

Inventory of COVID-19 Notices/Resources
(as of August 7, 2020)

The COVID-19 Pandemic is a rapidly developing event. The Law Society of Ontario has prioritized speed and breadth in assembling resources that may be of use to licensees in this extraordinary time. Selection for inclusion is not an endorsement of the material or its author, and the Society cannot guarantee the quality or accuracy of the content. Licensees must exercise their own professional skill and judgement when adopting and applying any of the legal information contained in these materials. This compilation is not exhaustive, and the Society may add or remove material at any time.

Topic	Source	Date	Link	Summary
Government of Canada, Legislation, Emergency Orders, and Regulations				
An Act respecting further COVID-19 measures	Parliament of Canada	July 27, 2020	https://parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/43-1/bill/C-20/royal-assent	The federal government has passed legislation suspending federal limitation periods from March 13, 2020 to September 13, 2020, or any earlier day fixed by order of the Governor in Council made on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice. The <i>Time Limits and Other Periods Act (COVID-19)</i> was introduced as a Schedule to <i>An Act Respecting COVID-19 Measures</i> . The legislation received Royal Assent on July 20, 2020.
Draft Legislative Proposals Regarding Time Limits and Other Periods in Circumstances Due to COVID-19 and Explanatory Notes	Government of Canada, Department of Justice	May 19, 2020	https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-sj-sjc/pl/lp-pl/tlopa-ldap/index.html	The Government of Canada published draft legislative proposals, which outline potential solutions that the Government could implement to address deadlines and time periods.
Action Committee on Court Operations in Response to COVID-19	Government of Canada, Department of Justice	May 26, 2020	https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-sj-sjc/ccs-ajc/ac-ca/sac-tsa.html	The Action Committee on Court Operations in Response to COVID-19 has released its initial guidance documents, including orienting principles, core principles and perspectives and terms of reference.
Chief Justice of Canada and Minister of Justice	Government of Canada,	May 8, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2020/05/chief-	An Action Committee on court operations will provide national leadership to support the work of provincial and territorial governments, individual courts and court

Launch Action Committee on Court Operations in Response to COVID-19	Department of Justice		justice-of-canada-and-minister-of-justice-launch-action-committee-on-court-operations-in-response-to-covid-19.html	administrators in progressively restoring the full operation of Canada's courts while ensuring the safety of court users and staff.
Government of Canada's response to COVID-19	Government of Canada, Department of Justice	Apr 30, 2020	https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-sjc/covid.html	Provides information on legislative and other measures adopted to protect Canadians in response to the pandemic.
Statutes of Canada 2020, Chapter 5 <i>An Act respecting certain measures in response to COVID-19</i>	Parliament of Canada		https://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/43-1/bill/C-13/royal-assent	Link to Bill C-13 (Royal Assent) Mar 25, 2020
COVID-19 measures at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario	Legislative Assembly of Ontario		https://www.ola.org/en/covid-19	Information about the current status of services and operations at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario
O. Reg 441/20 re: Authorizing use of Civil Online Submissions System	Government of Ontario	Aug 6, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/R20441	MAG has filed a regulation to amend the Rules of Civil Procedure, O. Reg 441/20. The amendments introduce rule 4.05.2, which authorizes the use of the Civil Submissions Online system. This new online system will facilitate electronic submission of more than 250 types of documents for filing and issuance in SCJ civil actions and applications. For more information, see the regulation.
Ontario regulation 431/20 made under the <i>Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act</i>	Government of Ontario	July 30, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20431?utm_source=L&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=Membership	This Regulation sets out the circumstances around which a Commissioner of Affidavits can remotely commission a document in Ontario

Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020	Legislative Assembly of Ontario	July 21, 2020	https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-197	This Bill received Royal Assent on July 21 and is designed to stimulate the Ontario's economy while making changes to 20 pieces of legislation.
Bill 195, Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020	Legislative Assembly of Ontario	July 21, 2020	https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-195	The <i>Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020</i> received Royal Assent July 21 and comes into force on July 24, 2020. The Act allows measures to remain in place to address the threat of COVID-19 once the provincial declaration of emergency has ended.
Ontario Extends Emergency Orders	Government of Ontario	July 16, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/07/ontario-extends-emergency-orders-2.html	The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has extended most emergency orders currently in force until July 29, 2020, while continuing to implement its Framework for Reopening the Province with many regions entering Stage 3 on Friday.
Ontario Extends Declaration of Emergency to July 15	Government of Ontario	June 24, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-extends-declaration-of-emergency-to-july-15.html?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=Advocacy	The Ontario government has extended the provincial Declaration of Emergency under s.7.0.7 of the <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i> to July 15, 2020.
Ontario Extends Emergency Orders to Support Its Reopening Efforts	Government of Ontario	June 6, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-extends-emergency-orders-to-support-its-reopening-efforts.html#:~:text=Additionally%20due%20to%20COVID%2019's,Management%20and%20Civil%20Protection%20Act.	The amendments to O.Reg. 73/20 made under Subsection 7.1 (2) of the <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i> , include "decoupling" the duration of the suspension from the state of emergency, extending the suspension of limitation periods and time periods in proceedings until September 11, 2020, clarifying the discretion of the court or tribunal, and providing for enforcement of payment of child or spousal support under Part V of the <i>Family Responsibility and Support Arrears Enforcement Act</i> to resume in appropriate proceedings.
Ontario Extending Emergency Orders During COVID-19 Outbreak	Government of Ontario	May 27, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/ontario-extending-emergency-orders-during-covid-19-	List of emergency orders that have been extended until June 9, 2020.

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Emergency status on COVID-19	Government of Ontario	May 16, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information?_ga=2.215266385.739116957.1589216597-1485158449.1542635956&utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	Provides a list and links to all the emergency orders under the <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i> .
Bill 190, <i>COVID-19 Response and Reforms to Modernize Ontario Act, 2020</i>	Legislative Assembly of Ontario	May 12, 2020	https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-190	The Government of Ontario passed legislative amendments to the <i>COVID-19 Response and Reforms to Modernize Ontario Act, 2020</i> that will provide relief to corporations and businesses in Ontario, enabling them to call and hold virtual meetings, defer annual meetings in some circumstances, utilize electronic signatures, and file documents electronically. It will also allow the use of electronic chattels under the PPSA.
<i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i> , R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9	Government of Ontario		https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e09?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	Link to Act and Regulations
Essential Work Places				
Reopening Ontario in Stages	Government of Ontario	July 17, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario-stages#regions%3Futm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	List of what can reopen in each stage and where, according to the government's regional approach
Courts Reopening Status	The Canadian Bar Association		https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/Court-Reopening/Court-Reopening-Status/Courts-Reopening	List of court and MAG information and updates on the reopening of Ontario courthouses that began on July 6th.

Occupational Health and Safety Support for Recovery Secretariat: Courthouse Reopening	Occupational Health and Safety Support for Recovery Secretariat, Ministry of the Attorney General	July 27, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/COVID19/MAG-Risk-Assessment-Project-Summary-for-Stakeholders-Reopening-July-27-2020.pdf	MAG has posted a Risk Assessment Project Summary detailing the work of the Public Services Health and Safety Association (PSHSA), at the request of the Ministry of the Attorney General, for the safe resumption of in-person services at Ontario courthouses.
Courthouse Open as of July 6th, 2020	The Canadian Bar Association	July 4, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/Status-of-Ontario-Courts/Status-of-Ontario-Courts/Courthouse-Reopening-Status/Courthouse-Open-as-of-July-6th	List of courthouses that are included in phase one of the Ministry of Attorney General's courthouse re-opening plan, which will begin July 6 th
Ontario Courts Gradually Resuming In-Person Proceedings	Government of Ontario	June 30, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/mag/en/2020/06/ontario-courts-gradually-resuming-in-person-proceedings.html	Ontario courts will begin resuming in-person proceedings across the province on Monday, July 6, 2020. To start, 149 courtrooms in both the Superior and Ontario Courts of Justice are reopening in 44 locations. Additional courtrooms will open by September with the remaining opening by November 1, 2020.
Ontario Moving Toronto and Peel Region into Stage 3	Office of the Premier, Government of Ontario	July 29, 2020	https://s3.amazonaws.com/tld-documents.lnassets.com/002000/20295/ontario-moving-toronto-and-peel-region-into-stage-3.pdf	The Ontario government and the province's chief medical officer of health are allowing Toronto and Peel Region to enter stage 3 of reopening on July 31, while the Windsor region will remain in stage 2.
Ontario Moving Toronto and Peel Region into Stage 2	Government of Ontario	Jun 22, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-moving-toronto-and-peel-region-into-stage-2.html	The Ontario government is allowing more businesses and services to open and getting more people back to work by moving the City of Toronto and Peel Region into Stage 2 on Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

Reopening Ontario	Government of Ontario	Jun 15, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=section%20insider	Ontario is gradually reopening businesses, services and public spaces on a regional basis as progress is made in the fight against COVID-19. Includes links to the Framework and which regions will be able to open as part of Stage 2.
Province Announces Regional Approach to Stage 2 Reopening Beginning Friday	The Canadian Bar Association	Jun 8, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/News-update/Province-Announces-Regional-Approach-to-Stage-2-Re?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	The Government of Ontario is moving forward with a regional approach to the Stage 2 reopening of the province.
Emergency status on COVID-19	Government of Ontario	May 16, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information?_ga=2.215266385.739116957.1589216597-1485158449.1542635956&utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	The Ontario government has begun easing restrictions on workplaces that can operate safely by following public health and safety guidelines.
Certain Businesses Allowed to Reopen Under Strict Safety Guidelines	Government of Ontario	May 1, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/certain-businesses-allowed-to-reopen-under-strict-safety-guidelines.html?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	The Ontario government is allowing certain businesses and workplaces to reopen as long as they comply with strict public health measures and operate safely during the COVID-19 outbreak. Those permitted to start up include seasonal businesses and some essential construction projects.
Health and Safety Association Guidance Documents for Workplaces During	Government of Ontario	Apr 30, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/health-and-safety-association-guidance-documents-for-workplaces-during-the-covid-19-outbreak.html?utm_source=LYR	In partnership with the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, the Health and Safety Associations have released a series of more than 50 technical sector guidance documents to support employers and employees in remaining safe in the workplace during the COVID-19 outbreak.

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Reopening Ontario after COVID-19	Government of Ontario	Apr 30, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario-after-covid-19?_ga=2.30665082.490962416.1588009717-1485158449.1542635956&utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	Ontario Premier Doug Ford released a three-phase framework that the government will use to gradually reopen businesses, services and public spaces.
List of Essential Workplaces	Government of Ontario	Apr 3, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	Professional and social services that support the legal and justice system are still deemed to be essential businesses. Updated list of essential services. Businesses not on the list must close their physical locations by 11:59 pm., Saturday April 4, 2020
List of Essential Workplaces	Government of Ontario	Mar 24, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	Professional and social services that support the legal and justice system, and professional services including lawyers and paralegals are deemed to be essential businesses. Non-essential workplaces are required to close their doors on March 25, 2020.
Courts and Tribunals				
Message from the Chief Justice of Canada	Canadian Judicial Council	Mar 30, 2020	https://cjc-ccm.ca/en/news/message-chief-justice-canada	Message from the Chief Justice of Canada
Notice about COVID-19	Supreme Court of Canada	June 3, 2020	https://www.scc-csc.ca/court-cour/notice-avis-COVID-19-eng.aspx	Information about filing, deadlines, and the Registry, and links to news releases.
Supreme Court of Canada News Releases – June 3	Supreme Court of Canada	June 3, 2020	https://decisions.scc-csc.ca/scc-csc/news/en/item/6874/index.do	Details for members of the public who wish to virtually “attend” next week’s hearings, which will take place via Zoom.

