

NEWSLETTER

TO: H&PELA LAW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

FROM: JUDITH DALE

DATE: NOVEMBER 2025

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

1. WHAT'S NEW? **FREE** TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES! LEXIS+ CANADA



Location: ZOOM

Dates December 11 at 11:00 am <https://relx.zoom.us/j/95180030605>

Details: Solve legal research issues quickly with a comprehensive case law collection, editorial analysis, and data visualization via one simplified AI search experience. Includes Practical Guidance, Legislative Pulse and Brief Analysis. The same information is provided at each session. No need to register, just join in.

NOTE: Both Lexis+ and Westlaw are available on the law library computers.

30 minutes Professionalism

2. NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

New Acquisitions

Chow	<i>Taxation of Trusts and Estates: A Practitioner's Guide</i>
Grace	<i>Prosecuting and Defending Fraud Cases</i>
Kenkel	<i>Impaired Driving in Canada</i>
Trehearne	<i>Justice Delayed: A Practitioner's Guide to Section 11(B) of the Charter</i>
Tree	<i>Law of Police Accountability in Canada</i>

Books available for REFERENCE only – short-term loans

Ontario Bar Association Publications:

- *Corporate Law Essentials: Corporate Records 101 2025*
- *Corporate Law Essentials: Ins & Outs of a Shareholder Agreement 2025*
- *MBA in a Day 2025*
- *Annual Update on Human Rights 2025*
- *Elder Law Day 2025*

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The following books are being withdrawn from circulation.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.

Bala	<i>The Family Dispute Resolution Handbook</i>	2025
Bennett	<i>Canada's Cannabis Act Annotations/Commentary</i>	2023/24
Libman	<i>Handling Provincial Offence Cases in Ontario</i>	2017
Libman	<i>Handling Summary Conviction Offences</i>	2023/24

4. INFORMATION UPDATES:

NEW SOLE PRACTITIONER REQUIREMENT

Foundations of Sole Practice

As of January 1, 2025, lawyers and paralegals declaring as sole practitioners for the first time must complete the [Foundations of Sole Practice course](#), delivered by the Law Society.

The Foundations of Sole Practice course provides licensees who are starting out as sole practitioners with a road map to the critical information they need to know. Delivered through 30 hours of online content in a modular format, the course covers the areas of practice that result in the highest incidence of complaints, negligence claims and identified practice deficiencies. By focussing on these core aspects, the course is designed to help set licensees up for successful practice and effective client management.

This new requirement means licensees who declare as sole practitioners at any point in 2025 will have until December 31, 2026, to complete the course.

Starting in January 1, 2026, licensees who declare as sole practitioners after this date until May 31 of that year, will have until the end of the calendar year to complete the course. Licensees who declare as sole practitioners on June 1, 2026 or later, will have until December 31 of the following calendar year to complete the course.

This initiative was approved by Convocation as part of the Law Society's [Continuing Competence Framework review](#), aimed at ensuring and improving career-long licensee competence.

The Foundations of Sole Practice course is anticipated be available in the [LSO Store](#) in February 2025. For more information, please see the link.

PRO BONO CPD HOURS?

The LSO is proposing to allow pro bono services to be an eligible activity for CPD hours. Click here <https://lso.ca/about-lso/initiatives/consultation-pro-bono-cpd-pilot> to

View

Details: The Law Society's Access to Justice Committee encourages lawyers, paralegals, legal organizations and the public to provide their input about a proposal to launch a three-year pilot project that would make eligible *pro bono* legal services count toward the Law Society's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements. Input is requested by November 28, 2025.

[Read the report.](#)

Submit your comments via the [submission form](#) or by emailing PolicyConsultation@LSO.ca. FOLA is working on a submission. Please provide feedback directly to LSO or to us by emailing Ian Hu, FOLA Director of Policy & Advocacy, at ian.hu@fola.ca. The deadline is November 28.

5. WESTLAW FREE TRAINING MODULES

WESTLAW- Estates & Trusts Source

Discover resources you need for estate planning, estate administration, and estate litigation:

- Easy Edit statutory and authored forms, checklists, letters, & precedents to reduce the time spent drafting and editing
- Current Awareness resources like CRA publications and WeirFoulds Estates & Trusts Newsletter
- Authoritative and highly regarded commentary, fully integrated with our Westlaw tools
- Tips and shortcuts to increase research efficiencies

LINK: [Monday, November 24, 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm \(Online\)](#)

30 minutes Professionalism

WESTLAW – Family Source

Explore the tools you need to efficiently handle any family law matter. During this session we'll explore...

- Receiving the latest insights with Franks & Zalev's This Week in Family Law newsletter.
- Comprehensive access to a trusted library of essential family law commentary.

- Effective, time-saving techniques to quickly find relevant cases and legislation.

Link: [Wednesday, December 10, 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm \(Online\)](#)

30 minutes Professionalism

NOTE: WESTLAW - Criminal Source

Next CPD Accredited session will be held in January unless demand warrants another fall session.

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.

Follow us on **twitter** @HastingsCty_Law
Find us online @ <http://www.hastingscountylaw.com/>