

## NEWSLETTER

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

**FROM: JUDITH DALE**

**DATE: MARCH 2026**

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

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### 1. WHAT'S NEW? PROVINCE-WIDE ACCESS!



#### SENTENCING RESEARCH

If you have ever run into your courthouse library, out-of-breath and needing last-minute research on **criminal sentencing**, this is the tool for you!

LiRN is thrilled to announce a province-wide subscription to [rangefindr.ca](https://rangefindr.ca). Used in libraries, law firms, and courtrooms across Canada, it is **now available — remotely and also in your nearest courthouse library — for all lawyers in Ontario.**

How to use [rangefindr.ca](https://rangefindr.ca)

Click a few tags that describe the kinds of cases you're looking for and [rangefindr.ca](https://www.rangefindr.ca) tells you what sentences were imposed in those cases. One additional click, and you can review the judgments themselves. [rangefindr.ca](https://www.rangefindr.ca) has saved years of lawyers' and judges' time.

[Short explainer](#) about how to use RangeFindr (2.14 min.)

[Getting Started With rangefindr.ca Guide \(pdf\)](#)

Check our [CPD and Other Events page](#) to find live [rangefindr.ca](https://www.rangefindr.ca) training dates!

### **New! Canadian Sentencing database rangefindr.ca announces new feature: Guide to Pre-Sentence Custody Credit (July 2025)**

Calculating credit for pre-sentence custody is a technical and rapidly-changing area of criminal law. The guide collects the leading cases, summarizes the rules, and flags the unsettled issues across multiple Canadian jurisdictions.

The guide also marks [rangefindr.ca](https://www.rangefindr.ca)'s adoption of the Canadian Open Access Legal Citation Guide (COAL) as its house guide. We are proud to support open access and grateful to the members of the COAL-RJAL Editorial Group.

The guide and future updates will be available at [www.rangefindr.ca/eng/docs](https://www.rangefindr.ca/eng/docs).

Click here to login to LSO for rangefindr.ca

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## **2. NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY**

### **Ontario Bar Association – Department of CPD**

- Professionalism & Ethical Issues for Tax Lawyers
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bread & Butter Issues in Family Law
  - Foundations of Technology Contacting
  - Artificial Intelligence and Technology in Law Enforcement & Criminal Matters
  - Scary Issues for the Real Estate Practitioner
  - Comprehensive Guide to Residential Real Estate Transactions
  - Your First Estate Administration
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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.*

MacDonald	<i>Annotated Divorce Act</i>	2025
McLaren	<i>Annotated Ontario Personal Property Security Act</i>	2025-2026
Segal & Libman	<i>Annotated Ontario Rules of Criminal Practice</i>	2025
Wileman	<i>Tribunal Practice and Procedure</i>	2018

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### 4. INFORMATION UPDATES:

#### LSO CPD Proposal

LSO is piloting *pro bono* services as an eligible activity for Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

##### Overview

The Law Society's Access to Justice Committee proposed a three-year pilot project that would make eligible *pro bono* legal services count toward the Law Society's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.

Lawyers, paralegals, legal organizations and the public were encouraged to provide input. The consultation is now closed and the Committee is reviewing and considering the feedback.

This initiative is intended to support the Law Society's mandate to facilitate access to justice, protect the public interest and regulate standards of learning, professional competence and professional conduct.

**[Read the report.](#)**

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### REMINDER: ENHANCED LICENSEE REPORTING

#### REQUIREMENTS:

EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2026

The changes include, **for ALL licensees**:

- Expanded reporting requirements in respect of criminal and other charges and findings of guilt;
- A report to the Law Society if you are licensed to practice law in another Canadian province or territory;
- A report to the Law Society if you are a member of another regulated profession in Canada;
- A report to the Law Society if you are subject to any restrictions, terms or limits on your practice of law in another Canadian Jurisdiction or in another regulated profession in Canada;
- A report to the Law Society if you are subject to discipline proceedings or any finding of professional misconduct, incompetence, or incapacity in respect of your practice of law in another Canadian jurisdiction or in another regulated profession in Canada;
- Clarification that you **must** report any and all business names under which you practise law or provide legal services.

For more information, [read the report](#) and please continue to follow the Licensee Update and visit this page <https://lso.ca/about-lso/initiatives/increased-transparency> for more information on increasing transparency on the Lawyer and Paralegal Directory.

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## 1. NEWS FROM LiRN

LiRN is thrilled to announce that LiRN has received an extraordinary \$1.287 million grant from The [Law Foundation of Ontario](#), a game-changing gift that will be used to expand digital access to legal information across the province. The new suite of services will be called [LiRN Link](#) and will feature:

### **A Province-Wide Virtual Reference and Research Service**

First, LiRN will be launching a new, province-wide virtual reference and research service, and are hiring a law librarian on a one-year contract to deliver quality, remotely accessible information to Ontario's legal community during hours the staff are not in the libraries.

### **Practice Area Toolkits**

Second, we will be enhancing the e-LiRN electronic research collection through the development of Practice Area Toolkits. By grouping resources around specific areas of law — starting with family and criminal law — we will make it easier for library users to find what they need, when they need it.

## Strategic Innovation Projects

Third, [LiRN Link](#) will fund a series of strategic innovation projects focused on legal research, content creation, and tool development.

If you could please forward to your staff as well, that would be deeply appreciated.

Ciara Ward, Librarian, NCLA

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## 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](mailto: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" as we have joined "the great X-odus"

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