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NEWSLETTER

TO: H&PELA LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

FROM: JUDITH DALE

DATE: OCTOBER 2025

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



1. WHAT'S NEW?

LUNCH & LEARN 2025 CPD #10



Spousal Support: SSAG Exceptions and Oddities 2025

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Location: Quinte Courthouse 2nd floor, lawyers' lounge
Chair: Rollie Thompson

Cost: \$55.00

Details: Family Law, Ethics & Professional Responsibility: Professor Thompson provides an update on practical and legal information dealing with spousal support and demonstrates how to use the Guidelines in exception contexts in 2025.

This presentation highlights the Guidelines' formulaic frameworks for determining support amounts and durations in with-child and without-child cases, underscores the strategic value of chapter 12 exceptions for interim financial relief, illness and disability, compensatory claims in short marriages, hardship and caregiving for special-needs children, and explores recent appellate rulings that affirm indefinite indexed support when default ranges fall short of real needs. Practical takeaways include selecting the appropriate formula, structuring targeted evidence, and applying restructuring and deduction tools to craft bespoke support arrangements that align legal standards with each client's circumstances.

*A light lunch will be served
Handouts will be distributed*

Professionalism 1/2 hour | Substantive 1/2 hour

2. NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

Books available for REFERENCE only – short-term loans

- Hiltz *A Guide to Consent & Capacity Law in Ontario 2026*
- Kenkel *Impaired Driving in Canada 17th edition*
- Rose *Quigley's Criminal Procedure in Canada*

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The following books are being withdrawn from circulation.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.

Archibald	<i>Ontario Superior Court Practice</i>	2025
Bennett	<i>Canada's Cannabis Act Annotations/Commentary</i>	2024
Greenspan	<i>Martin's Criminal Code</i> (second copy)	2024
Hutchison	<i>Hutchison's Search Warrant Manual</i>	2020
Mack	<i>Mack's Criminal Law Trial Book</i>	2018
Michael Ng	<i>Fiduciary Duties: Obligations of Loyalty and Faithfulness</i> (4 volumes loose leaf)	Current to August 2024

4. INFORMATION UPDATES:

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

@LawSocietyLSO

The A2J Committee encourages licensees, stakeholders and the public to provide input about a proposed three-year pilot project that would make eligible pro bono legal services count toward the LSO's continuing professional development requirements. Input is requested by November 28, 2025. Read the report and submit your comments:

<http://LSO.ca/probono-cpd-co>

LINCOLN ALEXANDER LAW PROGRAMS

The Professional Development department is delighted to make the following programs available to law association members.

They are extending a savings code to H&PELA membership. To receive this code Bernard Sandler can be reached at bsandler@torontomu.ca

Social Media and Legal Risks: Navigating Defamation and Reputation Management

November 20, 2025 | Live Online

LSO CPD: 4.5 Substantive, 1.5 EDI

<https://learn.lincolnaverlawpd.ca/products/SocialMediaLaw>

This program equips counsel with strategies for handling online defamation and negative reviews, managing employee social media use, and navigating reputation management in an era defined by digital disruption and AI-generated content.

Real Estate Transactions Certificate: Practical Skills for Legal Professionals

January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 2026 | Live Online

LSO CPD: 31 Hrs Substantive, 4.5 Hrs Professionalism

<https://learn.lincolnaverlawpd.ca/products/RealEstateTransactions>

This course provides real estate lawyers with practical tools to manage complex residential and commercial transactions, from agreements of purchase and sale to title searches, closing issues, and fraud prevention. Participants will gain hands-on instruction in drafting requisition letters, interpreting surveys and plans, and ensuring compliance with taxation and planning laws to deliver effective client service in a demanding market.

End-of-Life Decision Making: MAiD and Estate Planning

April 16, 2025 | Live Online

<https://learn.lincolnaverlawpd.ca/products/MAiD>

Legal and medical professionals face complex challenges in end-of-life decision-making, from evolving MAiD legislation to sensitive family disputes and capacity assessments. The program offers practical guidance on interpreting the law, drafting key documents, and collaborating with palliative care teams to ensure client wishes are respected both legally and ethically. It also covers the shifting estate planning dynamic when MAiD is selected as an end-of-life option.

Bernard Sandler | *Professional Legal Education Manager*

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CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES OCTOBER 2025

2025 update to the Federal Child Support Tables

The Federal Child Support Tables (Federal Tables) set out the basic monthly amounts of child support under the Federal Child Support Guidelines. The Federal Tables have been updated to reflect more recent tax rules. The updated Federal Tables came into effect on October 1, 2025. To calculate child support for a period before that date, please see the note below for the links to previous Tables.

The official legal version of the new Federal Child Support Tables, as well as additional information about the amendments, can be found in the [Canada Gazette](#). The official version of the 2025 Federal Tables will also be available on the [Department of Justice Laws website](#).

Tools to help calculate child support amounts include:

- A [simplified version of the Federal Tables](#)
- A [child support table look-up tool](#)
- A [Step-by-Step guide](#)

While you may find the simplified tables and the look-up tool easier to use than the official Federal Tables, only the official Federal Tables version is a legal document. The simplified **tables** and the look-up tool are public legal and information tools intended to provide general information.

<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/fl-df/child-enfant/ft-tf.html>

5. WESTLAW TRAINING MODULES

With up-to-date content and essential tools, Westlaw Canada enables effective, accurate online legal research through their Legal Learning Hub.

You can find the Thomson Reuters *Westlaw* training modules with sessions on *Getting Started*, *Finding Expert Commentary*, *Case Law Research Finding Tools*, *Case Law Research Keyword Searching*, *Legislative Research*, *Regulatory Research*, *Secondary Sources*, *Public Records*, *Litigation* and more, at

<https://training.thomsonreuters.com/legal-westlaw-edge>

6. Member Rewards!

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

<https://www.foia.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.

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