Answers to your questions in regards to the impact of COVID-19 on case-related matters before the Supreme Court of Canada	Supreme Court of Canada	Mar 30, 2020	https://www.scc-csc.ca/parties/COVID-FAQ-eng.aspx	Frequently asked questions including deadlines, suspensions, and filings, and links to Notices to the Profession
Supreme Court of Canada	Supreme Court of Canada	Mar 25, 2020	https://decisions.scc-csc.ca/scc-csc/news/en/item/6833/index.do	Cases scheduled for hearing in March, April and May are adjourned, tentatively, to the month of June 2020. The Court will continue to issue judgments on applications for leave and on appeal for the time being. Until further notice, all media briefings on judgments on appeal will only be provided by teleconference. Physical access to building is restricted to those persons who are necessary to the proceedings before the Court. Court documents must be filed by email
COVID-19: Reopening courtrooms	Ministry of Attorney General	July 6, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-reopening-courtrooms	Information on how Ontario will keep the public and staff safe as courtrooms reopen, with strict health and safety protocols.
Amended Practice Direction Regarding the Electronic Conduct of Matters During the COVID-19 Emergency	Ontario Court of Appeal	July 13, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/coa/en/notices/covid-19/practice-direction-electronic-conduct-amended.pdf	No in-person hearings will be conducted during the COVID-19 emergency. All matters (appeals and motions) will proceed by remote appearance, or in writing, as set out in the Practice Direction.
Ontario Court of Appeal	Ontario Court of Appeal	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/coa/en/notices/covid-19.htm	Intake office, records office and judges' reception counter services are closed. All filings can be mailed, sent via e-mail to coa.e-file@ontario.ca or dropped off outside the Intake Office Urgent appeals between March 17 and Apr 3, 2020 will be heard by written materials or remotely Non-urgent matters may be heard in writing

Practice Direction Regarding The Electronic Conduct of Matters During The COVID-19 Emergency	Ontario Court of Appeal	Apr 6, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/coa/en/notices/covid-19/practice-direction-electronic-conduct.pdf	The Court of Appeal has issued a practice direction outlining that all matters will proceed by remote appearance.
Notices and Orders – COVID-19	Superior Court of Justice		https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/	List and Links to Provincial and Regional Notices, and Orders of the Chief Justice. The Regional Notices to the Profession direct which matters may be heard in each region and the process to follow, without the need to refer to previous regional notices.
Supplementary Notice to the Profession and Litigants in Civil and Family Matters – Including Electronic Filings and Document Sharing (Caselines Pilot) (August 5, 2020)	Superior Court of Justice	Aug 5, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/supplementary-notice/	Information about Caselines, responsibilities for parties, Electronic Court Filings – Justice Services Online, Non-Urgent Matters, and Consent and Capacity Board Appeals
Memorandum from Chief Justice Geoffrey B. Morawetz re CaseLines	Superior Court of Justice	July 29, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/COVID19/Memo-CJ-Morawetz-to-all-bar-associations-RE-Caselines-July-29-2020.pdf?utm_source=LJR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=Membership	The Ministry of the Attorney General has procured Caselines, a cloud-based document sharing and e-hearing platform, for the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and will launch a two-week test phase in Toronto beginning on August 10, 2020 for select civil motions and pre-trial conferences. The pilot will then expand to all Toronto civil, Divisional Court, Commercial and Estate List, and bankruptcy matters commencing on August 24, 2020
Notice to the Profession – Toronto	Superior Court of Justice	July 29, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/notice-to/	The Toronto Region of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (SCJ) has further expanded the matters which it will hear

				virtually in an ongoing effort to facilitate timely access to justice.
Notice to the Profession – Protocol for Civil Matters in the Superior Court of Justice, Central East Region (Effective July 27, 2020)	Superior Court of Justice	July 27, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/notice-ce-civil-matters-july-27-2020/	Effective July 27, 2020, this Protocol applies to civil matters in the Superior Court of Justice in the Central East Region, until further notice.
Expansion of Justice Services Online (Civil and Family Matters)	Ontario Bar Association	July 28, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/News-update/Expansion-of-Justice-Services-Online-(Civil-and-Fa	On August 5, 2020, the Justice Services Online platform will expand, allowing the online submission of nearly 400 more types of civil and family law court documents.
Notice to the Profession re: Justice Participants Unable to attend In-Court Hearings in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (July 21, 2020)	Superior Court of Justice	July 21, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/in-court-hearings/	Requests to have matters heard virtually or in writing – rather than in-person – should be made to the judge or local trial coordinator at the time the hearing is requested and before it is scheduled.
File civil documents online	Superior Court of Justice	July 10, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-civil-claim-online	How to file documents in a civil case in the Superior Court of Justice online
Notice to Profession – Toronto	Superior Court of Justice	July 10, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/notice-to/	Toronto Expansion Protocol for Court Hearings During COVID-19 Pandemic

Courthouse Open as of July 6th, 2020	The Canadian Bar Association	July 4, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/Status-of-Ontario-Courts/Status-of-Ontario-Courts/Courthouse-Reopening-Status/Courthouse-Open-as-of-July-6th	List of courthouses that are included in phase one of the Ministry of Attorney General's courthouse re-opening plan, which will begin July 6th
Notice to the Legal Profession and the Public regarding the use of online claims services	Ministry of the Attorney General Court Services Division	July 6, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/COVID19/NOTICE-to-the-LEGAL-PROFESSION-and-the-PUBLIC-regarding-the-use-of-online-claims-services.pdf	MAG provided guidance on filing material, including the hours of operation at court counters starting July 6. Electronic filing, as outlined in the notice, continues to be strongly encouraged, with information for filing civil claims, family claims, and small claims online.
COVID-19: Recommended Precautionary Measures Resuming Court Operations	Ministry of the Attorney General Recovery Secretariat	July 2, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/COVID19/Guidebook_Precautionary-Measures-for-Reopening-Courts_V3.pdf	This Guidebook shares the steps that have been, and will be, taken to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare courthouses to resume in-person appearances - Mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission in courthouses - Ensure access to justice
Notice to the Profession, Litigants, Accused, Media and Members of the Public (June 25, 2020)	Superior Court of Justice	Jun 25, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/notice-june-25-2020/	Outline of the steps that are expected to be completed to permit some in-court hearings to resume at certain court locations, effective July 6, 2020.
Consolidated Notice to the Profession, Litigants, Accused Persons, Public and the Media	Superior Court of Justice	May 13, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/consolidated-notice/	Expanded operations of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, effective May 19, 2020. New sections of the Consolidated Notice to the Profession include: an expectation that lawyers/parties will take positive steps to move a case forward, including participation in virtual mediations; guidance on commissioning affidavits

				virtually; recommended etiquette during virtual hearings; and an obligation to deliver copies of relevant previous orders and endorsements in family and child protection matters.
Criminal Matters, Superior Court of Justice, By Order of Chief Justice Geoffrey Morawetz	Superior Court of Justice	May 5, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/CJ-Morawetz-Criminal-Order-May-5-2020.pdf?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	Criminal matters previously scheduled for between March 17 and July 3 have been further adjourned.
Child Protection Matters, Superior Court of Justice, By Order of Chief Justice Geoffrey Morawetz	Superior Court of Justice	May 6, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/CJ-Morawetz-child-protection-order-May-6.pdf?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	Child protection matters are adjourned to July 2020. Regional Notices to the Profession with additional detail will be released shortly. The order does not apply to child protection matters that have been scheduled for a hearing in the intervening period.
Notice to the Profession, Litigants, Accused Persons and the Media Regarding the Continued Suspension of in-court matters to July 6, 2020	Superior Court of Justice	May 5, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/Notice-to-the-Profession-Suspension-until-July-May-5-20.pdf?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	The Superior Court of Justice will not resume in-person hearings of other matters until July 6, 2020, at the earliest. It will, however, continue to hear matters virtually, and expects to shortly further expand the scope of matters that will be heard virtually.
Notice to the Profession – Toronto Toronto Expansion Protocol For Court Hearings During	Superior Court of Justice	Apr 22, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/notice-to-profession-to/	Criminal Matters Family Matters Civil Matters Divisional Court Matters Commercial and Estate List Matters Class Action Matters Urgent Matters heard by Registrars in Bankruptcy

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Notice to the Profession, Public, Accused Persons and the Media Regarding the Suspension of Criminal and Civil Jury Trials	Superior Court of Justice	Apr 20, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/COVID19/CriminalCIVILJurySuspensionApril2020.pdf?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	The Superior Court of Justice will not recommence criminal or civil jury selection or jury trials until September 2020, at the earliest
Superior Court of Justice Notice to the Profession, the Public and the Media Regarding Civil and Family Proceedings	Superior Court of Justice	Apr 2, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/notice-to-the-profession-the-public-and-the-media-regarding-civil-and-family-proceedings-update/?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	Expansion of Remote Hearings for Civil and Family matters, Criminal matters and the Divisional Court Includes links to region-specific Notices to the Profession, issued April 2, 2020, which include the process to seek a hearing.
New Superior Court hearings by Region	Superior Court of Justice, Avoid A Claim, LAWPRO	Apr 2, 2020	https://avoidclaim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/New-Superior-Court-Procedures-by-Region.pdf	Chart re New Superior Court Hearings by Regions, effective April 6, 2020
Notice to Profession – Divisional Court (June 29, 2020)	Superior Court of Justice, Divisional Court	June 29, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/notice-div-ct-june-2020/	The Divisional Court will not resume in-person hearings on July 6, 2020 and will continue to hear matters remotely in accordance with the protocols contained within the Notice to the Profession until further notice.
Notice to the Profession – Divisional Court	Superior Court of Justice	Apr 2, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/notice-to-the-profession-div/	Starting on Monday April 6, 2020, Divisional Court will begin to schedule hearings on non-urgent matters arising throughout the Province of Ontario, subject to available resources.

				Includes the practice to be observed to schedule a matter in Divisional Court anywhere in Ontario
Notice to Accused Persons, Profession, Crown, Public Prosecution Service of Canada, Correctional Institutions, Witnesses, Jurors, The Public and The Media Regarding Criminal Operations	Superior Court of Justice	Apr 2, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/s/cj/covid-19-suspension-crim/?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	The Court is expanding its operations beyond the most urgent matters Includes the links to the complete list of criminal matters that may be heard in each region, in region-specific Notices to the Profession, issued April 2, 2020, which include the process to seek a hearing.
Superior Court of Justice	Superior Court of Justice	Mar 15, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/s/cj/covid-19-suspension-fam/	Regular operations are suspended Only urgent and emergency civil and family matters to be heard Online filing for civil matters, electronic filing for family matters
COVID-19 Notices and Updates (Updated July 10, 2020)	Ontario Court of Justice	July 10, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19/	The Ontario Court of Justice will be further expanding its operations on July 6, 2020, as it resumes hearing additional family law matters and criminal trials and preliminary inquiries.
Notice to the Profession and the Public: Update regarding Criminal Case Management Appearances (Published July 28, 2020)	Ontario Court of Justice	July 28, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19/notice-criminal-case-management-july28-2020/	This Notice provides an update regarding criminal case management appearances in the Ontario Court of Justice by accused persons who are out of custody.
Notice to the Profession and the Public re:	Ontario Court of Justice	July 6, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19/resumption-trials-preliminary-hearings/	Trials and Preliminary Hearings in the Ontario Court of Justice resume July 6, 2020. The Ministry of the Attorney General, which is responsible for courts administration and

Resumption of Criminal Trials and Preliminary Hearings in the Ontario Court of Justice as of July 6, 2020				courthouse facilities, has established an incremental plan to prepare courthouses and courtrooms to facilitate the return to full court operations across Ontario. The Ministry has announced the first phase of the plan (Phase One) will be implemented Monday July 6, 2020, in a limited number of courthouses and courtrooms. Court operations will continue to expand with additional courthouses and courtrooms added as the Ministry continues to implement its plan across the province, with a targeted completion date of November 1, 2020.
Notice to the Profession and the Public re: Criminal Trials and Preliminary Inquiries and Family Trials, Summary Judgment Motions and other In-Person Family Matters Resuming in the Ontario Court of Justice at Guelph on July 7, 2020 (Published July 6, 2020)	Ontario Court of Justice	July 6, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/oj/covid-19/guelph-resuming/	The Ontario Court of Justice will resume hearing in-person criminal trials and preliminary inquiries, and in-person family trials, summary judgment motions and other in-person family matters in the Guelph courthouses on July 7, 2020.
Notice to the Profession and the Public re: Delay in Resuming Criminal Trials and Preliminary Inquiries in the	Ontario Court of Justice	July 6, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/oj/covid-19/resumption-trials-preliminary-hearings/delayed-collegepark-guelph/	This notice sets out the procedure that will apply until further notice to criminal trials and preliminary inquiries scheduled to be heard in the College Park and Guelph courthouses on or after July 6, 2020.

