

NEWSLETTER

TO: H&PELA LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

FROM: JUDITH DALE

DATE: AUGUST 2025

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

1. WHAT'S NEW?

LUNCH & LEARN 2025 CPD #8



There's a New Tool in Town: AI Use in Practice

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm
Location: Quinte Courthouse 2nd floor, lawyers' lounge
Source: County of Carleton Law Association
Chair: Amy Salyzyn

Cost: \$55.00

Details: Artificial Intelligence is changing the practice of law and while most of us are reticent, we need to remain current on technological evolution within our legal practices. Professor Amy Salzyzn is passionate about AI and will be speaking about its use in practice. This presentation introduces AI fundamentals including generative AI's probabilistic pattern based approach and its applications in drafting, research and client communication; explores lawyers' ethical duties to advocate without abusing process or misleading tribunals and to comply with statutory and legislative requirements; examines how to manage client expectations about fees and disbursements and integrate technology responsibly into service delivery; highlights risks such as fabricated citations, hallucinations, data security pitfalls and deepfakes; and offers best practices for workplace AI policies, proportionate disclosure procedures and an iterative mindset of curiosity, confidence and caution to maintain professional competence and confidentiality.

A light lunch will be served

3/4 hour Professionalism

2. NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

Law Society of Ontario – Dept. of Professional Development

- *Six-Minute Estates Lawyer 2025*

Books available for REFERENCE only – short-term loans

Ahmad	<i>Legal Guide to Emerging Technologies</i>
Edgell	<i>Product Liability Law in Canada</i>
Halsbury's Laws	<i>Criminal Procedure 2025</i>
Williams	<i>Expropriation Law in Ontario</i> (2 nd edition)

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The following books are being withdrawn from circulation.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.

Babe	<i>Sale & Operation of a Business</i>	2022
Greenspan	<i>Martin's Ontario Criminal Practice</i>	2025
Hull	<i>Power of Attorney Litigation</i>	2 nd ed.
Segal	<i>Annotated Ontario Provincial Offences Act</i>	2024
Williams	<i>Expropriation Law in Ontario</i>	2021
Zuker	<i>Ontario Small Claims Court Practice</i>	2025

4. INFORMATION UPDATES:

AI Subcommittee of the Civil Rules Committee – Court of Appeal Consultation

The Court of Appeal for Ontario's Artificial Intelligence Subcommittee of the Civil Rules Committee is conducting a consultation to analyze and make proposals regarding the use of AI and technology in the litigation process.

The deadline is September 12. Click here to view the consultation paper: <https://www.fola.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/AI-Subcommittee-Consultation-Invitation-Federation-of-Ontario-Law-Associations.pdf>

They are working on a submission. Please provide feedback and any questions to Ian Hu, FOLA Director of Policy & Advocacy at ian.hu@fol.ca

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 increase to the minimum appeal amount 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 MAG's letter requiring 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 see <https://www.fola.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/20250422-FOLA-submission-re-small-claims-court.pdf>

Case Center Update (bookmarking & PDFs)

The Ministry of the Attorney General, the Superior Court of Justice, and the Ontario Court of Justice have worked with Thomson Reuters (Vendor for Case Center) to continue to enhance the Case Center platform. MAG has prioritized enhancements to bookmarking functionality and the improvement of the accuracy and consistency of system-generated pagination within Case Center.

As of July 3rd, Case Center will be able to detect and display up to four levels of bookmarks for uploaded PDF files. Detailed instructions and support resources can be found at: <https://oba.org/getmedia/9231e1c0-5008-4cf5-82bf-2da774f9cbbba/Ministry-of-the-Attorney-General-Case-Center-PDF-Bookmarking-Enhancement.pdf>

Next Case Center Webinar:

The next CPD-accredited Case Center webinar will take place on the following dates:

- Monday Sep 22 at 1pm ET - [Click HERE to Register](#)
Or Click [HERE](#) to Register for Case Center training at the Learning Hub.
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LiRN: The Power of Partnership

Working together to deliver high-quality legal information services to Ontario law library users

In our last newsletter, we explored the second of four pillars in LiRN's new 2026-2030 Strategic Plan: Supporting libraries and staff. Today, we're introducing the third pillar: LiRN collaborates to provide legal information and library services, prioritizing excellent and equitable service.

What does meaningful collaboration look like in today's legal information landscape? For LiRN, it means building strategic partnerships that promote innovation, reduce duplication, and support accessible, high-quality legal information services. Here are a few ways we're doing this:

- Providing associations with sample policies;
- Exploring internal collaboration tools like Slack, Discord, and wikis;
- Improving communications through this newsletter and formalized network-facing updates;
- Raising the profile of LiRN and eLiRN.

Perhaps most importantly, we're deepening our collaborative relationships with our shareholders and partners. The development of our Strategic Plan itself exemplifies this approach — we consulted extensively with Federation of Ontario Law Associations, Toronto Lawyers Association, the Law Society of Ontario, association boards, and library staff to ensure our direction reflects the needs and priorities of the entire network.

All of this work serves LiRN's mission to empower Ontario's courthouse libraries and collaborate with them to deliver responsive, high-value services. Collaboration isn't just how we work, it's who we are. In our next newsletter, we'll explore our final pillar: making evidence-based decisions!

5. Lexis Training Opportunity for Ontario Lawyers:

- September 18 at 12PM: <https://relx.zoom.us/j/91943300479>

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

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