



TREASURER'S ELECTION: Several elected Benchers have disclosed their candidacy and others are testing levels of support. A new Treasurer will be elected by Convocation in May.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEAGUES

RED CARPET SEASON

Convocation has recognized the following Ontario Lawyers whose accomplishments will be celebrated in a Law Society ceremony on **May 25, 2016:**

LAW SOCIETY MEDALS: The medal has been awarded each year since 1985 to distinguished members of the legal community who have made significant contributions to the profession. The recipients are:

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| Jennifer Babe | Ronda Bessner |
| Ronald Caza | Orlando Da Silva |
| David Estrin | Linda Gehrke |
| Katherine Laird | Prof. Errol Mendes |
| Peter Rosenthal | Prof. Frederick Zemans |

WILLIAM J. SIMPSON DISTINGUISHED PARALEGAL AWARD:

John Tzanis is recognized for his leadership in the paralegal profession with the establishment of the Ontario Paralegal Association and his contributions to paralegal issues.

LINCOLN ALEXANDER AWARD: Mary Lou Dingle, Q.C. has been honoured with the award which recognizes her involvement and volunteerism in the Hamilton community.

LAURA LEGGE AWARD: Lisa Borsook has been awarded this distinction in recognition of her demonstrated leadership and achievement as executive partner at WeirFoulds LLP and her contributions and advocacy of diversity for women in the legal profession.

J. SHIRLEY DENISON AWARD: This Law Society award is in recognition of **Jenny Vuay Quan's** 28 years of service as a Community Legal Worker for the Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic.

For further details, you can view the news releases on the Law Society's website at: <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/law-society-announces-2016-award-recipients-571700381.html>

OBA AWARDS GALA - APRIL 20, 2016

The OBA has announced the recipients
of the OBA Annual Association Awards for the
2016 year:

PRESIDENT AWARD:

Susheel Gupta

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE:

Angela J. Swan
Jerry B. Udell
Frank E. Walwyn

LINDA ADLAM MANNING AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERISM:

Karen Perron

HEATHER MCARTHUR MEMORIAL YOUNG LAWYER'S AWARD:

Brock B. Jones

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD: This is an important award granted only every two years to a person who has demonstrated devotion to the advancement of human rights and the rule of law over a long term or a single outstanding act of service. Nominations must be submitted by May 31, 2016.

LEVY SURCHARGES: Filings are due quarterly OR remember to file the required exemption declaration.

LAWYERS' REPLACEMENT: More than half of all family law litigants do not have legal representation in court. The current focus on family law, questions what legal services might be provided by non-lawyers, including paralegals, law clerks or others. The Government and the Law Society have requested the former Chief Justice of the Ontario Court, the Honourable Justice Bonkalo to consider the matter. There is an ongoing consultation through many legal associations. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2016.

It is obvious that timely and competent legal services are essential to achieve enhanced access to justice in family law matters. Make sure your view is heard because the model developed will likely be considered in respect of other areas of litigation experiencing similar degrees of self-representation. A report is anticipated by September, 2016.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY: On May 5, 2016, please join the Law Society of Upper Canada, B'nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Race Relations Foundation for a discussion of the lessons of the Holocaust in examining modern day refugee crises.

Panel Discussion: 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. in the Donald Lamont Learning Centre
Reception: 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. in Convocation Hall

This program is also available as a live webcast.

For additional information please visit:

www.lawsocietygazette.ca/event/hrd-2016/

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Law Society's A.G.M is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 11th at 5:51 p.m. at Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

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