Ontario Court of Justice at College Park and Guelph (Published July 4, 2020)				
COVID-19: Scheduling of Family Matters in The Ontario Court of Justice	Ontario Court of Justice	June 17, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/oj/covid-19/covid-19-family-matters/	Additional family law matters in the Ontario Court of Justice are resuming as of July 6, 2020 in Phase One, with health and safety measures in place in 93 OCJ courtrooms.
Notice to the Profession and the Public re: Resumption of Criminal Trials and Preliminary Hearings in the Ontario Court of Justice as of July 6, 2020	Ontario Court of Justice	June 17, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/oj/covid-19/resumption-trials-preliminary-hearings/	The Court will resume hearing criminal trials and preliminary inquiries on July 6, 2020, in a limited number of courtrooms in all courthouses that are part of Phase One of the Ministry's plan.
COVID-19 Notices and Updates (Updated May 15, 2020)	Ontario Court of Justice	May 15, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/oj/covid-19/	Links to notices and directives about the Court's operations in criminal, family and <i>Provincial Offences Act</i> matters.
City of Toronto Court Services resuming some services as Provincial Offences Act courts partially restart operations	City of Toronto	July 24, 2020	https://www.toronto.ca/news/city-of-toronto-courts-services-resuming-some-services-as-provincial-offences-act-courts-partially-restart-operations/	City of Toronto Court Services is resuming select services through new, enhanced online processes that protect staff and the public. The new City processes follow the Province of Ontario enacting the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act that allows <i>Provincial Offences Act</i> courts to restart select operations.
COVID-19: Notice to Counsel/Paralegals	Ontario Court of Justice	July 2, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/oj/notice-to-public-regarding-provincial-offences-act-matters/	Until further notice, no in-person <i>Provincial Offences Act</i> proceedings will be conducted until September 14, 2020.

and the Public Re: <i>Provincial Offences Act</i> Matters in the Ontario Court of Justice (July 2, 2020)				Providers scheduling directions for remote judicial pre-trials and remote early resolution guilty pleas.
COVID-19: Notice to Counsel/Paralegals and the Public Re: <i>Provincial Offences Act</i> Matters in the Ontario Court of Justice (May 19, 2020)	Ontario Court of Justice	May 19, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/o/cj/notice-to-public-regarding-provincial-offences-act-matters/	Until further notice, no <i>Provincial Offences Act</i> proceedings will be conducted until July 6, 2020, except for remote judicial pre-trials as described within this Notice.
COVID-19: Notice to Counsel and the Public re: Criminal Matters in the Ontario Court of Justice (Updated May 22, 2020)	Ontario Court of Justice	May 22, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/o/cj/covid-19/covid-19-criminal-matters/	This Notice supersedes previously announced COVID-19 criminal notices and directives.
COVID-19 Pandemic – Criminal Case Adjournment Dates – Out-of-Custody Accused (Updated May 22, 2020)	Ontario Court of Justice	May 22, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/o/cj/covid-19/criminal-list-adjournment/	Addresses adjournment dates in criminal cases and includes links to criminal courts in all regions for adjournment dates.
COVID-19 Pandemic – Scheduling of Family Matters in the Ontario Court	Ontario Court of Justice	May 7, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/o/cj/covid-19/covid-19-family-matters-add/	Update to the Directive on the Scheduling of Family Matters in the Ontario Court of Justice that was issued on March 28, 2020, and is in addition to the general notice issued by the Ontario Court of Justice on May 4, 2020.

of Justice (May 7, 2020)				
COVID-19 Notices and Updates (Updated May 4, 2020)	Ontario Court of Justice	May 4, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19/	The Ontario Court of Justice will not be returning to full operations on May 29, 2020. No trials or preliminary inquiries will be conducted until July 6, 2020 at the earliest, unless a judge seized with a continuing matter orders otherwise.
Ontario Court of Justice COVID-19 Notices and Updates	Ontario Court of Justice	Mar 28, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19/	People should not attend the OCJ unless they fall within specified exceptions Scheduling directives for criminal matters, family matters, Provincial Offences Act Matters,
Ontario Court of Justice	Ontario Court of Justice	Mar 20, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19/	Family trials, criminal trials and preliminary inquiries between Mar 20 and May 29, 2020 are suspended Judges are available to preside over: regularly scheduled bail courts, remand and plea courts for in-custody proceedings; plea court for urgent out-of-custody matters; urgent family proceedings; applications under the <i>Health Protection and Promotion Act</i> ; and urgent and/or essential intake court functions
Ready or not — your legal hearing may now be video conferenced	Ontario Divisional Court (Federation of Law Societies of Canada)	May 1, 2020	http://secure.campaigner.com/CSB/public/ReadmoreContent.aspx?id=28528695&campaignid=43233680&ac=580325	A new decision from Ontario’s Divisional Court notes that — while there are arguments for and against video-conference hearings — the decision to proceed lies with the bench. The Judge provided detailed instructions for the hearing.
Continued suspension of Small Claims Court operations due to COVID-19	Ontario Small Claims Court	July 10, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/continued-suspension-scc-operations/	By Notice to the Profession and the Public dated June 2, 2020, the operations of the Small Claims Court have been suspended, with the exception of urgent motions and garnishment hearings and select remote settlement conferences, until further notice.
Notice Regarding the Suspension of Small Claims Court	Ontario Small Claims Court	Jun 2, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/continued-suspension-scc-operations/	On June 2, 2020, the Small Claims Court will begin scheduling select settlement conferences in non-urgent matters, to be conducted remotely where all parties to the action agree to

Operations (June 2, 2020)			19/suspension-small-claims-ops/#Settlement_conferences	proceed remotely, each defendant has filed a defence or was noted in default in the matter prior to March 16, and all parties agree to rely solely on the pleadings as filed and served. To arrange a settlement conference, one party must submit the request form available on the Superior Court of Justice website to smallclaims.settlementconferences@ontario.ca .
Notice to the Public and Legal Profession Ontario Small Claims Court Counter Service Suspension	Ontario Small Claims Court	May 4, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/s/cj/suspension-small-claims-ops/	Includes information about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - urgent matters - steps to seek an urgent hearing - suspension of counter services in Small Claims Courts - Unsworn affidavits - Filing fees
Small Claims Court	Ontario Small Claims Court	Mar 16, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/s/cj/suspension-small-claims-ops/	All sittings in Ontario Small Courts Court are suspended, including teleconference hearings and videoconference hearings. File claims online.
Practice Direction and Order (COVID-19): Update #5 (June 25, 2020)	Federal Court of Canada	June 25, 2020	https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/Content/assets/pdf/bas/e/June%2025th%20PD%20%20Order.pdf	The previous Practice Directions and Orders shall remain in force, subject to amendments described in this Practice Direction. The Suspension Period will expire at the end of the day on June 29, 2020 in Ontario, Quebec and the three territories. Timelines for the filing of documents and the taking of other procedural steps in proceedings in those provinces and territories are extended to July 13, 2020, with some exceptions.
Practice Direction and Order (COVID-19): Update #4 (June 11, 2020)	Federal Court of Canada	June 11, 2020	https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/Content/assets/pdf/bas/e/Covid-19%20PD%20%20Order%20(June%2011%202020)%20final.pdf	The previous Practice Directions and Orders shall remain in force. The Court recognizes that the risks for COVID-19 are less in some regions and has issues specific directions based on region.
Practice Direction and Order (COVID-19): Update #2 (April 29, 2020)	Federal Court of Canada	May 29, 2020	https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/Content/assets/pdf/bas/e/Practice%20Direction%20and	The Suspension Period described in the Court's Practice Direction and Order (COVID19): Update #2 (April 29, 2020) is

19): Update #3 (May 29, 2020)			%20Order%20(COVID-19)Update3May%2029%202020.pdf	extended until Monday, June 15, 2020, subject to the five exceptions contained in that Order.
Federal Court: digitization and e-filing Webinar	Federal Court of Canada		https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/Content/assets/pdf/bas_e/Webinar%20(28-04-2020)%20Notice%20for%20Website.pdf	The Federal Court will be hosting a free webinar on digitizing and e-filing documents on April 28 from 12 pm-1:30 pm EST.
Practice Direction and Order (COVID-19): Update #2	Federal Court of Canada	Apr 29, 2020	https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/Content/assets/pdf/bas_e/Covid-19-Updated-Practice-Direction-Order-2-April-29-2020-FINAL-E.pdf	This Practice Direction and Order amends the Court's Updated Practice Direction and Order (COVID-19), dated April 4, 2020, to extend the suspension period, and expand the range of matters that the court is prepared to adjudicate by teleconference, video conference, or in writing during the Suspension Period
Updated Practice Direction and Order (COVID-19)	Federal Court of Canada	Apr 4, 2020	https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/content/assets/pdf/bas_e/FINAL%20-%20EN%20Covid-19%20Amended%20Practice%20Direction%20Order.pdf	This update includes the extension of the suspension period until May 15, the waiver of certain filing fees effective Apr. 6 until the suspension period ends, accommodations for the remote commissioning of affidavits and processes for the rescheduling of adjourned hearings and for the filing of confidential materials, among other changes that the court is introducing. The court also lists the requirements for filing electronic copies of documents, which are necessary for telephone or videoconference hearings.
Practice Direction and Order (COVID-19) Federal Court of Canada	Federal Court of Canada	Mar 17, 2020	https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/content/assets/pdf/bas_e/Covid-19%20Practice%20Direction%20and%20Order_FINAL%202020-03-17%20(for%20release).pdf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extended suspension period, with exceptions for urgent matters and matters that need to proceed as previously schedule for exceptional reasons - Suspension of timelines - Electronic filing and service of documents - Skeleton staff monitoring registry counters
Federal Court of Canada	Federal Court of Canada	Mar 13, 2020	https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/content/assets/pdf/bas_e/MESSAGE_FROM_THE_FEDER	Sittings are cancelled between Mar 16 and 27, to be rescheduled between Apr 1 and 15, 2020. Parties may consent to a telephone conference or matter to be heard in writing.

