

## **NEWSLETTER**

**TO: H&PELA LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

**FROM: JUDITH DALE**

**DATE: MAY 2023**

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



### **1. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

#### **Board of Directors 2024**

The Hastings & Prince Edward Law Association is looking for dedicated people willing to volunteer as candidates for the June 16, 2023 election.

The Board of Directors is your professional executive and with member input, develops the ongoing strategic and economic vision for the Association.

The Board meets approximately 10 times per year and members are expected to attend as many of the ten meetings of the board each year as possible.

Nominations must be received by Tuesday, June 13, 2023. If you have any interest in becoming a member of the executive and wish to take an active part in the direction of the association, please contact Judith Dale [hcla@on.aibn.com](mailto:hcla@on.aibn.com)



## 2. WHAT'S NEW? LUNCH & LEARN 2023 CPD #5

### *High Tech Practice Management: Lawyer Tech Course Software*

This Lawyer Tech Course Software teaches lawyers specific ways to use computer software in legal practice to accomplish practical goals including saving time, reducing stress, producing higher-quality work, increasing productivity, and staying safe online and avoiding scams.

The course covers text-to-speech, speech-to-text, e-mail scheduling, notification settings, calendar settings, keyboard shortcuts, macros, workflows, Optical Character Recognition, document customization, digital filing system, access controls, cloud computing, online security, backups, and websites.

There are no prerequisites, no advanced preparation is needed, and only beginner-level knowledge is required. The lessons are designed for both Windows and Mac users and teach things that can be put into immediate use.

Date: June 8, 2023  
Time: 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm  
Location: QQC Lawyers' Lounge  
Cost: \$55.00/person

*A light lunch will be served  
A handout will be emailed after the session*

**1.25 hours Professionalism**

## 3. NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

### **Ontario Bar Association – Continuing Professional Development**

- *Mastering Marriage Contracts & Cohabitation Agreements: Practical Insights & Creative Drafting Solutions*
- *Estate Litigation: A Primer*
- *Advanced Issues in Child Protection Law*

## Books available for REFERENCE only – short-term loans

- ❖ Casey *The Law of Regulatory Investigations*
- ❖ Hull *Feeney's Canadian Law of Wills (2023)*
- ❖ Knutsen *Halsbury's Laws of Canada: Insurance*
- ❖ Salazar *Corporate Governance and the New Technology*

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## 4. 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.*

Fleming	<i>Ontario Landlord &amp; Tenant Law Practice</i>	2019
Foran	<i>Ontario Planning Legislation and Commentary</i>	2020
McLaren	<i>Annotated Ontario Personal Property Security Act</i>	2020-21

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## 5. COURTS

- ❖ Following the FOLA *Justice Services Online* Feedback Sessions with MAG, the OCJ and the SCJ, the following resources have been provided for your reference:
  - Notice to the Public and Legal Profession: Electronic Court Documents: Electronic Signatures and Submissions through Online Filing Portals at [https://ontariocourtforms.on.ca/static/media/uploads/courtforms/civil/notices/csd\\_notice\\_to\\_public\\_and\\_profession\\_regarding\\_e-signatures\\_and\\_submissions\\_through\\_the\\_online\\_filing\\_portals\\_\(april\\_27\\_2022\).pdf](https://ontariocourtforms.on.ca/static/media/uploads/courtforms/civil/notices/csd_notice_to_public_and_profession_regarding_e-signatures_and_submissions_through_the_online_filing_portals_(april_27_2022).pdf)
  - MAG's Ontario Court Forms at <https://ontariocourtforms.on.ca/en/>
  - MAG's Guide to online filing
    - Family Court Documents Online <https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-family-court-documents-online>
    - Civil or Divisional Court Documents Online <https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-civil-or-divisional-court-documents-online>

- Bankruptcy Court Documents Online <https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-bankruptcy-court-documents-online>
- Small Claims Court Documents Online <https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-small-claims-court-documents-online>

For online filing questions contact MAG at 1-800-980-4962 or [CivilClaimsOnline@ontario.ca](mailto:CivilClaimsOnline@ontario.ca); [FamilyClaimsOnline@ontario.ca](mailto:FamilyClaimsOnline@ontario.ca) ; [SmallClaimsOnline@ontario.ca](mailto:SmallClaimsOnline@ontario.ca) or the QCC Court office. CJ's

❖ **ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE** - new Website! The OCJ has redesigned their website.

Check out the new website at <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/>

❖ **SCJ CASELINES TIPS**

The Office of the Chief Justice has created a new CaseLines Quick Tips document. It was prepared in response to recent concerns raised by the bar about the requirement to have links between documents in CaseLines, such as hyperlinking the text of an affidavit to each of its exhibits or linking all evidentiary citations in a factum to the evidentiary record. Section 9 provides instructions on how to prepare documents so that links between them will remain active after uploading to CaseLines. This procedure is much simpler and more time-efficient than creating hyperlinks between documents that have already been uploaded into CaseLines. Short instructional videos are also included. at

<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/caselines/quick-tips/>

## 6. INFORMATION UPDATES

### ONTARIO PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT (POA)

- ❖ Implementation of Amendments to Allow for Clerk Review of Reopening Applications
  - Currently the POA allows a defendant convicted of either 1. Failing to respond to a charge laid by a certificate of offence or of 2. Failing to appear for a hearing or early resolution meeting, to apply to have the conviction struck and the matter reopened.  
Effective September 22, 2023, clerks of the court will grant, but not deny, applications to strike a conviction on a ticket, if satisfied that the defendant, through no fault of their own, missed a notice or was unable to attend a meeting or hearing related to the ticket. If the clerk is not able to grant the application and strike the conviction, the clerk *must* forward the application to a justice of the peace to make the determination whether to grant or deny the request for a reopening.

- Repeal of Bill 177 (Early Resolution Reforms): Effective March 22, 2023, amendments to s.5.1 of the POA –together with previously proposed s.5.2, 5.3, 5.4 & 5.5 are repealed although they had not yet come into force. These previously proposed amendments would have changed the “early resolution” process in ways that are no longer desired by stakeholders.

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## 7. CLASSIFIED ADS VOLUNTEER POSITION

### LUKE'S PLACE

Luke's Place is an award-winning non-profit organization solely devoted to improving the safety and experience of women and their children as they proceed through the family law process after fleeing an abusive partner.

Luke's Place relies on the commitment and expertise of volunteer family law lawyers to help deliver legal services to women. Volunteers have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of women throughout Ontario who are fleeing abusive partners and looking for advice on how to navigate the family court process. Volunteer lawyers support women by providing them with free summary legal advice through their Legal Clinic and public legal information through their Family Law Workshops.

By volunteering at Luke's Place, you will gain valuable skills and experience and become part of a community working to end violence against women and children. All lawyers who volunteer with Luke's Place will also receive free access to their online accredited training program for lawyers on effective lawyering with clients who are fleeing an abusive partner.

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