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New Treasurer elected



Laurie H. Pawlitza has been elected as the Law Society of Upper Canada's 63rd Treasurer. The Treasurer is the top elected official of the Law Society. Treasurer Pawlitza is the third woman to be elected to this position. [Full Story](#)

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Integration Licensing Process

The Law Society is offering collection agents and members of some of the groups previously exempt from paralegal licensing an opportunity to apply for a paralegal licence. Applicants will have 12 months to apply for licensing – from **October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011** – and **must complete all the requirements** of the integration process by **May 31, 2014**.

The new integration process will **not** be available to individuals who were eligible to become licensed paralegals under the grandparent licensing process (i.e. those who were not included in an exempt category), but chose not to apply by the 2007 deadline.

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Events & News Briefs

Continuing Professional Development

Mark your calendars for these upcoming CPD programs offered by the Law Society:

September 27, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Best Practices for Paralegals Appearing Before the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario](#) (*on site and via webcast*) Register for this session if you want to learn about recent Human Rights Code developments, successful representation before the tribunal, civility in a tribunal setting, the impact of other proceedings, and professional responsibility issues when representing clients.

October 19, 12 to 1:30 p.m. [Property Tax Primer for Paralegals](#) (*teleseminar*) Learn how to best represent your clients by understanding the role of paralegals appearing before the Assessment Review Board. Learn who is an 'expert' and who is an 'advocate' and why these two functions must be separated.

November 30, 4 to 7:30 p.m. [Practical Advocacy for Paralegals](#) (*on site only*) Sign up for this innovative workshop if you wish to use and improve your skills in witness questioning, cross examination and case preparation.

Keep checking the [CPD calendar](#) for upcoming courses.

Feed the Hungry – volunteers welcome!

Volunteers are always welcome at the Lawyers Feed the Hungry Program in Toronto. Established in 1998, the program is one of Toronto's year-round community meal programs for residents in need, serving approximately 2,000 meals per week.

Volunteers include lawyers, paralegals, judges, law students, Law Society staff and volunteers from outside the legal community. They cook, serve and clean up after meals. [Full Story](#)

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Free tours of Osgoode Hall available



Free tours of historic Osgoode Hall are now being offered by the Law Society of Upper Canada **until September 3**. A renowned architectural gem, Osgoode Hall opened in 1832 and remains a Toronto landmark and hub of legal life in Ontario. Today, Osgoode Hall houses the Law Society of Upper Canada and the highest courts of the province.

Tours begin at **1:15 p.m. Monday to Friday** at the main entrance of Osgoode Hall at 130 Queen Street West, Toronto. Two self-guided mini [audio tours](#) are also available for download in English and French.

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More accredited college programs

The Law Society has now accredited 22 paralegal licensing programs offered by colleges throughout Ontario. Some schools have multiple campus locations. See our [website](#) for more information.

College program audits

Three more audits have been completed on paralegal programs at accredited colleges and at least three more will be conducted in the fall.

These audits are designed to review, assess and report on accredited paralegal education programs in relation to the information provided by the institution.

All accredited programs are scheduled to be audited within the first three years of receiving accreditation and at least once every five years after that.

New guide for closed files now available online

A new resource is now available on the Law Society's online [Resource Centre](#). The [Paralegal Guide to Retention and Destruction of Closed Client Files](#) is designed to help you control the volume and type of records retained, manage risk and meet your professional responsibilities.

The [Paralegal Bookkeeping Guide](#) is also available through the Resource Centre to help you keep your financial record keeping and reporting systems on track.