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Federal Court of Appeal	Federal Court of Appeal	Mar 19, 2020	https://www.fca-caf.gc.ca/fca-caf_eng.html	Temporary suspension of filing deadlines Update on court operations in light of COVID-19 All matters adjourned, with the exception of urgent matters to be heard by teleconference
Tax Court of Canada	Tax Court of Canada	Apr 20, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/News-update/Tax-Court-of-Canada	The Tax Court of Canada and its Registry offices will remain closed for business until further notice. All Tax Court of Canada sittings and conference calls scheduled between May 4 and May 29 have been cancelled.
Practice Direction and Order	Tax Court of Canada	Apr 17, 2020	https://www.tcc-cci.gc.ca/tcc-cci/pdf/Practice%20Direction%20and%20Order%20-%20April%2017%202020%20(EN).pdf	Tax Court of Canada has further cancelled its judicial sittings and conference calls until May 29, 2020 inclusively, and provided specific direction for the streamlining of Notices of Appeal and Applications for an Extension of Time to Appeal
Notice to the Public and Profession	Tax Court of Canada	Apr 17, 2020	https://www.tcc-cci.gc.ca/tcc-cci/pdf/Notice%20to%20the%20Public%20and%20the%20Profession%20-%20April%2017%202020(EN).pdf	Cancellation of Sittings Suspension of Timelines Applications for Extensions of Time to File Notices of Appeal Rescheduling Closure of Registry Offices Updates and Return to Regular Operations
Tax Court of Canada	Tax Court of Canada	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.tcc-cci.gc.ca/tcc-cci/pdf/Practice%20Direction%20and%20Order%20-%20March%2023.pdf	Practice Direction and Order Judicial sittings and conference calls cancelled until May 1, 2020 Compliance with certain rules dispensed
Courts Reopening Page	Ontario Bar Association		https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/Court-Reopening/Court-Reopening-Status/Courts-Reopening?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	Information and links to court and MAG information and updates on the reopening of Ontario courthouses that began on July 6th.

Legal and Justice System Updates	Canadian Bar Association		http://cba.org/Membership/COVID-19/Legal-Justice-Updates-Courts	Links to Courts, Notices, practice directions and updates.
Court availability guide during COVID-19	JD Supra	Apr 29, 2020	https://www.jdsupra.com/post/documentViewer.aspx?fid=7d76ce4d-9dca-44d5-8639-230c6ac12a18	Summary and links to various Provincial and Federal Courts' modifications to their operations.
COVID-19 and the courts	Canadian Lawyer		https://www.canadianlawyeromag.com/practice-areas/litigation	Daily updates for courthouses across Canada
COVID and the Courts	Conflict Analytics Law, Queen's University		https://conflictanalytics.queenslaw.ca/covid-and-the-courts	Tracking of COVID-19 related procedural changes to court and ADR procedures.
National COVID-19 action committee issues first guidance for reopening courts during pandemic	The Lawyer's Daily	May 28, 2020	https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/19244/national-covid-19-action-committee-issues-first-guidance-for-reopening-courts-during-pandemic	A national task force, co-led by Chief Justice of Canada Richard Wagner and federal Justice Minister David Lametti, has devised some initial guidelines and principles, to help courts safely and appropriately resume their operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Tribunals Ontario Social Justice Division	Social Justice Tribunals Ontario	Mar 13, 2020	http://www.sjto.gov.on.ca/en/latest-news/	In-person hearings to be rescheduled to a later date, with alternative hearing options such as written and telephone hearings to be considered where feasible
Tribunals in Ontario	Ontario Bar Association	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.oba.org/COVID-19-Action-Plan/Status-Tribunals	Status and links to various tribunals
Federal Tribunals and Agencies	Canadian Bar Association	Mar 20, 2020	https://www.cba.org/News-Media/News/2020/COVID-19-Legal-and-Justice-System-Updates?_ga=2.180531616.605557131.1584977136-491653377.1573751205	Links to various tribunals with COVID-19 Legal and Justice System Updates
Best Practices and Teleconference Hearing	Workplace Safety and Insurance	May 19, 2020	http://www.wsiat.on.ca/english/news/Best Practices and Teleconference Hearing Informatio	The best practices document applies to new or ongoing prehearing conferences, applications and hearings conducted

Information for Representatives and Parties	Appeals Tribunal		n for Representatives and Parties.htm	via teleconference before the tribunal to ensure that proceedings progress during the pandemic.
Commissioner publishes framework to assess privacy-impactful initiatives in response to COVID-19	Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada	Apr 17, 2020	https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/news-and-announcements/2020/an_2004_17/	The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) has published an assessment framework intended to assist government institutions faced with responding to the COVID-19 crisis.
Policy statement on a human rights-based approach to managing the COVID-19 pandemic	Ontario Human Rights Commission	Apr 2, 2020	http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/policy-statement-human-rights-based-approach-managing-covid-19-pandemic-0	Guidance to all levels of government on the principles that underlie a human rights-based approach to managing the COVID-19 pandemic.
<i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act Order Under Subsection 7.0.2.(4) of the Act – Electronic Service O.Reg.76/20</i>	Government of Ontario	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.hamiltonlaw.on.ca/docs/default-source/miscellaneous/mag---service-on-the-crown.pdf?sfvrsn=2	Service of documents on the Crown, any Minister of the Crown including the Attorney General of Ontario, the Children's Lawyer, the Public Guardian and Trustee, or the Director of the Family Responsibility Office, in any proceeding or intended proceeding, other than a criminal proceeding, shall be effected by electronic means.
Service on the Crown	Department of Justice	Apr 21, 2020	https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/contact/Comm3.html	Temporary e-service measures for service on the Crown. Includes information for commencing a proceeding against the Crown in Federal Court and Provincial Court
Order in Council 518/2020 (Ontario Regulation 50/20) re limitation periods and	Ministry of the Attorney General	Mar 20, 2020	https://lawsocietyontario.azureedge.net/media/lso/media/new-s-events/emcpa-order-eng.pdf	Limitation periods and procedural time periods are suspended, retroactive to Mar 16, 2020

procedural time periods Regulation 73-20 under the <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i>	Ontario Court of Justice		https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/notice-to-the-profession/	
COVID-19 Updates	The Lawyer's Daily	Mar 31 2020	https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/18189/covid-19-updates?article_related_content=1	List of news items and links to COVID-19 related initiatives in other provinces
Roundup of law firm resources on COVID-19: July 3 update	Canadian Lawyer	July 3 2020	https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/practice-areas/corporate-commercial/roundup-of-law-firm-resources-on-covid-19-july-3-update/331124	Update on resources shared by law firms addressing the COVID-19 crisis
Court Availability Guide during COVID-19	Dentons	Mar 20, 2020	https://www.dentons.com/en/insights/alerts/2020/march/20/court-availability-guide-during-covid-19	List of Canadian courts with links
Message to all reporting entities in light of COVID-19	Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada	Mar 25, 2020	https://www.fintrac-canafe.gc.ca/1-eng	FINTRAC has issued pandemic guidelines to focus on the most urgent cases and has adjusted reporting requirements
Resources to Assist Licensees				
Member Assistance Program	Home-wood Health		http://www.myassistplan.com/	Confidential service designed to help lawyers, paralegals, law students, judges, other legal professionals and their families. Members can find information, tools and resources on a number of topics including but not limited to: psychological challenges; marital/relationship challenges; separation/divorce; stress; depression; and anxiety.

LAWPRO Alert	LAWPRO	Mar 26, 2020	http://secure.campaigner.com/csb/Public/show/cw1u-1vllne--p9g69-6datqs27	LAWPRO Statement on COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment to its insureds and payment deferral - Remote commissioning and verification of client identity - Common real estate transaction questions - LAWPRO's commitment to its employees
Update on LAWPRO response to COVID-19	LAWPRO		https://www.lawpro.ca/about/news/update-covid-19/	Update and FAQs re transaction levy filings, real estate practice coverage, and refunds.
COVID-19 Articles and Resources	PracticePRO		https://www.practicepro.ca/hot-topics/covid-19-articles-and-resources/	Latest developments, changes in the law and court procedure and resources
Avoid a Claim Blog Posts	Avoid a Claim LAWPRO		https://avoidaclaim.com/	Reference for practice management and fraud updates, fraud alerts, and fraud prevention tips
A Quick-Reference Checklist for Preparing Your Return to the Office	Canadian Bar Association		https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/COVID19/Reopening_and_Recovery_Checklist_May14.pdf?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	The CBA has prepared some general guidelines and considerations for law firms to think about as they start to plan their return to their offices.
Thinking of moving to the cloud? Here's how to do it securely	Canadian Centre for Cyber Security		https://cyber.gc.ca/en/thinking-moving-cloud-heres-how-do-it-securely	The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCC) released four critical sets of guidelines for acquiring secure cloud services.
Best Practices for Remote Hearings	Canadian Bar Association	May 28, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/News-update/Best-Practices-for-Remote-Hearings	The Ontario E-Hearings Task Force, comprised of members of the Ontario Bar Association working with other lawyer associations from across Ontario have developed a guide for best practices for remote hearings, which includes practical tools like checklists and technology information.
The Action Committee on Court Operations	Canadian Bar Association	May 28, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/News-update/The-	The Action Committee on Court Operations in Response to COVID-19 has approved and released the Committee's terms of reference, core principles, and perspectives to be

in Response to COVID-19			Action-Committee-on-Court-Operations-in-Respon?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=Mindful%20Moment	considered for court operations in response to COVID-19 and initial orienting principles on safe and accessible courts.
CBA Task Force on COVID-19 convened	Canadian Bar Association	Apr 28, 2020	https://www.nationalmagazine.ca/en-ca/articles/law/rule-of-law/2020/cba-task-force-on-covid-19-convened	The Canadian Bar Association has convened a task force comprised of members in the justice and legal systems to consider solutions to the evolving problems posed by the pandemic, and systemic changes to improve the federal legal and justice systems overall.
Message from the CBA President	Canadian Bar Association	Apr 9, 2020	http://www.cba.org/News-Media/News/2020/April/Messa ge-from-the-CBA-President	Launch of the CBA Task Force on Justice Issues Arising from COVID-19 to address the growing list of legal issues resulting from the pandemic
COVID-19 Resource Hub	Canadian Bar Association	Apr 6, 2020	http://cba.org/Membership/COVID-19	Resource Hub with information relating to the legal profession and justice system, containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal, justice system and court updates - Links to resources, including live and archived webinars, podcasts and toolkits - Resources for well-being - Updates on CBA advocacy activity on emerging legal issues and helping lawyers trying to work through these challenging times - Links to dedicated COVID-19 sites for CBA Branches
Update – Government Relief Programs	Canadian Bar Association	July 13, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/Update-Relief-Programs#BusinessFederal?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	Federal, Provincial, and local updates of government relief programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business – employees/taxes/rent/mortgage - Personal – wages/EI/taxes/rent/mortgage
COVID-19 Action Centre	Ontario Bar Association		https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/Home	Includes Latest News, Sector Updates, Connectivity, and Wellness, and Priority PD Programs

COVID-19: Ongoing list of supports for lawyers	Legal Aid Ontario	July 30, 2020	https://www.legalaid.on.ca/in-briefs/covid-19-ongoing-list-of-supports-for-lawyers/	Support and information for service providers, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Billings and payments - Bail - Legal and financial eligibility testing - Government of Canada and Government of Ontario temporary benefits - Temporary adjustments to LAO's change of solicitor policy during COVID-19 - Additional supports
LAO announces lawyers can bill Legal Aid Online for COVID JPTs and Myers (s.525) reviews	Canadian Bar Association	July 27, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/Legal-Aid-Ontario-(LAO)/Legal-Aid-Ontario-(LAO)/LAO-announces-lawyers-can-bill-Legal-Aid-Online-fo?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=Membership	LAO announced that as of July 26, 2020, lawyers can bill Legal Aid Online for COVID JPTs and Myers (s.525) reviews as a part of LAO's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic
LAO Temporary Billing Changes	Canadian Bar Association	Apr 14, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/Legal-Aid-Ontario-(LAO)/Legal-Aid-Ontario-(LAO)/LAO-Temporary-Billing-Changes	Further emergency temporary changes to billing and certificate coverage
Covid-19: Update from Legal Aid Ontario and message to lawyers	Legal Aid Ontario	Mar 26, 2020	https://www.legalaid.on.ca/in-briefs/covid19-update-from-legal-aid-ontario-and-message-to-lawyers/	Legal Aid supports for the private bar
COVID-19 - Ontario	The Advocates' Society		https://www.advocates.ca/TAS/COVID-19/Ontario/TAS/COVID-19/Provinces/Ontario.aspx?hke	Links to COVID-19 updates for the legal profession in Ontario.

