

Message from your President – Heather Zamorano

Hello everyone and Happy Spring! This is the first of what we hope will be regular newsletters to members, highlighting news from our association and library as well as upcoming events and helpful resources.

The theme I want to highlight this spring, a time of renewed energy, is that of engagement. First of all, I want to acknowledge and thank the members who have taken the initiative to get involved and do great work on behalf of all of us over the past few months.

Our CPD committee, Elizabeth Swarbrick, Concillia Muonde and Mark Fendley, put together an exceptional all-day CPD program at the Perth Parkside Inn on February 26 that was well-attended and received rave reviews from attendees. I wish to extend a big thank-you to this committee as well as all those who presented and attended to help make the event a success.

I want to thank Mark McDonald for coming forward to be our representative on FOLA's legal aid committee, assisting them in their ongoing lobbying efforts for sustainable legal aid funding, and thank-you also to Jonathan Collings and Mackenzie Spooner for representing our Association recently at the Civil Rules Reform Committee's Town Hall with FOLA members. Another thank-you goes to Jonathan Collings and Mark Fendley for spear-heading a committee in response to a new board initiative aimed at welcoming and supporting new lawyers who are interested in practicing law in our county.

Finally, I encourage you all to think of ways you can become more engaged with your colleagues through our Association. Whether it's joining a committee, organizing a social event, helping out with our website and online presence, or participating in some community outreach, there is something for everyone. Please reach out to any of our board members; we'd love to hear your ideas.



Have ideas for our next Newsletter?
Send them to us at colla.exec@gmail.com

Memberships for 2025

Membership will be invoiced
shortly!

Please send us an email if you wish
to join our Association or your
status is changing.

Please email us at
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Message from your Librarian

Welcome everyone to our first newsletter!
I want to start by introducing myself to those who are new or haven't met me in the library.

My name is Liz Mitchell and I have been the Librarian since December of 2017.

I live just outside of Perth with my husband and 2 girls. We currently operate a 300 acre beef farm. We raise grass fed beef & pasture raised chickens and turkeys, plus attend a local Farmer's Market in the summer, where I sell preserves from my garden. I also sell Pampered Chef as a side gig & attend local markets, volunteer on a local Fair board and sit on my College Alumni Board



Since COVID, I have been working more remotely from home but you can always reach me at colla@bellnet.ca for any issues or questions you may have. I am hoping to offer some training sessions on the new electronic resources we currently have in the Law Library. Please reach out to me if you have some ideas for books you want to see in the Library or if you have any other ideas!

COLLA Board Members

Heather Zamorano - President

Teresa Dubois - Treasurer

Yvonne Lee - Secretary

Heather Morrison

Elizabeth Swarbrick - Past President

Upcoming Events

Estates & Trusts WestLaw Training - May 12th

FOLA Conference May 14-16th

Spring Dinner & AGM - May 26th

Family WestLaw Training - June 12th

Solo & Small Firm Conference - June 19th

*Please send Liz an email
if you are wanting more info
on any of these events*

Did you know?

That you can check out books we have in the Law Library from your office?
Follow this link and choose Lanark as the Library

InfoLocate

That we have a facebook group?
Check it out and use it to post job ads, & upcoming events or useful information!

County Of Lanark Law Facebook Group

New Books In the Library

Agency and Partnership Law Primer
Good Faith in Canadian Contract Law
Canadian Patent Law 6th Ed
Probate Practice
The Right to NOT Remain Silent

Our E-Resources are a great research tool!!
Shortcuts are available on all the workstations in the Library!

Keep watch for upcoming training dates !