



COVID-19 & THE PRACTICE OF LAW

WEEKLY UPDATE

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COVID-19 - WEEKLY CHECK IN LOG #21

August 12, 2020

Summary

Invited participants: Sector calls

OBA, FOLA, LSO, LAO, the Advocates' Society, & OTLA

Superior Court of Justices in Ontario, Court of Appeal for Ontario, & Ontario Court of Justice

MAG - Political, Department staff, and the Recovery Secretariat

Issues discussed:

1. COURTS

- ❖ The SCJ will be posting the video from this week's CaseLines webinar on their website either tonight or tomorrow.

2. RECOVERY SECRETARIAT

- ❖ The Recovery Secretariat was not on the call this week but you are reminded that questions about Courthouse re-openings can be directed to Samantha Poisson at MAGrecoverysecretariat@ontario.ca.

3. LSO

- ❖ **REMINDER:** As part of its mandate, the Law Society recommends and makes appointments to a variety of boards, councils and committees. Currently, the LSO is seeking applications for the following:

- [Legal Aid Board of Directors](#)
- [Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee \(Toronto region\)](#)
- [Federal Judicial Advisory Committee](#)
- [Civil Rules Committee](#)
- [Family Rules Committee](#)

The deadline for applications for the Legal Aid Board of Directors is **August 15**. They will be considering applications for other appointments beginning this fall. Find more information and submit an application at: www.lso.ca/appointmentapplication

4. FOLA

❖ SUBMISSIONS:

1. **FAMILY LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDER (FLSP) LICENSING MODEL CALL FOR COMMENT:** The Law Society's Access to Justice Committee is inviting lawyers to provide comments on a FLSP Licensing model. The proposed scope of permissible activities, required competencies, and outline of the training program are detailed in the Access to Justice Committee's FLSP License Consultation Paper. FOLA is preparing a submission and if you would like to offer input for our Submission, please email Katie.Robinette@folo.ca and put "FLSP" in the subject line by October 15, 2020. [See more.](#)
2. **REMOTE HEARINGS:** The e-Hearings Task Force (of which FOLA is a member) has drafted some documents that have been designed to help you prepare for Remote Hearings (which you can find on our

Courts page [here](#)). If you have participated in a remote hearing and have some additional suggestions, FOLA would love to hear them! Please email Katie Robinette at katie.robinette@fola.ca and put "REMOTE HEARINGS" in the subject line.

❖ **EVENTS:**

SPECIAL FOR LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS! Clio's Cloud Conference (Oct 13-16 - 11am-4pm EST each day) brings together the best and brightest from the legal, business, and technology worlds for the industry's top conference. All sessions are recorded and available on demand. Clio is offering all Law Association members conference passes for only \$99 (a \$200 discount). You can learn more and register [here](#).

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

Law Association members are welcome to send any issues/concerns related to the practice of law caused by the COVID-19 epidemic to FOLA at katie.robinette@fola.ca and we will continue to address them in as timely a manner as possible. Please also note that FOLA cannot assist in issues related to a specific case and the Courts will NOT provide clarification on any Notice to the Profession. If your concerns are related to issues surrounding health and safety measures as the Courts expand in person operations, please indicate the name of the Courthouse and the steps you have already taken to address your concerns to MAGrecoverysecretariat@ontario.ca.