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Legal Libraries Go Digital During Pandemic	Federation of Law Societies of Canada	Apr 20, 2020	http://secure.campaigner.com/CSB/public/ReadmoreContent.aspx?id=28528401&campaignid=42975550&ac=580325	The Great Library at Law Society of Ontario has announced on Twitter that all licensees can obtain free access to Westlaw and Proview for 30 days.
List of legal organizations' COVID-19 resources and changes	Law Times	Mar 25, 2020	https://www.lawtimesnews.com/resources/professional-regulation/list-of-legal-organizations-covid-19-resources-and-changes/327940?utm_source=GA&utm_medium=20200326&utm_campaign=Newsletter-20200326&utm_content=BF6E2B28-C3DC-4F71-BA0E-8CBFDC9DA769&tu=BF6E2B28-C3DC-4F71-BA0E-8CBFDC9DA769	Compilation of information shared by law societies and legal organizations
COVID-19 Updates	Lambton Law Association		https://www.lambtonlaw.ca/covid-19-updates	Virtual bulletin board with the most recent information regarding COVID-19 including links to OCJ, SCJ, Court of Appeal, Courthouse senior staff, OBA, LAO, LSO, FOLA and the Advocates' Society
Notices to the Profession and Other Hamilton Law Association News re COVID-19	Hamilton Law Association	Mar 24, 2020	https://www.hamiltonlaw.on.ca/home	List of Notices to the Profession, specifically includes those applicable to Central South Region
COVID-19 Updates	The Lawyer's Daily	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/18189/covid-19-updates?category=insider	Free coverage on COVID-19 including news, analysis, opinion, and Insider items
Global Coronavirus Toolkit	Thomson Reuters Practical Law		https://ca.practicallaw.thomsonreuters.com/w-024-3138?transitionType=Default&c	Collection of resources to assist counsel in the UK, US, China, Australia, Canada and New Zealand

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Lexis Practice Advisor Coronavirus Guidance	LexisNexis		https://www.lexisnexis.ca/en-ca/products/lexis-practice-advisor/coronavirus-guidance.page	Free coronavirus document kit, which provides practice guidance, precedents and other related content on this emerging issue.
Advocates' Society task force launched to implement lessons learned during COVID pandemic	Federation of Law Societies of Canada	June 15, 2020	http://secure.campaigner.com/CSB/public/ReadmoreContent.aspx?id=28529769&campaignid=44224195&ac=580325	The Advocates' Society has created a Modern Advocacy Task Force, which seeks to advance justice system reforms, which will include the best measures adopted by the courts in their COVID-19 response.
E-Hearings Task Force	The Advocates' Society		https://www.advocates.ca/TAS/COVID-19/TAS/COVID-19/E-Hearings/E-Hearings_Task_Force.aspx	The Advocates' Society, the Ontario Bar Association, the Federation of Ontario Law Associations, and the Ontario Trial Lawyers' Association have established an E-Hearings Task Force to work with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to expand virtual access to the courts.
Emergency COVID Court Measures Discussion Forum	The Advocates' Society	Mar 16, 2020	https://advocates.ca/TAS/Advocacy/Member_Consultation/TAS/Advocacy_Pages/Member_Consultations.aspx	Member Consultations
Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Indigenous communities	Government of Canada		https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1581964230816/1581964277298	Supports for First Nations and Inuit communities in preparing for, monitoring and responding to COVID-19.
CCDI's response to the COVID-19 outbreak	Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion	Mar 11, 2020	https://ccdi.ca/blog/ccdis-response-to-the-covid-19-outbreak/	Notice cancelling upcoming events and advice to reduce the risk of infection or spreading infection
Bankruptcy Law				
In The Matter of The Proposal of Stephen Francis	Superior Court of Justice in	Apr 22, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sjc/files/BK-20-2597721-0031.pdf	Chief Justice Morawetz issued an Order that provides procedural flexibility for all active Division I and Division II proposals, as well as all active bankruptcies filed with the

Podgurski (of the Town of Courtice, in the Region of Durham, in the Province of Ontario)	Bankruptcy and Insolvency			Office of the Superintendent in Bankruptcy between Mar 13 and June 30, 2020. This Order affects various deadlines and filing requirements provided by the <i>Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act</i> .
Urgent Matters heard by Registrars in Bankruptcy	Superior Court of Justice	Apr 22, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/notice-to-profession-to/#G_Urgent_Matters_heard_by_Registrars_in_Bankruptcy	Notice to the Profession for the Toronto region.
Business/Corporate/Tax Law				
Government Announces Extension of Rent Relief Program for Small Businesses	Department of Finance, Government of Canada	June 30, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/06/government-announces-extension-of-rent-relief-program-for-small-businesses.html	The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) will be extended by one month to cover eligible small business rents for July.
COVID-19: CECRA for small businesses	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	May 25, 2020	https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/finance-and-investing/covid19-cecra-small-business?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses provides relief for small businesses experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.
Small and mid-sized businesses hard hit by COVID-19 offered rent reduction program	The Lawyer's Daily	Apr 24, 2020	https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/family/articles/18762/small-and-mid-sized-businesses-hard-hit-by-covid-19-offered-rent-reduction-program?nl_pk=9b8917ae-e321-4893-aeb2-2008377284a4&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=family	Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says COVID-19-affected small and medium-sized businesses will benefit from a new program expected to be up and running in mid-May that will give them access to rent reductions of 75 per cent for April, May and June.

Prime Minister announces additional support for small businesses	Justice Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada	Apr 16, 2020	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/new-s-releases/2020/04/16/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-small-businesses	Ottawa has expanded eligibility for its new interest-free \$40,000 loans for businesses hit by COVID-19, expanded the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) to businesses that had a payroll in 2019 between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million, and is in talks with the provinces to create a new loan program for commercial landlords
Trudeau announces support for charities, non-profits; launch of wage subsidy calculator	The Lawyer's Daily	Apr 21, 2020	https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/family/articles/18723/trudeau-announces-support-for-charities-non-profits-launch-of-wage-subsidy-calculator?nl_pk=9b8917ae-e321-4893-aeb2-2008377284a4&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=family	The federal government is investing \$350 million in a fund to help charities and non-profit organizations navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.
Businesses: WSIB financial relief package	Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Ontario		https://www.wsib.ca/en/financial-relief?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	Starting immediately, all businesses covered by workplace insurance will be able to defer their WSIB premium reporting and payments until August 31. No interest will accrue on outstanding payments and no penalties will be charged.
Emergency Order for Virtual Meetings and Annual Meetings, Amendment to O. Reg 107/20	Ontario Bar Association	Apr 27, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/News-update/Emergency-Order-for-Virtual-Meetings-and-Annual-Me	On April 24, 2020, the Government of Ontario amended Emergency Order O. Reg. 107/20 to address a number of issues with respect to virtual meetings and annual meetings for corporations, including condo corporations, co-operative corporations, businesses, and not-for-profits during the COVID-19 outbreak.
Ontario Regulation 107/20 made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act,	Government of Ontario	Mar 30, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20107	The Government has made an Emergency Order that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allow all corporations under the Corporations Act and Business Corporations Act to hold meetings of directors, shareholders, and members virtually (i.e., electronically or by telephone).

Order Under Subsection 7.1 (2) of the Act - Meetings for Corporations				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extend the timeframe by which corporations under the <i>Corporations Act</i> and <i>Business Corporations Act</i> must hold Annual General Meetings (AGMs) in certain circumstances related to the emergency.
Government provides further flexibility for employers to access the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	Department of Finance Canada	Apr 8, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/government-provides-further-flexibility-for-employers-to-access-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html	Further details on the eligibility criteria for businesses to access the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)
The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	Department of Finance, Canada	Apr 1, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html	Additional details about the wage subsidy program, including specifics on eligibility requirements, the eligibility periods, and the amount of subsidy, as well as subsidy abuse penalties
Accessing Restricted Purpose Trust Funds Prior to Obtaining a Court Order During the COVID19 Pandemic	Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee, Ministry of Attorney General	Mar 30, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/PGT-Statement-re-Accessing-Restricted-Funds.pdf	The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) has drafted temporary guidelines to allow charities to access restricted funds in order to stay solvent
FSRA Releases Guidance to Support Insurers in Providing Emergency Relief to Auto Insurance Consumers	Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario	Apr 16, 2020	https://www.fsrao.ca/newsroom/fsra-releases-guidance-support-insurers-providing-emergency-relief-auto-insurance-consumers#top	FSRA has released guidance that is aimed at ensuring consumers are treated fairly, and insurers have a number of options for providing customers with financial relief during this temporary declared emergency period.
FSRA COVID-19 Updates	Financial Services Regulatory	Mar 27, 2020	https://www.fsrao.ca/newsroom/fsra-announces-changes-	Updates for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mortgage administrators

	Authority of Ontario		regulatory-requirements-due-covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to Regulatory Requirements due to COVID-19 - Mortgage Brokers and Agents - Health Service Providers - Mortgage Brokering - Pensions - Special Service Notice COVID-19 - FSRA Statement of Business Continuity - Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires
Prime Minister announces support for small businesses facing impacts of COVID-19	Government of Canada	Mar 27, 2020	https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	The Government of Canada announced a 75 per cent wage subsidy for qualifying businesses, for up to 3 months, retroactive to March 15, 2020, as well as a small and medium size business loan program
Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: Support for Canadians and Businesses	Government of Canada	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html	<p>Support for Canadians, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Income support - Flexibility for taxpayers - Mortgage Default Management Tools - Role of Financial Institutions <p>Support for Business, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting Canadian businesses through the Canada Account - Helping businesses keep their workers - Flexibility for businesses filing taxes - Ensuring Businesses have access to credit - Supporting financial market liquidity
Civil and Commercial Law				
Superior Court of Justice Notice to the Profession, the Public and the	Superior Court of Justice	Apr 2, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/notice-to-the-profession-the-public-and-the-media-regarding-civil-and-family-proceedings-	Expansion of Remote Hearings for Civil and Family matters, Criminal matters and the Divisional Court

Media Regarding Civil and Family Proceedings			update/?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	Includes links to region-specific Notices to the Profession, issued April 2, 2020, which include the process to seek a hearing.
Notice to the Legal Profession regarding the Civil Claims Online Service	MAG Court Services Division	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-civil-claim-online	Expansion of Civil Claims Online service to allow more documents to be filed online
File case documents online	Superior Court of Justice		https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-civil-claim-online	How to file documents in a civil case in the Superior Court of Justice online
Changes to Commercial List Operations in Light of COVID-19	Superior Court of Justice	Mar 16, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/changes-to-commercial-list-operations-in-light-of-covid-19/	All regular matters which have been scheduled and are not urgent, or time sensitive, will be adjourned to after June 1, 2020 subject to any further direction from the court
Notice to the Profession	Superior Court of Justice	Mar 15, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/covid-19-suspension-fam/	The follow urgent and emergency matters will be heard: - Urgent and time sensitive motions and applications in civil and commercial list matters, where immediate and significant financial repercussions may result if there is no judicial hearing - Outstanding warrants issued in relation to Small Claims Court or Superior Court civil proceeding Includes procedures to bring an urgent matter
Competition Law				
Competition Bureau statement on competitor collaborations during the COVID-19 pandemic	Competition Bureau Canada	Apr 8, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2020/04/competition-bureau-statement-on-competitor-collaborations-during-the-covid-19-pandemic.html	Where there is a clear imperative for companies to be collaborating in the short-term to respond to the crisis, where those collaborations are undertaken and executed in good faith and do not go further than what is needed, the Bureau will generally refrain from exercising scrutiny. The Bureau has zero tolerance for any attempts to abuse this flexibility.

