an adjudicative appointment with one or more of its 12 constituent tribunals (to learn about the tribunals, please visit: <https://tribunalsontario.ca/en/>). Appointment for a position is by Order-in-Council for an initial term of up to two years, subject to renewal for a maximum of 10 years upon recommendation from the Executive Chair.

For more information and to apply for a position, please visit the Public Appointments Secretariat website at: <https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/Home/Advertised-positions>.

Below are direct links to Appointment job postings which are currently live and will close on **October 5**:

1. Assessment Review Board (Tribunals Ontario), Part-time Member PAS250047 [Advertisement - Public Appointments Secretariat](#)
2. Assessment Review Board (Tribunals Ontario), Full-time Member PAS250048 [Advertisement - Public Appointments Secretariat](#)
3. Assessment Review Board (Tribunals Ontario), Part-time Vice-Chair PAS250049 [Advertisement - Public Appointments Secretariat](#)
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