



COVID-19 & THE PRACTICE OF LAW

WEEKLY UPDATE

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COVID-19 - WEEKLY CHECK IN LOG #32

October 28, 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 Court of Appeal for Ontario has begun in-person hearings. If, at any point, in-person matters cannot occur, they will be converted to Zoom during the same time slot as originally scheduled. During in-person hearings, only legal representatives are allowed in the Courtrooms. Observers and media (if any) must view via Zoom.

2. MAG

Beginning October 28th, Ontarians dealing with small claims matters will be able to submit probate applications by email, as well as using the small claims court online service. We are expecting a formal Notice from the SCJ shortly.

3. RECOVERY SECRETARIAT

- ❖ Site-specific Courthouse HVAC data continues to be circulated to FOLA but in an effort reduce the volume of emails sent by FOLA, they are no longer being sent to librarians. If you would like to receive the most up to date HVAC Courthouse data, please email Katie at katie.robinette@folo.ca with HVAC in the subject line.
- ❖ **REMINDER:** Questions about Courthouse re-openings can be directed to Samantha Poisson at MAGrecoverysecretariat@ontario.ca.

4. FOLA

❖ **SUBMISSIONS:**

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. To ensure we hear from Law Association members in advance of drafting our Submission, FOLA scheduled three Zoom meetings and have reached out to Presidents to delegate one or two members practicing in Family Law to attend. While those meetings have passed, we still welcome input through the month of October. Please

email any thoughts/comments to FOLA's Family Law Chair, Sam Misheal at sam@familyseparation.ca. More information is available on our website [here](#).

❖ **EVENTS:**

FOLA'S POST-PLENARY VIRTUAL WINE TASTING! OPEN TO ALL LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Join FOLA on November 12th from 4:30-6:00pm for a virtual wine tasting with Jason Axmith, founder of Cosecha Imports Inc. [Registration details 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.