



NEWSLETTER

TO: H&PELA LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

FROM: JUDITH DALE

DATE: JULY 2026

**RE: ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS & UPCOMING
EVENTS**



1. WHAT'S NEW? 2026 CPD WEBINAR #7



FINTRAC, Fraud and Client Identification

The Hastings & Prince Edward County Law Association, in partnership with Lawyer Done Deal through the FOLA/LDD CLE Partnership Program, invites members to attend an upcoming Continuing Legal Education session on **FINTRAC, Fraud and Client Identification**.

With fraud risk, client identification, and compliance obligations continuing to be important areas of focus for legal professionals, this session will provide a timely opportunity to learn, ask questions, and connect with colleagues.

The program is accredited for **1 hour of CPD**.

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Lawyers' Lounge, Belleville Courthouse
Speaker: Maurizio Romanin

Lunch will be included

PLEASE RSVP to Judith Dale via email hcla@on.aibn.com before Friday September 18, 2026

1 hour Professionalism

2. NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

Books available for REFERENCE only – short-term loans

Bowles	<i>Conduct of Lien, Trust and Adjudication Proceedings</i>
Chow	<i>Taxation of Trusts & Estates: A Practitioner's Guide</i>
Harvey	<i>Agency and Partnership Law Primer 6th edition</i>
Linden	<i>Canadian Tort Law: Cases, Notes & Materials</i>
Neyers	<i>Fridman's Law of Contract in Canada 7th edition</i>

3. LIBRARY TEXT DISCARDS

Please note: due to the demand for the books, requests must be limited to **one item per individual**. Thank you.

The following books are being withdrawn from circulation. If you are interested in any of these titles, please phone or fax the library and the book(s) will be held for you. If the text is of a size that can fit into the mailbox, you may pick it up at QCC from your mailbox on the first floor on request. If it is a larger text, it can be held in the law library for you to pick up at your convenience.

Coughlan	<i>Detention and Arrest</i>	2 nd edition
Kurtz	<i>Family Law: Practice and Procedure</i>	6 th edition
McPherson	<i>Agency Law Primer</i>	4 th edition
Oosterhoff	<i>Oosterhoff on Trusts</i>	9 th edition

4. GENERAL LEGAL INFORMATION

OCJ Revised Jordan-Compliant Trial Scheduling Practice Direction May 28, 2026

The [Ontario Court of Justice Practice Direction: Jordan-Compliant Trial Scheduling](#) is being amended to include a new "Part III". This Part states that criminal matters shall have no more than 3 appearances in case management court, and applies to Informations sworn June 1, 2026 or later.

This does not apply to individuals in custody, youth, or matters participating in a specialized court.

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

The Law Society of Ontario has introduced an updated lawyer and paralegal directory that simplifies access to licensee information and permits expanded licensee information to be published.

The directory provides details like name, business contact details, practising status, areas of law or legal services, languages offered, and regulatory history, practice restrictions and active trusteeships. It will also include data shared on the LSO and Law Society Tribunal websites, such as improved information about surrendered or revoked licensees and about regulatory proceedings, as well as summaries of regulatory meetings.

New fields will be included on September 1 in line with increased information disclosure approved under the Increased Transparency initiative once related changes to By-Law 8 are implemented. [These reforms include](#) publicizing licensee findings of guilt and practice of other regulated professions per Convocation approval in September 2025; they also include sharing the LSO's intent to seek interlocutory relief based on criminal or other charges in certain situations before an interlocutory proceeding begins or the subject licensee executes an undertaking.

<https://lsodirectory.lso.ca/en-US/>

The LSO [first announced the new directory](#) in May. Licensees' fax numbers will be erased in line with the regulator's decision to stop recording fax numbers.

New Practice Directions on the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence in Court Proceedings

New Artificial Intelligence (AI) practice directions have been posted for criminal law proceedings. The practice directions provide guidance on the responsible use of AI in court proceedings and aim to promote transparency, accuracy, and accountability in the use of AI tools.

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice now has AI practice directions for civil law, family law and criminal law proceedings:

Consolidated Civil Provincial Practice Direction Last updated: March 17, 2026

<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/filing-procedures/provincial/consolidated-civil-provincial-practice-direction/#K> The Use of Artificial Intelligence AI for Court Proceedings

Consolidated Provincial Practice Direction for Family Proceedings Last updated: March 17, 2026

<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/filing-procedures/provincial/consolidated-provincial-practice-direction-for-family-proceedings/#K> The Use of Artificial Intelligence AI for Court Proceedings

Consolidated Provincial Practice Direction for Criminal Proceedings Amended January 6, 2025, effective June 15, 2023

<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/filing-procedures/provincial/consolidated-provincial-practice-direction-for-criminal-proceedings/#I> The Use of Artificial Intelligence AI for Court Proceedings

Note: If the hyperlinks do not work, please copy and paste them into your browser

WESTLAW TRAINING

Course	Date	Time (ET)	Registration Link
Westlaw Canada Fundamentals	Tues Aug 4	2:30pm	Click to Register
Boolean Bootcamp – Building Better Searches	Wed Aug 5	12:00pm	Click to Register
Westlaw Canada Fundamentals	Wed Aug 19	12:00pm	Click to Register
Streamlining Family Law Research on Westlaw Canada	Mon Aug 24	1:00pm	Click to Register
Practical Law Fundamentals	Thurs Aug 27	1:00pm	Click to Register
Case Center Top Tips	Thurs Aug 27	1:00pm	Click to Register

UPCOMING CONFERENCE – OSHAWA

Join the DRLA Fall Conference 2026!

For details, visit www.drla.ca under FALL CONFERENCE.

5. JOB ADVERTISEMENTS

Third Street Law is a dynamic, growing law firm located in downtown Cobourg. We take pride in finding creative ways to meet our clients' legal needs with integrity, innovation, compassion, collaboration, and respect.

Third Street Law is seeking a full-time receptionist/office administration assistant to join our team. The successful candidate will be responsible for general administrative and clerical support such as answering and directing telephone calls, greeting clients at reception, filing court documents, and receiving payments. Additional responsibilities include maintaining reception area and meeting rooms, ordering supplies, and other administrative support as necessary.

Qualifications

- ☐ Working knowledge of Microsoft Office and other computer software
- ☐ Excellent organizational skills, attention to detail, and time management skills
- ☐ Motivated and proactive, with ability to prioritize and willingness to learn
- ☐ An enthusiastic team player with strong interpersonal skills and a confident, positive outlook
- ☐ Ability to problem solve and work independently
- ☐ Professional approach and excellent verbal communication skills
- ☐ Exercises good judgment
- ☐ Is able to deal with multiple demands
- ☐ Prior experience in a professional environment is an asset
- ☐ A diploma from a Legal Administration Program is an asset

Please send your resume and cover letter to jhowlett@thirdstreetlaw.ca by July 15, 2026. Only qualified candidates will be contacted.

6. Member Rewards!

A reminder to all association members that they have access to the rewards program here:

<https://www.fola.ca/resource/member-rewards>

Discounts are available for a number of services and products. The FOLA partnership member reward letter is available from your law library at

hcla@on.aibn.com

NOTE: Regarding Via Rail: unfortunately, the members' use of the VIA code did not hit the revenue benchmark with VIA, and FOLA no longer has a discount code. However, they were advised that if anyone is a CAA member then a discount is available.

FOLA will be keeping track of revenue from plenary sessions to see if they hit the benchmark this year.

H&PELA will not be posting on Musk's "X" and has joined "the great X-odus"
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cqx9e0y17wwo>

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