

NEWSLETTER

TO: H&PELA LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

FROM: JUDITH DALE

DATE: MARCH 2025

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

1. WHAT'S NEW?

LUNCH & LEARN 2025 CPD #3



Social engineering fraud & tips to avoid being a victim

Date Thursday, April 17, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Location: Quinte Courthouse 2nd floor, lawyers' lounge
Chair(s) Ray Leclair

Cost: \$55.00

Details: This presentation sheds light on the growing threat of social engineering scams and frauds targeting legal professionals.

It offers practical strategies to recognize, prevent, and respond to these schemes, helping practitioners safeguard their firms and clients from financial loss.

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

1 hour professionalism

2. NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

Ontario Bar Association Dept. of CPD

- *Failed Real Estate Transactions: Remedies for Buyers & Sellers*
- *Your First Residential Real Estate Transaction*
- *Current Issues in Real Estate Law*
- *Divine Discoveries: Building a Great Case*
- *Family, Estates and Real Estate Law*
- *Municipal, Planning and Environmental Law*
- *Annual Update on Human Rights*

Books available for REFERENCE only – short-term loans

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| Beattie | <i>The Right not to Remain Silent: Truth about Mental Health in the Legal Profession</i> |
| Roleau | <i>Ontario Municipal Law: A User's Manual 2025</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The following books are being withdrawn from circulation.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.

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| Kenkel | <i>Criminal Lawyers' Trial Book</i> | 2020 |
| Brecher | <i>Halsbury's Laws of Canada: Technology & the Internet</i> | 2020 |
| Hull | <i>Macdonell Sheard Hull: Probate Practice</i> | 5 th edition |
| Kurta | <i>Family Law: Practice & Procedure (vols.1&2)</i> | 2022 |
| MacFarlane | <i>Cannabis Law: The Legislative Framework</i> | 2019 |

4. INFORMATION UPDATES:

Have you used Canadian Law Blogs Search Engine? Slaw's "Canadian Legal Blogs"



Using the handy Search bar, this Google Custom Search Engine queries more than 450 Canadian law blogs listed on Lawblogs.ca and updated concurrently with the lawblogs.ca website. You will be able to rank your results by date or by relevance, using the “buttons” on the upper right of the results page. The results will show up on a new Google page.

<https://www.slaw.ca/canadian-law-blogs-search-engine/>

LSO Bulk payments

FOLA is asking what is your firm's experience dealing with bulk payments? The process for making bulk fee payments, where a firm or organization pays the annual fees on behalf of their licensees, has changed.

The *Law Society's* new *bulk payment* process is starting January 31, 2025 – FOLA is gathering your input to determine if any steps need to be taken to advocate for you. Please email your

comments to Ian Hu, Director of Policy & Advocacy, at ian.hu@fola.ca .

By January 31, 2025 – all licensees within the firm or organization are required to begin the annual fee process to confirm their employment information, including their employer, and to generate their annual fee in LSO Connects. This action is crucial, as it will generate the annual fee amount owing and allow the Law Society to create a list of all licensees working at a particular firm or organization. It is also important that licensees within the firm or organization use the same name in the system for their employer. Use of the same name is critical as it will impact the accuracy of information provided to the firm or organization and their ability to pay on behalf of licensees.

** Note: The following timelines are estimates and may vary depending on the number of firms or organizations that take-up this new program and may change based on the volume of requests received by the Law Society.*

February 1 to 14*, 2025 – the Law Society will generate a list of all licensees who have confirmed their information, self-identified as employed or practising at the firm or organization and who have an annual fee balance in LSO Connects. This list will be provided to the respective firms and organizations.

February 15 to 28*, 2025 – firms and organizations review the list for completeness and accuracy. Firms and organizations should remove any licensee from the list if they are no longer with the firm or organization or if the firm or organization will not be paying for the licensee's annual fee. Firms and organizations are to submit their final list to the Law Society by February 28, 2025.

March 1 to 8*, 2025 - the Law Society will review the list and provide the final bulk fee amount to each firm or organization for Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) payment by a specified date (anticipated to be around March 15). This completion date allows time to process the payment before the March 31 deadline. No further adjustments from the firm or organization can be processed after the date the final list is submitted to the Law Society.

Please Note: After the bulk payment process has been completed, transactions such as annual fee adjustments, refunds, and payments for licensees joining the firm or organization will be processed directly with the licensee.

Licensees on a leave of absence from their firm or employer who moved to the 25% fee paying category are required to pay the annual fee personally and may seek reimbursement from their firm or employer, if eligible.

vLex Remote (desktop) 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](#)

vLex: Core Canadian Content – Over 500,000 reported and unreported cases, and the best in Canadian law books such as Irwin Law's Essentials in Canadian Law series covering most areas of Canadian law, available electronically. Learn more in this flyer!

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.

Your LSO number will be verified.

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

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