Letter from the Commissioner to the Canadian Bar Association regarding impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic	Competition Bureau Canada	Mar 18, 2020	https://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/eic/site/cb-bc.nsf/eng/04523.html	Staff is working remotely and communications are by phone or other means respecting social distancing Possible changes to the enforcement processes of the Bureau due to COVID-19 and the Bureau's need to prioritize urgent issues to protect Canadians.
Construction Law				
O. Reg. 149/20 made under the <i>Planning Act</i>	Ontario Government	Apr 14, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20149	<i>The Planning Act</i> is no longer subject to the temporary suspension of limitation periods introduced at the start of the COVID-19 emergency and provides new timelines for <i>Planning Act</i> matters.
Amendments to O. Reg. 73/20, <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act Order</i>	Ontario Government	Apr 12, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200073	The emergency order has been amended to lift the suspension of limitation periods and procedural time periods under the <i>Construction Act</i> . The amendments to the order also address the <i>Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act</i> .
Ontario Accelerates Essential Construction Projects During COVID-19	Ontario Government	Apr 8, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-accelerates-essential-construction-projects-during-covid-19.html	Ontario is extending construction hours for essential construction projects, like critical projects in the health care sector, to 24 hours a day.
COVID-19 – New Home (Tarion) Warranty Processes Suspended	Ontario Bar Association	Apr 21, 2020	https://www.oba.org/Sections/Construction-Law/Articles/Articles-2020/April-2020/COVID-19-New-Home-Tarion-Warranty-Processes-Su	Tarion Warranty Corporation has issued a number of advisories regarding the suspension of certain new home warranty program processes.
Remote Construction Lien Vacating Motion Protocol	Ontario Bar Association	Mar 31, 2020	https://www.oba.org/COVID-19-Action-Plan/News-Updates/News-	Outline of current interim process, including the general form of order currently being used

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Construction site health and safety during COVID-19	Ontario Government	Mar 29, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/construction-site-health-and-safety-during-covid-19?_ga=2.180956263.1309194679.1585514273-433524740.1570371081	Resources, best practices and information to help construction employers understand their rights and responsibilities while operating during COVID-19.
Suspension of Limitation and Procedural Time Periods: Construction Lien Expiry Periods are Suspended	McCarthy Tetrault	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.mccarthy.ca/en/insights/blogs/land/suspension-limitation-and-procedural-time-periods-construction-lien-expiry-periods-are-suspended	Article re: the Suspension Order suspends the running of the clock to preserve and perfect construction liens.
Criminal Law				
New Key Guidance for Resumption of Criminal Jury Trials	Department of Justice Canada	July 2, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2020/07/new-key-guidance-for-resumption-of-criminal-jury-trials.html	The Action Committee on Court Operations in Response to COVID-19 is releasing approved national-level guidance documents on all phases of the jury trial process.
Practice Direction Concerning Applications for Bail Pending Appeal at the Court of Appeal for Ontario Given the Exceptional and Evolving Circumstances Concerning Covid-19	Court of Appeal	Apr 5, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/coa/en/notices/covid-19/practice-direction-bail.pdf	Effective Apr. 5 and until further notice, the Court of Appeal has adopted certain guidelines and requirements with regard to bail-related matters.

Practice Direction Concerning Manner of Service, Inmate Appeal Books, and Orders for Release of Electronic Exhibits in Criminal Matters Given the Exceptional and Evolving Circumstances Concerning Covid-19	Court of Appeal	Apr 3, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/cao/en/notices/covid-19/practice-direction-service.pdf	Effective Apr. 3 and until further notice, the court has adopted certain guidelines and requirements with regard to criminal matters, specifically with respect to the manner of service, inmate appeal books and orders for release of electronic exhibits.
Notice to Accused Persons, Profession, Crown, Public Prosecution Service of Canada, Correctional Institutions, Witnesses, Jurors, The Public and The Media Regarding Criminal Operations	Superior Court of Justice	Apr 2, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/covid-19-suspension-crim/?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	The Court is expanding its operations beyond the most urgent matters Includes the links to the complete list of criminal matters that may be heard in each region, in region-specific Notices to the Profession, issued April 2, 2020, which include the process to seek a hearing.
COVID-19 and the Parole Board of Canada	Parole Board of Canada	Apr 16, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/parole-board/services/coronavirus-covid-19.html	Latest information on PBC operational measures in response to COVID-19.
Ontario Strengthening Victim Services in Response to COVID-19	Government of Ontario	Apr 2, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/mag/en/2020/04/ontario-strengthening-victims-services-in-response-to-covid-19.html	Attorney General announces \$4 million to support victims and protect front-line justice staff

COVID-19 Pandemic – Scheduling of Criminal Matters in the Ontario Court of Justice	Ontario Court of Justice	Mar 28, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19/covid-19-criminal-matters/	Procedures to reduce number of people in court houses, includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduced court operations - In Custody Accused - Out of Custody Accused
COVID-19 FAQs: Criminal	Legal Aid Ontario		https://www.legalaid.on.ca/faq/covid-19-faqs-criminal/	FAQs on Legal Aid services, court appearances, bail, and jails
Legal Aid Ontario to provide coverage for temporary absence permit (TAP) requests	Legal Aid Ontario	Mar 31, 2020	https://www.legalaid.on.ca/in-briefs/legal-aid-ontario-to-provide-coverage-for-temporary-absence-permit-tap-requests/	As part of LAO’s continuing response to COVID-19, lawyers may apply for legal aid coverage on behalf of in-custody clients requesting temporary absence permits and other release remedies available at the federal and provincial levels.
Update re Inmates Connecting to Counsel	Canadian Bar Association	Apr 14, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/News-update/Update-re-Inmates-Connecting-to-Counsel?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=mindful%20moment	Enhancements to the current Offender Management Telephone System (OTMS) to allow inmates to access both collect calls and "debit" calling.
LAO Duty Counsel for In-Custody Client	Ontario Bar Association	Apr 14, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/Legal-Aid-Ontario-(LAO)/Legal-Aid-Ontario-(LAO)/LAO-Duty-Counsel-for-In-Custody-Client	LAO will provide live duty counsel legal advice for in-custody clients with upcoming court appearances and without legal representation for criminal matters starting April 14, 2020.
Apply for legal aid on behalf of clients in custody during	Legal Aid Ontario	Mar 30, 2020	https://www.legalaid.on.ca/in-briefs/apply-for-legal-aid-on-behalf-of-clients-in-custody-	Lawyers may temporarily apply for legal aid on behalf of clients that are in custody.

COVID-19-related disruptions			during-covid19related-disruptions/	
Public Required to Identify Themselves if Charged with Breaching an Emergency Order During the COVID-19 Outbreak	Ministry of the Solicitor General, Government of Ontario	Mar 31, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/mcscs/en/2020/03/public-required-to-identify-themselves-if-charged-with-breaching-an-emergency-order-during-the-covid.html	People who are being charged with an offence under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) will be required to identify themselves if asked by a provincial offences officer, which includes police officers, First Nations constables, special constables and municipal by-law enforcement officers.
Notice to Public Regarding Provincial Offences Act Matters (Updated May 4, 2020)	Ontario Court of Justice	May 4, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/notice-to-public-regarding-provincial-offences-act-matters/	No trials or preliminary inquiries will be conducted until July 6, 2020 at the earliest, unless a judge seized with a continuing matter orders otherwise. This applies to criminal, family and <i>Provincial Offences Act</i> matters.
Notice to Public Regarding <i>Provincial Offences Act</i> Matters	Ontario Court of Justice	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/notice-to-public-regarding-provincial-offences-act-matters/	All <i>Provincial Offences Act</i> matters (e.g., traffic tickets and offences under provincial legislation) scheduled until May 29, 2020 will be rescheduled
Employment Law				
Announced Changes to Employment Standards	Canadian Bar Association	July 28, 2020	https://www.oba.org/2020_COVID_19/News-Updates/Up-to-date-Justice-Sector-Information/News-update/Announced-Changes-to-Employment-Standards?utm_source=LYR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=Membership	The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development announced that as of July 24, 2020, the declared emergency leave is no longer available under the Employment Standards Act. The Ministry also announced that the "COVID-19 Period" will end as of September 4, 2020
Ontario Regulation 228/20 made under the	Government of Ontario	May 28, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20228?utm_source=L	On May 29, 2020, the Ontario Government filed a new regulation that creates a new Infectious Disease Emergency

<p><i>Employment Standards Act, 2000</i></p>			<p>YR&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD</p>	<p>Leave in Ontario with retroactive application. Under this new leave:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employees are deemed to be on infectious disease emergency leave in certain circumstances - Timelines for deemed terminations under the Employment Standards are altered - The application of the termination and severance provisions of the <i>Employment Standards Act</i> are limited during COVID-19 - New limits on employee claims and new obligations on employers are created - Provisions relating to constructive dismissal and their interpretation are created which might substantially affect rights
<p>Government Introduces <i>COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, No. 2</i> to Help Businesses Keep Canadians in their Jobs</p>	<p>Department of Finance, Government of Canada</p>	<p>Apr 11, 2020</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/government-introduces-covid-19-emergency-response-act-no-2-to-help-businesses-keep-canadians-in-their-jobs.html</p>	<p>Additional flexibilities to provide support to eligible employers and to help protect jobs</p>
<p>Legislation passed for job-protected leave due to COVID-19</p>	<p>News Ontario</p>	<p>Mar 19, 2020</p>	<p>https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/employment-standards-amendment-act-infectious-disease-emergencies-2020.html</p>	<p>Ontario government passed legislation to provide job-protected leave to employees in isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19, or those who need to be away from work to care for children because of school or day care closures or to care for relatives</p>
<p>Government introduces Canada Emergency Response Benefit to help workers and businesses</p>	<p>Department of Finance, Government of Canada</p>	<p>Mar 25, 2020</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/introduces-canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-help-workers-and-businesses.html</p>	<p>The government has proposed legislation to establish the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to support workers and help businesses keep their employees.</p>

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19 – Benefits and Services	Service Canada, Employment and Social Development Canada	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/portfolio/service-canada.html https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html	Apply online for employment insurance and pensions
Environmental Law				
COVID-19: Implications for Environmental Permitting and Compliance	Ontario Bar Association	Apr 28, 2020	https://www.oba.org/Sections/Environmental-Law/Articles/Articles-2020/April-2020/COVID-19-Implications-for-Environmental-Permittin	Cross-country overview of Canadian government pronouncements or guidance in respect of environmental permitting and compliance obligations during the pandemic.
<i>Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993</i> Ontario Regulation 115/20 Temporary Exemptions Relating to Declared Emergency	Government of Ontario	Apr 3, 2020	https://s3.amazonaws.com/tld-documents.llnassets.com/0018000/18729/regs.pdf	The regulation includes two exemptions which will remain in force until 30 days after the emergency declaration on COVID-19 has ended.
Estates Law				
Update from the Estates List Users Committee	Ontario Bar Association	May 4, 2020	https://www.oba.org/Sections/Trusts-and-Estates-Law/Articles/Articles-2020/May-2020/Update-from-the-Estates-List-Users-Committee	A summary of some of the changes that affect estates practitioners.
Ontario Regulation 164/20 Amending O.Reg. 129/20,	Ministry of Attorney General	Apr 22, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/COVID19/164-20.pdf	The Lieutenant Governor in Council has amended the order under s. 7.0.2(4), of the <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i> permitting wills and POAs to be witnessed

