


NEWSLETTER

TO: H&PELA LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

FROM: JUDITH DALE

DATE: JANUARY 2025

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



1. WHAT'S NEW? 2025 CPD #1

Maximize Retirement & Tax Efficiency

Format: Webinar link available to you at your office after registration

Date Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Cost: Free

Details: Wellington-Altus will provide a 1-hour webinar on advanced financial planning for lawyers. This seminar will provide valuable insights on how lawyers can maximize retirement savings, reduce

taxes, and enhance financial security to make a significant impact on long-term financial well-being.

Note: this presentation at Toronto Lawyers' Association was very well-received.

Register Each attendee will need to register individually using the invitation link, **which will be sent to you shortly**. This will take you to a registration page where you can enter your name and email. This ensures that you can access the webinar, and allows Wellington-Altus to properly grant and record CPD credits.

Anyone registering through the link in the invite will be able to attend from any computer. If you don't have Microsoft Teams installed, you can join via the browser version automatically.

40 minutes Professionalism + 20 minutes Substantive



FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY OFFICE - PANEL LAWYERS

Join the Family Responsibility Office's Legal Panel

Ontario's Family Responsibility Office (FRO) receives all support orders made in Ontario and enforces the amounts owed under the support orders. FRO has legal authority to take enforcement action against those who do not meet their support obligations.

The Family Responsibility Office (FRO) maintains a panel of private sector counsel to represent the Director of the Family Responsibility Office in enforcement proceedings across the province.

The Ministry of the Attorney General is seeking applications from qualified lawyers to join the provincewide panel of lawyers providing legal services on behalf of the Director of FRO. Each year, FRO counsel and the panel of

lawyers appear in courts across the province under the *Family Responsibility and Support Arrears Enforcement Act, 1996*.

Successful candidates must demonstrate skills and experience in family law and litigation and participate in mandatory educational seminars.

How to apply

To receive an application package including additional information on the overall process of selection please email Shirley Anne Miaco at shirleyanne.miaco@ontario.ca

The Ontario Public Service is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available under the *Ontario Human Rights Code* and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.

Please note that applications are due by **March 31, 2025**.

2. NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

Books available for REFERENCE only – short-term loans

Balgopal	<i>Balgopal's Guide to Criminal Practice 2024</i>
Billingsley	<i>General Principles of Canadian Insurance Law</i>
Brock Jones	<i>Prosecuting and Defending Youth Criminal Justice Cases</i>
Feldman	<i>Residential Tenancies (12th ed.)</i>
Fleming	<i>Ontario Landlord and Tenant Practice 2025</i>
Gorham	<i>Prosecuting and Defending Drug Cases</i>
Hull	<i>Macdonell Sheard & Hull: Probate Practice</i>
MacFarlane	<i>Cannabis Law: The Legislative Framework 2023</i>
McCarney et al	<i>The Comprehensive Guide to Legal Research, Writing & Analysis</i>
Sukdeo	<i>Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence: from Legal Custom to Lawful Concern</i>
Thiele	<i>A Practical Guide to the Law of Defamation</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.

Brock Jones	<i>Prosecuting & Defending Youth Criminal Justice Cases</i>	2 nd edition
Hutchison	<i>The Law of Traffic Offences</i>	3 rd edition
Lavender	<i>Annotated Ontario Human Rights Code</i>	2024
McCarney	<i>Comprehensive Guide to Legal Research, Writing Analysis</i>	2013
McLeod	<i>McLeod's Ontario Family Law Rules annotated</i>	2023
Tustin	<i>A Guide to the Youth Criminal Justice Act</i>	2023/2024

4. INFORMATION UPDATES: PRACTICE

Client Contingency Planning

- What:** All sole practitioners will be required to confirm that they have created a client contingency plan and have an administrator. Licensees practising in firms (partners and associates) will be required to confirm that their firm has a plan.
- Who:** Lawyer and paralegal licensees in private practice, including sole practitioners, partners and associates.
- When:** This requirement comes into force January 1, 2025, and will be first reported on the 2025 Annual Report Filing, which must be filed by March 31, 2026.
- Why:** When a licensee is suddenly unable to provide legal services, clients with active matters may have their legal interests jeopardized. Having a

client contingency plan serves the public interest and may also reduce stress on licensees and family members who may otherwise be burdened with having to wind-up a professional business at a very difficult time.

[Learn more about Client Contingency Planning and resources available to you.](#)

Foundations of Sole Practice

- What:** New sole practitioners will be required to complete the Foundations of Sole Practice course.
- Who:** Lawyer and paralegal licensees who declare as sole practitioners for the first time from January 1, 2025, onwards.
- When:** Licensees who declare as sole practitioners at any point in 2025 will have until December 31, 2026, to complete the course. Effective January 1, 2026, licensees who declare as sole practitioners on or before May 31 will have until the end of that calendar year to complete the course. Licensees who declare as sole practitioners on June 1, 2026 or later will have until December 31 of the following calendar year to complete the course.
- Why:** The Law Society has a statutory duty to ensure baseline competence of lawyers and paralegals in the public interest. Ensuring entry level competence for sole practitioners is critical to complying with this duty. Reducing the risk of practice management and communication errors for licensees protects the public interest.

[Learn more about the Foundations of Sole Practice requirement.](#)

5. vLex Remote Access

In addition to providing vLex in your Courthouse libraries across Ontario, LiRN providing remote access to LSO members in good standing whose practice is based in the communities outside the larger urban areas. Belleville is on the list for remote desktop access. For information see

[Register Here for LiRN's Website to Access the vLex Remote Access – LiRN](#)

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vLex: Vincent Legal AI Assistant. Let Vincent review your documents and it'll retrieve all related results and check that your citations are still good law.

Emond CLS is now part of e-LiRN with their award-winning Criminal Law Series which provides clear and concise guidance on the practical and procedural aspects of criminal law. It addresses specific areas of criminal practice grounded in the expertise of General Editors Brian H. Greenspan and Justice Vincenzo Rondinelli.

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