

Daily Phone call check in - Ontario Law Organizations - March 26, 2020
Summary

Invited participants on calls

OBA, FOLA, LSO, LAO, the Advocates' Society, & OTLA

Superior Court of Justice in Ontario, Court of Appeal for Ontario, & Ontario Court of Justice
MAG - Political and Department staff

Issues discussed:

1. Law Society

- ❖ The LSO is continuing to work with the Banks and the Federal government on financial services matters - especially those related to the Real Estate bar.
- ❖ The LSO is drafting information regarding articling students and information regarding law students.
- ❖ A reminder that the LSO's FAQ page is updated frequently and is available [here](#).

2. Courts

- ❖ Electronic filing is an ongoing challenge right now and the courts are working tirelessly to address this issue.
- ❖ **REMINDER:** Courts are looking to expand the amount of civil matters it hears over the next couple of weeks and are asking for FOLA members to let Katie Robinette (katie.robinette@fola.ca) know any and all short-term suggestions of matters that should proceed that are not currently categorized as urgent.

3. Privacy and Security of ZOOM meetings

- ❖ Call participants were reminded of Section 136 of the Courts of Justice Act with allows for recordings of proceedings.
- ❖ All virtual meetings are run by the Courts and the Courts serve as video conference hosts and all parties, at the beginning of the proceedings, are made aware that the sessions are being recorded and are asked to agree.
- ❖ Permission for any other party to record the session would be authorized by the host. Participants are by invitation of the Courts only and participants can be removed at any time by the host.
- ❖ All video technology is using the highest industry standards regarding privacy and security.

REMINDER NOTE: After this week, these calls will be daily, but FOLA will still continue to receive and submit issues/concerns from the practicing bar on daily basis. Please note that prior to submitting a question, you visit the [government's website](#), the Courts' websites ([Superior Court of Justice](#), [Ontario Court of Justice](#), [Court of Appeal](#)), and the [Law Society's FAQ page](#). These are all updated daily. You may find your answer has already been [addressed](#). Links to all above sites can also be found on FOLA's [COVID-19](#) page.