<i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i>				virtually (through audio - visual communication) to allow these documents to be signed in counterpart from the date of the order.
Ontario Regulation 129/20, <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i> Order Under Subsection 7.0.2.(4) of the Act – Signature in Wills and Powers of Attorney	Ministry of Attorney General	Apr 7, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/search/orders-in-council	An Order, that for the duration of the declaration of emergency, permits virtual witnessing for Wills and Powers of Attorney provided that at least one person who is providing the service as a witness is a licensee pursuant to the <i>Law Society Act</i> .
An Update on the Estates Arbitration Litigation Management Initiative	Hull & Hull LLP	Apr 13, 2020	https://hullandhull.com/2020/04/an-update-on-the-estates-arbitration-litigation-management-initiative/	Update on the Estates Arbitration Litigation Management (EALM) Initiative, with draft EALM agreement
Changes to Toronto Region Estates List Operations in Light of COVID-19	Hull & Hull LLP	Mar 23, 2020	https://hullandhull.com/2020/03/changes-to-toronto-region-estates-list-operations-in-light-of-covid-19/	Summary of procedural changes have been put in place at the Toronto Estates List.
Update Regarding CRA Filing Deadlines and COVID-19	Hull & Hull LLP	Apr 2, 2020	https://hullandhull.com/2020/04/update-re-cra-filing-deadlines-and-covid-19/	CRA’s announcement regarding filing deadlines as they related to the administration of an estate
Family Law				
Emergency Family Law Referral Telephone Line	Law Society of Ontario	Mar 25, 2020	416-947-3310 1-800-268-7568	Emergency service to connect self-represented litigants with family lawyers, working on a pro bono basis, who will provide 30 minutes of free legal advice specific to determining whether their family court matter is urgent and referrals to other available legal services

Domestic Violence services during COVID-19	Legal Aid Ontario	Apr 23, 2020	https://www.legalaid.on.ca/services/domestic-abuse/	During the COVID-19 crisis, LAO has waived all legal and financial eligibility for domestic violence survivors. This accommodation will remain in effect until further notice.
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic	Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic	Apr 8, 2020	https://schliferclinic.com/covid-19-crisis-resources/	The Family Court Support Worker Program (FCSWP) continues to run and support clients, regardless of the level of urgency of their matter. Intake for the FCSWP can be accessed by phone at 416-323-9149 x 233 directly, without a submission to the Central Intake department.
File a divorce application online	Government of Ontario	July 10, 2020	https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-e-divorce-application-online#:~:text=To%20file%20online,%20either%20you,not%20require%20a%20fee%20waiver%3Futm_source=L&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=Membership	On August 5, 2020, the Justice Services Online platform will expand, allowing the online submission of nearly 400 more types of civil and family law court documents.
Government delays <i>Divorce Act</i> amendments coming into force in response to requests from justice partners due to COVID-19 pandemic	Government of Canada Department of Justice	June 5, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2020/06/government-delays-divorce-act-amendments-coming-in-to-force-in-response-to-requests-from-justice-partners-due-to-covid-19-pandemic.html	Due to extraordinary circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the coming into force date has been deferred until March 1, 2021.
Superior Court of Justice Notice to the Profession, the Public and the Media Regarding Civil and Family Proceedings	Superior Court of Justice	Apr 2, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/notice-to-the-profession-the-public-and-the-media-regarding-civil-and-family-proceedings-update/?utm_source=L&utm_medium=EM&utm_campaign=PD	Expansion of Remote Hearings for Civil and Family matters, Criminal matters and the Divisional Court Includes links to region-specific Notices to the Profession, issued April 2, 2020, which include the process to seek a hearing.

COVID-19 Pandemic – Scheduling of Family Matters in the Ontario Court of Justice	Ontario Court of Justice	Mar 28, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19/covid-19-family-matters/	<p>Family court is open for urgent matters including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Child, Youth and Family Services Act</i>: place of safety hearings (s. 90); temporary care and custody hearings (s. 94), restraining orders (s. 137), status review hearings (s. 113), and secure treatment orders (s. 161); - Domestic matters: urgent custody/access motions; motions for restraining orders; Hague applications and non-Hague abduction cases; and - <i>Family Responsibility and Support Arrears Enforcement Act</i>: refraining motions (s. 35). <p>All non-urgent matters, including trials, will be adjourned for 8-12 weeks.</p>
Notice to the Profession	Superior Court of Justice	Mar 15, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/covid-19-suspension-fam/	<p>Family courts remain open for urgent matters, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child protection hearings and restraining orders - Urgent motions about custody and access - Motions for restraining orders - Hague applications and other abduction cases - Enforcement of support arrears <p>These may be heard by telephone or video conference. Other trials and non-urgent matters will be adjourned for 8 to 12 weeks Includes procedures to bring an urgent matter</p>
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada				
Work Permit: COVID-19 program delivery	Government of Canada, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	May 1, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/service-delivery/coronavirus/temporary-residence/work-permit.html	To respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Government of Canada has issued a series of Orders in Council.
Update on 2020 Parents and	Government of Canada, Immigration	Apr 3, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/paren	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the opening of the 2020 Parents and Grandparents program has been delayed.

Grandparents Program	and citizenship		ts-grandparents-covid-update.html	
Regulations Amending the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (Emergencies Act and Quarantine Act)</i> : SOR/2020-91	Government of Canada	Apr 20, 2020	http://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2020/2020-04-24-x2/html/sor-dors91-eng.html	New regulations in the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations</i> have created additional obligations for employers in light of COVID-19.
Feds remove barriers for international students working in essential services to fight COVID-19	The Lawyer's Daily	Apr 23, 2020	https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/18743/feds-remove-barriers-for-international-students-working-in-essential-services-to-fight-covid-19	Starting immediately, the federal government announced on April 22 that it will remove the restriction that allows international students to work a maximum of 20 hours per week while classes are in session, provided they are working in an essential service or function, such as health care, critical infrastructure, or the supply of food or other critical goods.
Guidance for employers of Temporary Foreign Workers regarding COVID-19	Government of Canada	Apr 5, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/foreign-workers/employer-compliance/covid-guidance.html	Guidelines for employers of temporary foreign workers
COVID-19: safety measures	Government of Canada	Mar 15, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship.html	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada is cancelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - citizenship ceremonies, citizenship tests and retests, and itinerant service trips until further notice - refugee claim in-person appointments until April 13, 2020 - in-person permanent resident landing appointments until April 13, 2020 - Applications for temporary residence, permanent residence, or citizenship to IRCC may still be submitted

How COVID-19 is affecting business at IRCC	Government of Canada	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-special-measures.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel restrictions were announced Mar 16, 2020 - Workers, students and approved permanent residents who haven't landed should not travel yet. - Exemptions were announced but they are not yet in place
COVID-19 FAQs: Immigration and Refugee Law	Legal Aid Ontario		https://www.legalaid.on.ca/faq/covid-19-faqs-immigration-and-refugee-law/	<p>Information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugee claims - Refugee appeals - Judicial reviews - Immigration detention - Deportations - Work Permits / Study Permits / Visitors Extension - H&C Application / Pre-Removal Risk Assessment Application - Interim Federal Health Benefits
Intellectual Property				
Service and Website Interruptions, Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Mar 30, 2020	https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr00050.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Service interruption – Intellectual property document orders - TMOB proceedings – Delays and extensions of time - Important update on CIPO operations and services - Trademark Examination: sending general correspondence using the online system
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr00050.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extensions of deadlines to April 1, 2020 for matters before the Trademarks Opposition Board - Update on CIPA operations and services - CIPO remains open, with significant delays in all services - Some regional offices are not receiving CIPO correspondence
Landlord and Tenant				
Ontario Strengthens Protections for Tenants	Government of Ontario	July 22, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/mma/en/2020/07/ontario-strengthens-protections-for-tenants.html	Legislative changes intended to encourage negotiated settlements between tenants and landlords

Chief Justice Court Order – Suspending Residential Evictions	Superior Court of Justice	July 6, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/cj/chief-justice-court-order-susp-resid-evict/	This court orders that the eviction of residents from their homes, pursuant to eviction orders issued by the Landlord and Tenant Board or writs of possession, are suspended until the end of the calendar month in which the state of emergency declared pursuant to section 7.0.1(1) of the <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i> , R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9, is terminated, unless the court orders otherwise
Landlord and Tenant Board Suspends Issuing New Eviction Orders	Social Justice Tribunals Ontario	Mar 19, 2020	http://www.sjto.gov.on.ca/en/latest-news/	LTB is suspending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All hearings related to eviction applications, unless the matter relates to an urgent issue such as an illegal act or serious impairment of safety; and - The issuance of eviction orders, unless the matter relates to an urgent issue such as an illegal act or serious impairment of safety Incoming applications will continue to be processed Hearings not related to evictions will proceed by telephone or in writing
Privacy Law				
Joint Statement by Federal, Provincial and Territorial Privacy Commissioner	Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario	May 7, 2020	https://www.ipc.on.ca/newsrelease/supporting-public-health-building-public-trust-privacy-principles-for-contact-tracing-and-similar-apps/	Federal, provincial and territorial privacy commissioners have issued a joint statement calling on governments across Canada to respect certain principles when using contract-tracing applications to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
Ontario Takes Additional Measures to Protect First Responders During the COVID-19 Outbreak	Ministry of Solicitor General, Government of Ontario	Apr 6, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/mcscs/en/2020/04/ontario-takes-additional-measures-to-protect-first-responders-during-the-covid-19-outbreak.html	The government has made an emergency order that will allow police, firefighters and paramedics to obtain COVID-19 positive status information about individuals with whom they are coming into contact.
Impact of COVID-19	Information and Privacy Commissioner	Mar 16, 2020	https://www.ipc.on.ca/newsrelease/ipc-closure-during-covid-19-outbreak/	The IPC will provide limited services to the public, public sector organizations and the health and child and family services sectors. The IPC remains available to public

				organizations for consultation and discussion on access and privacy matters during this time
Real Estate Law				
OREA COVID-19 Information Hub	Ontario Real Estate Association		https://www.oreacovid19info.com/news/	News, resources, and tools from the OREA COVID-19 response team.
Planning Act Emergency Period Suspension Calculator	LAWPRO Avoid A Claim	July 21, 2020	https://avoidclaim.com/2020/planning-act-emergency-period-suspension-calculator/	Link to a chart that provides a method to calculate the impact of any suspensions.
Local Planning Appeal Tribunal – Proposed Interim Hearing Format	Ontario Bar Association	July 16, 2020	https://www.oba.org/Sections/Municipal-Law/Articles/Articles-2020/July-2020/Local-Planning-Appeal-Tribunal-Proposed-Interim	Links to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal’s Video Hearing Guide, Sample Procedural Order for Video Hearings, and Acknowledgment of Expert’s Duty Form
Best Practices For Annual General Meetings For Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations (OREA’s Member Boards) during the COVID-19 State of Emergency	Ontario Real Estate Association	Apr 28, 2020	https://www.oreacovid19info.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Virtual-AGM-Doc.pdf	Best practices document which addresses the holding of a ‘virtual’ Annual General Meeting
Best Practices for Virtual Board of Directors Committee Meetings for Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations (OREA’s Member	Ontario Real Estate Association	Apr 28, 2020	https://www.oreacovid19info.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Virtual-Meeting-Doc_v2.pdf	Best practices document for virtual Board of Directors committee meetings for Ontario not-for-profit corporations (OREA’s Member Boards) during the COVID-19 state of emergency

