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LSO CONNECTS:

This new LSO communications channel replaces the LSO Portal. It will be the only online method to communicate with the Law Society.

Don't ignore an email invitation from noreply-LSO Connects to set up your LSO Connects account.

You will be provided with a link that is unique to you. All of your information is to be ported from the original LSO Portal.

After clicking on the link, ensure you are registering for an LSO Connects account. You cannot login using your previous LSO Portal credentials.

Once you have set up your account, review your information to ensure everything is correct and up-to-date. This will be how you will update your contact information, file your annual report and pay your annual fees. (Remember that going forward only individuals pay, not firms.) In total it took me under 5 minutes, including creating a password.

For more information visit [LSO.ca/lso-connects](https://lso.ca/lso-connects).

If you do not see your invitation within a week check your spam or junk folder. If you have not received your invitation, or for questions email lawsociety@lso.ca.

HONORARY LLD

The LSO honored the following, in recognition of outstanding achievements in the legal profession, the rule of law or the cause of justice with a degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, at spring calls to the Bar:

Pamela Cross, The Honourable David Doherty, Teresa Mary Donnelly, Mary Eberts, Marie Henein, and The Honourable Lise Maisonneuve.

LAW SOCIETY AGM – 2024

The Annual Meeting proceeded on September 5th. The Law Society's 2023 Annual Report is now available: [LSO.ca/annual-report-2023](https://lso.ca/annual-report-2023)

LAW PRO 2025:

Good News: The base premium remains \$3250 and all other discounts and charges are unchanged. There will be clarifications regarding electronic funds transfers and new optional coverage for members of the College of Patent and Trademark Agents.

NEW BENCHER-LISA BILDY:

With the appointment of Jasminka Kalajdzic as a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Lisa has been elected to Convocation, having secured the next highest vote count outside of Toronto.

PARALEGAL STUDENTS CLASS ACTION:

Global News and other media outlets report that former students in Fanshawe College's paralegal program have initiated, an as yet uncertified, class action for more than \$10 million. The claim, not proven in court, alleges "widespread negligence and misrepresentation" leaving students unprepared for licensing examinations and legal practice.

LAW SOCIETY AWARDS:

The deadline for 2025 award nominations is **December 13, 2024**. The LSO wants to ensure there is a diverse group of nominations from all communities, practice areas, firm sizes, and regions across the province. Nominations will be considered by Benchers appointed to the Treasurer's Appointment Advisory Group. Details on the available Awards and the online nomination form are available at <https://lso.ca/about-lso/medals-awards-and-honours/nominations-and-selection-process>.

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