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## Resource Links

### Practice Information Forums



#### **SoloNet**

**SoloNet** is a pilot project, aimed at providing lawyers in solo and small firm settings with a forum for discussion of issues and topics of interest to them. **SoloNet** is a secure online social network system open only to members of the Law Society of Alberta who are practicing in solo settings or in locations outside of major urban centers.

This network is intended to be an opportunity to share collective professional knowledge and experience, provide a sounding board for lawyers in similar practice settings, and otherwise connect with each other in a closed online environment.

**For more information, or to register as a member of SoloNet, please e-mail [solonet@lawsociety.ab.ca](mailto:solonet@lawsociety.ab.ca) .**

### General Reference Material

#### **Law Society of Alberta – Practice Advisor Page**

The Practice Advisors are available to discuss with lawyers anywhere legal, ethical and practice concerns, and personal matters such as stress and addiction. They also mediate and arbitrate inter-lawyer disputes. Practice Advisors provide assistance and resources to lawyers in relation to strategic planning, practice management, marketing, and technology and systems, with focus on the needs of sole practitioners and lawyers practising in smaller settings. Practice Advisors will travel anywhere in Alberta for personal meetings with lawyers where appropriate. All contacts are strictly confidential. Services are provided without charge. Members are invited to call at any time.

<https://www.lawsociety.ab.ca/lawyers-and-students/practice-advisors/>

#### **Legal Education Society of Alberta**

LESA is the primary organization in Alberta providing pre-call and continuing education for lawyers, in addition to education for legal office staff. Their mandate is to serve the spectrum of educational and professional development needs of Alberta's lawyers, articling students, and their staff.

**Main:** [www.lesa.org](http://www.lesa.org)

- Educational Resources Page  
<https://www.lesaonline.org/educational-resources/>

### **CanLII – Canadian Legal Information Institute**

CanLII is a non-profit organization managed by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. CanLII's goal is to make Canadian law accessible for free on the Internet. This website provides access to court judgments, tribunal decisions, statutes and regulations from all Canadian jurisdictions.

<http://canlii.org/>

### **Alberta Lawyers Assistance Society (ASSIST)**

Assist helps Alberta lawyers, articling students and their immediate families cope with personal problems such as stress, depression, anxiety, alcohol, drug and all other forms of abuse or addiction, relationship difficulties, burnout and anger. The program is voluntary and confidential. Individuals seeking help are not identified to the Law Society of Alberta, the Canadian Bar Association or any other entity. The first four hours of professional assistance supplied by Assist are free of charge. After that, the individual is responsible for costs incurred.

<http://www.albertalawyersassist.ca/>

### **Law Society of Alberta – Frauds & Loss Prevention Information**

Fraud is a real and growing problem for all lawyers, law firms and their staff. The Law Society of Alberta strives to provide information about fraudulent schemes targeting Alberta lawyers, and share tips to help lawyers prevent frauds and losses from occurring.

<https://www.lawsociety.ab.ca/lawyers-and-students/fraud-and-loss-prevention/>

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## Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association - Loss Prevention Bulletins

CLIA was established as a reciprocal insurance exchange and issued its first policies on July 1, 1988. The subscribers now include Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon, Nunavut, Newfoundland and Labrador and Northwest Territories. The participating societies agree on standard limits and policy terms, and each select a member society retention appropriate to their circumstances. CLIA continues to issue a master policy to each member society for the benefit of its practicing insured members.

Most of the member societies manage their own programs, including claims management within their retained limits. CLIA administers claims which exceed the society deductibles, and performs a coordinating role. CLIA Loss Prevention Bulletins are an electronic source of information for current and updated loss prevention tips for lawyers.

<http://www.clia.ca/documents/documentsList.cfm>

## Alberta Law Library

Alberta Law Libraries is a network of 50 law libraries existing to provide research support and information services to the legal community (including the Judiciary, Members of the Bar, Crown Prosecutors and Justice Department Employees), self represented litigants and all Albertans. Alberta Law Libraries was formed in 2009, when the Alberta Law Society Libraries (serving members of the bar and public) were joined with Alberta Court Libraries (serving the judiciary and crown) under one leadership.