Boards) During the Covid-19 State of Emergency				
Lenders accepting wire payments to discharge mortgages.	LAWPRO Avoid A Claim	June 24, 2020	https://avoidaclaim.com/2020/lenders-accepting-wire-payments-to-discharge-mortgages/	Some lenders are implementing processes to receive wires from lawyers' trust accounts to pay off the seller's mortgage. Includes links for payment instructions.
Director of Titles Responds to Inquiries	LAWPRO Avoid A Claim	Apr 15, 2020	https://avoidaclaim.com/2020/director-of-titles-responds-to-inquiries/	Notices from the Director of Titles on procedural matters during the pandemic - fast tracking splits; expropriation best practices; registered mail for LTA apps; original signatures of paper documents.
Filing of Expropriation Plans During the COVID-19 Pandemic	Ministry of Government and Consumer Services Service Ontario Regulatory Services Branch	Apr 13, 2020	https://www.oba.org/CBAMediaLibrary/cba_on/pdf/COVID19/0514RPR-LT-ontario-expropriation-association-re-best-practices.pdf	The Land Registry Office has recommended that expropriating authorities submit expropriation plans to the Land Registry Office and wait for review and approval before submitting certificates of approval to the approving authorities for signature.
Real Estate Update	Federation of Ontario Law Associations	Apr 1, 2020	https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/63f6349d-d85d-4511-bc5f-4314d54b45d0/downloads/COVID%20-%2019%20-%20Real%20Estate%20Update%20-%20April%201%202020.pdf?ver=1585749718946	Notice to Land Registration System Clients confirming that Teraview continues to run for both search and registration, OnLand continues to run for search and various request functions, and that the all land registry offices are scheduled to be open from Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 12:00pm. Information re Lawyer Done Deal Remote Signing, Expiry of Drivers Licences and Passports, and Tarion Advisory.
Remote communication	LAWPRO Avoid A Claim	Mar 30, 2020	https://avoidaclaim.com/2020/remote-communication-and-fraud-risks-in-real-estate/	Key red flags of fraud.

and fraud risks in real estate				
Canada eases mortgage insurance rules to support consumers, businesses	The Lawyer's Daily	Mar 20, 2020	https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/18261/canada-eases-mortgage-insurance-rules-to-support-consumers-businesses	Amendments made to mortgage insurance eligibility criteria to help provide stable funding and liquidity to financial institutions and mortgage lenders and support continued lending to Canadian businesses and consumers.
Securities Law				
Securities regulators making changes in response to COVID-19	Canadian Lawyer	Apr 21, 2020	https://www.canadianlawyer.com/practice-areas/corporate-commercial/securities-regulators-making-changes-in-response-to-covid-19/328896	Securities regulators across Canada have introduced a number of regulatory adjustments and temporary reliefs to aid market participants amid the COVID-19 crisis.
Ontario Securities Commission News Releases	Ontario Securities Commission	Apr 17, 2020	https://www.osc.gov.on.ca/en/61416.htm	OSC news releases and news releases from the Canadian Securities Administrators
Latest developments on the impact of COVID-19 on Canada's capital markets	Ontario Securities Commission		https://www.osc.gov.on.ca/en/covid-19-update.htm	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - News releases - Regulatory relief - OSC Proceedings - Information for Investors - Other Resources
Due to COVID-19, securities regulators grant 45-day extension for regulatory filings	Ontario Securities Commission	Mar 23, 2020	https://www.osc.gov.on.ca/en/NewsEvents_nr_20200323_csa-publish-blanket-relief-market-participants-due-covid-19.htm	The Canadian Securities Administrators has provided a 45-day extension for certain periodic filings and to the comment periods for all CSA proposals presently out for comment.
Tax Law				
Canada's tax measures to	The Lawyer's Daily	Apr 8, 2020	https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/family/articles/18549/canada-s-tax-measures-to-stabilize-	Summary of key tax measures announced by the Canadian government.

stabilize the economy			economy?nl_pk=9b8917ae-e321-4893-aeb2-2008377284a4&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=family	
Information for the Public				
Legal Aid Ontario bolsters telephone, online help resources	Legal Aid Ontario	Mar 25, 2020	https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/family/articles/18313/legal-aid-ontario-bolsters-telephone-online-help-resources?nl_pk=9b8917ae-e321-4893-aeb2-2008377284a4&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=family	Legal Aid is working to offer more resources to clients through telephone and online services, with changes to its summary legal advice services.
Temporary service changes due to COVID-19	Legal Aid Ontario	July 7, 2020	https://www.legalaid.on.ca/covid-19-legal-aid-services/	<p>Updates related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qualifying for legal aid certificates - Free legal advice over the phone - Services for people accused of a crime - Domestic violence - Mental health - Refugee and immigration - Services for people in jail or prison - Social assistance, income support, and employment insurance - Housing and shelter - Family Legal Issues <p>Information about courts and tribunals Government supports for individuals and families</p>
Pro bono legal service launches to help small businesses during COVID-19 crisis	Canadian Lawyer	May 14, 2020	https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/practice-areas/corporate-commercial/pro-bono-legal-service-launches-to-help-small-	The National Canadian Lawyers' Initiative aims to offer legal advice to struggling small business owners, while providing valuable experience to law students who will lose out on placements this summer due to the pandemic.

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COVID-19: Updates on the law and legal services	Steps to Justice Community Legal Information for Everyone		https://stepstojustice.ca/covid-19	Practical answers to questions people are asking about the law relating to COVID-19, including the following areas of law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abuse and Family Violence - Criminal Law - Debt and Consumer Law - Employment and Work - Family Law - Health and Disability - Housing Law - Immigration and Refugee - Income Assistance - Provincial Offences - Tribunals and Courts - Wills and Powers of Attorney
Guided Pathways to Preparing a Power of Attorney	Steps to Justice Community Legal Information for Everyone	Apr 15, 2020	https://stepstojustice.ca/guided-pathways/POA	Interactive interviews to help create powers of attorney
COVID-19 Updates	Government of Ontario		https://covid-19.ontario.ca/index.html	Self-assessment, stopping the spread, status of cases in Ontario, essential workplaces, information for health care professionals, how businesses can help,

Resources – Divisional Court	Superior Court of Justice – Divisional Court		https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sj/divisional-court/resources/	Provides information to people who have a case before the Divisional Court, whether they are representing themselves or have a lawyer
A Guide for Self- represented Family Litigants During COVID-19	Ontario Court of Justice	July 10, 2020	https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19/sfl-guide-family/	The Ontario Court of Justice has produced a guide for family SRL during COVID-19.
COVID-19 Resources for Self- Represented Litigants	National Self- Represented Litigants Project		https://representingyourselfcanada.com/category/covid-19-resources/	Resources for self-represented litigants including educational content, provincial legal helplines and supports
Ontario Government updates on emergency orders for COVID-19	Steps to Justice Community Legal Information for Everyone	Mar 31, 2020	https://stepstojustice.ca/ontario-government-updates-emergency-orders-covid-19	Update re order to close all outdoor recreational amenities
Public Required to Identify Themselves if Charged with Breaching an Emergency Order During the COVID- 19 Outbreak	Ministry of the Solicitor General, Government of Ontario	Mar 31, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/mcscs/en/2020/03/public-required-to-identify-themselves-if-charged-with-breaching-an-emergency-order-during-the-covid.html	People who are being charged with an offence under the <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i> (EMCPA) will be required to identify themselves if asked by a provincial offences officer, which includes police officers, First Nations constables, special constables and municipal by-law enforcement officers.
Validation Periods extended for Driver, Vehicle and Carrier Products, Services and Health Cards	News Ontario	Mar 19, 2020	https://news.ontario.ca/mto/en/2020/03/ontario-extending-validation-periods-for-driver-vehicle-and-carrier-products-services-and-health-car.html	

Government introduces Canada Emergency Response Benefit to help workers and businesses	Department of Finance, Government of Canada	Mar 25, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/introduces-canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-help-workers-and-businesses.html	The government has proposed legislation to establish the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to support workers and help businesses keep their employees.
Trudeau announces billions for students struggling in COVID-19 era	The Lawyer's Daily	Apr 22, 2020	https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/family/articles/18740/trudeau-announces-billions-for-students-struggling-in-covid-19-era?nl_pk=9b8917ae-e321-4893-aeb2-2008377284a4&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=family	Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the launch of the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB), which is aimed at supporting students and new graduates not eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).
COVID-19 – Benefits and services	Government of Ontario	Mar 20, 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html	For Individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employment insurance - Emergency care and emergency support - Canada child benefit - Canada student loans - Passport services - Social Insurance Number In Your Workplace: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employment insurance – record of employment - Work-sharing program - Labour Program and federally regulated workplaces
Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) – Employment and Social Development Canada	Service Canada	Apr 7 2020	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html	Information regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canada Emergency Response Benefit - Changes to Service Canada Centres - Employment Insurance - Canada Child Benefit - Public pensions (Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security) - Canada Student Loans

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canada Education Savings Program/Canada Disability Savings Plan - Passport services - Social Insurance Number (SIN) - Employment Insurance – Record of Employment - Work-Sharing Program - Labour Program and federally regulated workplaces - Temporary Foreign Worker Program
Emergency Family Law Referral Telephone Line	Law Society of Ontario	Mar 25, 2020	416-947-3310 1-800-268-7568	Emergency service to connect self-represented litigants with family lawyers, working on a pro bono bases, who will provide 30 minutes of free legal advice specific to determining whether their family court matter is urgent and referrals to other available legal services
Domestic Violence services during COVID-19	Legal Aid Ontario	Apr 23, 2020	https://www.legalaid.on.ca/services/domestic-abuse/	During the COVID-19 crisis, LAO has waived all legal and financial eligibility for domestic violence survivors. This accommodation will remain in effect until further notice.
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic COVID-19 Plan	Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic		https://schliferclinic.com/covid-19-crisis-resources/ 416-323-9149 ext 234	Essential services to women experiencing gender-based violence. Clinic remains open and accessible to clients both onsite and online until further notice.
Information for Self-Represented Litigants regarding Family Court Operations	Superior Court of Justice		https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/info-self-represented-litigants-family/	Information regarding courts' availability and resources for self-represented litigants in family court
COVID-19 pandemic prompts initiative to offer free legal aid to anyone in Canada	CBC news National Canadian Lawyers' Initiative	June 13, 2020	https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/covid-legal-initiative-1.5611151 https://natcanlaw.com/	COVID-19 has prompted a group of lawyers to launch a project, called the National Canadian Lawyers' Initiative, to offer free legal advice remotely to anyone in the country.
Ontario lawyers launch pro bono legal service for	Canadian Lawyer	Apr 30, 2020	https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/practice-areas/trusts-and-estates/ontario-lawyers-	Frontline Legal Support is a pro bono service offering wills, powers of attorney and virtual document commissioning free of charge to frontline workers across Ontario including

essential workers during COVID-19 crisis			launch-pro-bono-legal-service-for-essential-workers-during-covid-19-crisis/329188	nurses, doctors, hospital employees, long term care residence employees, and frontline staff of non-profit seniors' care organizations.
COVID-19 and Ontario's Human Rights Code – Questions and Answers	Ontario Human Rights Commission	Mar 18, 2020	http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/news_centre/covid-19-and-ontario's-human-rights-code---questions-and-answers-0	Series of questions and answers for understanding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - human rights and obligations during the COVID-19 pandemic, and - the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees, tenants and landlords, as well as residential institutions.
Stop the Spread Business Information Line Now Open at 1-888-444-3659	Government of Ontario	Mar 25, 2020	1-888-444-3659 https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/stop-the-spread-business-information-line-now-open-at-1-888-444-3659.html?utm_source=ondem&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p	Businesses who have questions about closures of at-risk workplaces or how emergency measures impact their business or employment can call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.