

NEWSLETTER

TO: H&PELA LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

FROM: JUDITH DALE

DATE: APRIL 2025

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

1. WHAT'S NEW?

LUNCH & LEARN 2025 CPD #4



Handle with Care: Trauma-Informed Lawyering

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm
Location: Quinte Courthouse 2nd floor, lawyers' lounge

Chair(s) Alison Campbell Tamara Scarowsky

Cost: \$55.00

Details: The practice of family law is difficult and made even more so when our client has experienced trauma, and both of these respected and seasoned lawyers will speak to the topic of trauma-informed lawyering, how we can put the realities of the client's trauma experience at the forefront when engaging with the client, the other party/counsel and with the court, and this presentation with touch on a variety of professional issues including impacts on cognition and emotional regulation and trust building and goal clarification.

A light lunch will be served

3/4 hour Equality Diversity Inclusion

2. NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

Books available for REFERENCE only – short-term loans

Anderson	<i>Expert Evidence 4th edition</i>
Brecher	<i>Halsbury's Employment 2023</i>
Brecher	<i>Halsbury's Technology and the Internet 2020</i>
Lee	<i>Cross-Examination: The Pinpoint Method</i>
Segal	<i>Annotated Ontario Rules of Criminal Practice 2025</i>
Segal	<i>Disclosure and Production in Criminal Cases 2025</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The following books are being withdrawn from circulation.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.

Greenspan	<i>Prosecuting & Defending Drug Cases: A Practitioner's Handbook</i>	2019
Pavlich	<i>Trusts in Common-Law Canada</i>	3 rd edition
Perry	<i>Canadian Patent Law</i>	4 th edition
Sherman	<i>Practitioner's Income Tax Act (2 volumes)</i>	65 th edition
Segal	<i>Annotated Ontario Rules of Criminal Practice</i>	2024

4. INFORMATION UPDATES:

Civil Rules Review – Thank You and Please Continue to Help!

Thank you for all who attended the April 16 Town Hall with the Civil Rules Review Working Group chairs and managed to work through a global Zoom outage! We have recently sent a letter to the Attorney General of Ontario requesting an extension of time and an in-person meeting. We encourage all Associations to advocate and write letters to the Attorney General, their local MPPs, the CRR Working Group, and politicians and judiciary (including in-person “bench and bar” meetings). You can view our ongoing efforts and stay updated on our website: FOLA Submission: Civil Rules Review <https://www.fola.ca/advocacy/fola-submission-civil-rules-review-phase-1/>.

We thank The Advocates Society for making available and free their recording of their CRR Town Hall held on April 10, click here to view https://advocates.ca/TAS/News/Watch_TAS_Program_about_the_Overhaul_of_Ontarios_Civil_Rules.aspx. The Toronto Lawyers Association will also be hosting a CRR Town Hall, free for all, on May 21, click here to register https://advocates.ca/TAS/News/Watch_TAS_Program_about_the_Overhaul_of_Ontarios_Civil_Rules.aspx. And for those that missed our CRR Town Hall, we have a

recording of the Q&A available – please email Kelly Lovell, Executive Assistant, at kelly.lovell@fola.ca for the link and password.

We have also created an email-list of Association representatives. If you want to be on the list please send a request to Ian Hu, Director of Policy & Advocacy, at ian.hu@fola.ca.

Canada launches breach risk self-assessment online tool:

<https://services.priv.gc.ca/rrpg-rrosh>

Privacy Commissioner of Canada Philippe Dufresne has launched a new online tool that will help businesses and federal institutions that experience a privacy breach to assess whether the breach is likely to create a real risk of significant harm to individuals.

The privacy breach risk self-assessment tool is a convenient web-based application that guides users through a series of questions to assess the sensitivity of personal information that is involved in a data breach, and the probability that it will be misused. The results provided through this online tool will help organizations to conduct a risk assessment following a data breach and determine their required next steps, including notifying affected individuals.

Organizations that are subject to Canada's federal private-sector privacy law, the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA), and federal government institutions, are required to report breaches that pose a real risk of significant harm to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and to notify affected individuals. Real risk of significant harm includes bodily harm, humiliation, damage to reputation or relationships, loss of employment, financial loss, identity theft, negative effects on one's credit record, and damage or loss of property.

In determining whether there is a real risk of significant harm, organizations must consider the degree of sensitivity of the personal information involved and the probability that the information will be misused.

Privacy breaches may result from identity theft, scams, hacking or other unauthorized access, be it deliberate or accidental. Sensitive information often includes personal health and financial data.

To ask questions, refer to frequently asked questions, or to give feedback on this new privacy risk self-assessment tool, please contact:

<https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/contact-the-opc/contact-the-information-centre/>

Increase to Small Claims Court claims to \$50,000

On April 11 the Ministry of the Attorney General requested feedback regarding a potential increase to the monetary jurisdiction of the Small Claims Court from \$35,000 to \$50,000 and a complementary increase to the minimum appeal amount from \$3,500 to \$5,000. Click here to view the MAG's letter requesting feedback

<https://www.fola.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/MAG-letter-to-legal-and-paralegal-communities-re-SCC-threshold-reform-April-11-2025-EN.pdf> .

FOLA submitted comments on **April 22**. Click here to view FOLA's submission

<https://www.fola.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/20250422-FOLA-submission-re-small-claims-court.pdf> .

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

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