<http://www.lawlibrary.ab.ca/>

## LawPRO

Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LAWPRO) is a wholly Canadian owned insurance company that provides professional liability insurance to lawyers in Ontario and TitlePLUS title insurance coast-to-coast. LAWPRO is headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. LAWPRO provides errors and omissions insurance to more than 23,000 members of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Through its TitlePLUS operation, LAWPRO also provides comprehensive title insurance and legal services coverage for residential purchase and mortgage-only/refinance transactions handled by lawyers. Incorporated in 1990 by the Law Society of Upper Canada, LAWPRO has operated independently of the Law Society of Upper Canada since 1995, with its own management and Board of Directors. For more than 15 years, the LAWPRO team has provided the Ontario bar with cost-effective liability insurance, expert claims administration, and proactive risk and practice management initiatives to help prevent claims.

<http://www.lawpro.ca/>

## **PracticePRO**

practicePRO provides risk management, claims prevention and law practice management information to Ontario lawyers to help them meet these challenges. Our resources, precedents and checklists will help you take proactive steps to avoid a legal malpractice claim, and show you how to grow a successful and thriving law practice.

<http://www.practicepro.ca/>

## **LSBC – Practice Support and Resources Page**

The Law Society provides a wide range of support, resources and advice to BC lawyers to help ensure the professional delivery of competent legal advice. The link below provides access to practice support and resources for lawyers to review.

<https://www.lawsociety.bc.ca/support-and-resources-for-lawyers/>

## **The Counsel Network**

The Counsel Network is Canada's oldest and most established legal recruitment firm, with permanent offices in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto. In addition to lawyer recruitment, The Counsel Network also has expertise in lawyer career consulting.

<http://www.thecounselnetwork.com/>

## **ZSA Legal Recruitment**

ZSA Legal Recruitment has offices across Canada specializing in legal recruitment for both large firms and sole practitioners. Their legal division specializes in the recruitment of partners, associates, general and in-house counsel.

<http://www.zsa.ca/>

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## **Law Based Web Logs**

Below is a list of some of the law based web logs available in Canada.

Davis LLP: <http://www.davis.ca/en/blogs>

ABLawg (U of C Faculty of Law): <http://ablawg.ca/>

U of A Faculty of Law blog: <http://ualbertalaw.typepad.com/>

Blogosaurus Rex (law blog of the Legal Resource Centre):  
<http://www.legalresourcecentre.ca/blog/>

The Court (Osgoode Hall blog on decisions at SCC): <http://www.thecourt.ca/>

Canadian Law Blogs List: <http://www.lawblogs.ca/>

Slaw: [www.slw.ca](http://www.slw.ca)

## **Membership Organizations**

### **Canadian Bar Association (Members Only)**

The Canadian Bar Association is a professional, voluntary organization which was formed in 1896, and incorporated by a Special Act of Parliament on April 15, 1921. Today, the Association represents some 37,000 lawyers, judges, notaries, law teachers, and law students from across Canada. Approximately two-thirds of all practising lawyers in Canada belong to the CBA.

The CBA also maintains branches in each of the provinces and territories in Canada.

Main: <http://www.cba.org/cba/>

- National Law Practice Management & Technology Section  
[http://www.cba.org/CBA/sections\\_lpm/main/](http://www.cba.org/CBA/sections_lpm/main/)
- Small, Solo and General Practice Forum  
[http://www.cba.org/CBA/conf\\_gpssf/General\\_Practice/](http://www.cba.org/CBA/conf_gpssf/General_Practice/)
- CBA Practice Link  
<http://www.cba.org/cba/PracticeLink/Home/>

## American Bar Association (Members Only)

The American Bar Association is the world's largest voluntary professional organization, with nearly 400,000 members and more than 3,500 entities. Founded in 1878, the ABA is committed to supporting the legal profession with practical resources for legal professionals while improving the administration of justice, accrediting law schools, establishing model ethical codes, and more. Membership is open to lawyers, law students, and others interested in the law and the legal profession. The ABA also maintains several divisions which may be of interest to practitioners in Canada, such as law practice management and

**Main:** <http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html>

- Law Practice Management Division  
[http://www.americanbar.org/groups/law\\_practice\\_management.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_practice_management.html)
- Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division  
<http://www.americanbar.org/groups/gpsolo.html>