



NEWSLETTER

TO: MEMBERS, HASTINGS COUNTY LAW ASSOCIATION

FROM: JUDITH DALE

DATE: JUNE 2020

RE: ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND UPCOMING EVENTS



1. WHAT'S NEW? FIND THE LATEST INFORMATION

LEGAL AID ONTARIO UPDATES: <https://fola.ca/legal-aid>

CRIMINAL LAW UPDATES: <https://fola.ca/criminal-law>



2. FOLA REMINDER:

Law Association members are welcome to send any issues/concerns related to the practice of law caused by the COVID-19 epidemic to the Federation of Ontario Law Associations (katie.robinette@fola.ca) and we will continue to address them in as timely a manner as is humanly possible. Please note that prior to submitting a question, you are requested to visit the Ontario government website <https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/>, the Courts' COVID-19 website <https://www.citeright.net/resources/covid-19-resources> and the Law Society's FAQ <https://lso.ca/covid-19-response>.

These links can all be accessed on FOLA's **COVID-19** page <https://fola.ca/mag> . Please also note that FOLA cannot assist in issues related to a specific case and the Courts will NOT provide clarification on any Notice to the Profession.

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3. REMOTE HEARINGS

The e-Hearings Task Force (of which FOLA is a member) has drafted some documents that have been designed to help you prepare for Remote Hearings (which you can on the FOLA website <https://fola.ca/practice-resources>). If you have participated in a remote hearing and have some additional suggestions, we'd love to hear them! Please email Katie Robinette at katie.robinette@fola.ca and put "REMOTE HEARINGS" in the subject line.

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4. REAL ESTATE UPDATE

LAW SOCIETY NEWS UPDATES



NOTICE TO LAWYERS REGARDING WILLS & POWERS OF ATTORNEY

To assist licensees, the Law Society of Ontario is offering a free Continuing Professional Development program, "Your Wills and Estates Practice and the COVID-19 Pandemic: What you need to Know Right Now." The program is expected to be available on-demand, later this week. Program registration and details will be available at [the LSO Store](#); please watch for updates.

NEWS FROM THE LSO REGARDING AFFIDAVITS

As a result of COVID-19, the LSO will interpret the requirement in s. 9 of the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act as not requiring the lawyer/ paralegal to be in the physical presence of the client. Alternative means such as video conference will be permitted.

The LSO has sent a letter to the Federal Finance Minister regarding financial services matters (banking) and the legal profession. While they have asked that the letter not be shared, the Federation of Ontario Law Associations wanted to let you know that the LSO is taking action on this issue.

For other Real Estate news, please click here: <https://fola.ca/real-estate-law>

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5. OTHER RESOURCES FOR LAWYERS ADAPTING TO THE POST-COVID WORLD– Stay up to date with work-from-home-resources, online solutions & offers!

<https://fola.ca/practice-resources>

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