

NEWSLETTER

TO: H&PELA LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

FROM: JUDITH DALE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2026

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

1. 2026 CPD WEBINAR #8



Client Management for Lawyers: From Burnout to Boundaries

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Lawyers' Lounge, Belleville Courthouse
Speakers: Sandra Bekhor & Felice Kirsh
Provider: CPD Online

Cost: \$40.00

Details: This presentation examines how lawyers can manage demanding client relationships without compromising professional judgment, efficiency or trust.

It addresses boundaries, communication methods, billing, evidence, settlement expectations and file management, showing how decisions about tone, timing and process can prevent conflict and reduce risk.

It also considers the importance of separating emotion from legally relevant facts, giving candid advice about the strengths and weaknesses of a case, and recognizing when a retainer is no longer workable.

The presentation provides a practical framework for improving client relationships, strengthening decision-making and avoiding preventable mistakes.

Areas of Practice: Client Services, Ethics & Professional Responsibility, General Practice & Practice Management

Bring your brown bag lunch with you (or alternatively, the QCC café is open Wednesdays)

1 hour Professionalism

2. NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

Books available for REFERENCE only – short-term loans

Ontario Bar Association- Department of CPD 2026

- *Elder Law 2026*
 - *Taking a Will Challenge to Trial: Senior Faculty Demonstrate Skills & Procedure A to Z*
 - *Complex Issues in Estate Administration*
 - *Hot Topics in Insurance Law*
 - *Corporate Reorganizations in Estate Planning: A Practical Guide*
 - *Labour & Employment, Human Rights and Workers' Compensation*
 - *Administrative, Professional Regulation and Immigration Law*
 - *Aboriginal Law 2026*
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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The following books are being withdrawn from circulation.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.

Bowles	<i>Conduct of Lien, Trust & Adjudication Proceedings</i>	2024
Engell	<i>Ontario Planning Legislation</i>	2024
Gold	<i>Defending Drinking, Drugs & Driving Cases</i>	2024
Greenspan	<i>Modern Criminal Evidence</i>	2022
Roach	<i>Criminal Law</i>	2022
Zuker	<i>Ontario Small Claims Court Practice</i>	2026

4. GENERAL LEGAL INFORMATION

Duty to Accommodate

The Law Society of Ontario is committed to fulfilling its obligations under Ontario's [Human Rights Code](#) and fostering an environment where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Under the Code, every person has a right to equal treatment without discrimination in certain areas based on specified grounds, such as race, sex, or disability.

Where a Law Society rule, policy, or procedure creates a difficulty for you or a barrier to your participation in a Law Society process, such as a licensing examination, regulatory matter, practice review, or spot audit ("LSO Process") because of a ground outlined in the Code, the Law Society recognizes that it has a duty to accommodate your needs to the point of undue hardship to the Law Society.

The Law Society is committed to accommodating licensees, licensing candidates and members of the public who require it, and it has established a process for considering any requests for accommodation that it receives in a timely manner.

For more information about the Law Society's duty to accommodate, refer to the [Accommodation Policy](#). For details please see: <https://lso.ca/duty-to-accommodate>

CIVIL LAW

The Sept. 1 amendment to Ontario's *Rules of Civil Procedure* is narrow in wording but broad in effect. Ontario Regulation 275/26 now requires the person signing the statement in a factum to certify not only that every cited authority is authentic, but also that every quotation accurately reproduces its source text. It also adds a quotation-accuracy statement to expert reports under Rule 53.03

The change matters because quotation verification is now an express filing checkpoint, not merely an assumed drafting practice. The amendment is technology-neutral. It neither requires disclosure of every use of generative AI nor prohibits AI-assisted drafting. A quotation can change through copying, editing, optical character recognition, a research platform, a drafting tool or human error. The rule focuses on the filed result: whether words presented as a quotation accurately reproduce their source. Its significance therefore extends beyond any one technology cycle.

The distinction from authenticity matters. Since Dec. 1, 2024, Rule 4.06.1 has required a factum to include a signed statement that the signer is satisfied as to the authenticity of every cited authority. Ontario Regulation 275/26 adds a separate inquiry. Authenticity asks whether the authority is genuine; quotation accuracy asks whether the quoted words are actually there. A genuine case may be quoted inaccurately, while an exact quotation may still be used for a proposition the authority does not support.

https://www.law360.ca/ca/all_news/articles/2525644?nl_pk=3d51d8ad-6ba0-4da5-b57c-2c341fe24fa8&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ca/all_news&utm_content=2026-09-16&read_main=1&nlidx=0&nlaidx=8

FOLA UPDATE:

FOLA submitted feedback to the Ministry of the Attorney General regarding consultation on improving information-sharing between Criminal and Family Courts.

Currently, victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) may find themselves navigating both the family and criminal court systems simultaneously and being required to attend multiple proceedings in different courts pertaining to related issues.

On April 15, 2026 the Ministry of the Attorney General (Court Services Division) released a consultation paper https://www.fola.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Consultation-Paper-Improving-Information-Sharing-Between-Criminal-and-Family-Courts_April2026.pdf regarding improving information-sharing between criminal and family courts.

LiRN UPDATE ON REFERENCE SERVICES

Starting October 1, LiRN Reference LiNK will be live!

For hours when your courthouse library staff is not available: Reference LiNK makes courthouse library expertise more accessible than ever. It is an online reference and research assistance service providing remote support to the legal profession across Ontario, through a province-wide team of courthouse library staff. The launch date for Reference LiNK is October 1, 2026.

The initial service hours will be 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

The target start date for this phase is the first quarter, 2027.

5. UPCOMING – DRLA FALL CONFERENCE 2026!

The Durham Region Law Association (DRLA) hosts its **6th Annual Fall Conference** on **Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th, 2026**. While the DRLA is headquartered at the Durham Region Courthouse in Oshawa, the 2026 conference will be held at the **Ajax Convention Centre** in Ajax, Ontario.

The two-day event provides Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours and features expert-led sessions spanning various areas of Ontario law. Previous DRLA conferences have featured dedicated daily tracks covering **Civil Law, Family Law, Employment Law, Criminal Law, Real Estate, and Wills & Estates**.

For detailed updates on the 2026 agenda, registration fees, and to secure your spot, visit the [Durham Region Law Association](#) homepage or check out the [Durham Region Law Association Instagram](#) page.

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 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.

H&PELA will not be posting on Musk's "X" and has joined "the great X-odus"
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cqx9e0y17ww0>

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