



Elder Abuse Ontario

Stop Abuse - Restore Respect



The Law Society of Ontario: Who they are and How can they Help ME?

LUNCH AND LEARN WEBINAR

Friday, March 1, 2019

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

This webinar offers a unique overview of the services and supports offered by the **Law Society of Ontario (LSO)** - their mandate, how complaints are received and investigated and how lawyers are regulated and what happens when they face disciplinary action.

Stephen McClyment, (Senior Investigation Counsel for the Law Society of Ontario) will present information about victims and/or their personal representatives dealing with intentional wrongful acts by lawyers, and how one can apply for compensation for financial loss in the event of lawyer error/omission (LawPRO) through the LSO Compensation Fund.

By examining real-life scenarios, participants will become acquainted with the types of financial elder abuse cases that the LSO deals with, including:

- Cases of abuse involving Powers of Attorney for Property
- Lawyers acting to sell/mortgage real property under circumstances of questionable client capacity and their ability to instruct
- Lawyers engaging with "trolls" seeking out vulnerable older adults in churches, at senior's events or in seniors residences, and
- Lawyers are charging older adults, exorbitant fees for services.

Presenter:

Stephen A. McClyment

Senior Investigation Counsel, Law Society of Ontario (LSO)

Stephen McClyment was called to the Bar in 1976. He has had many years of legal experience in the practice of commercial and residential real estate, mortgage, and other secured transactions. In September 2000, he joined the Law Society of Upper Canada as Investigation Counsel.

Since 2003 Stephen has been the Senior Investigation Counsel at the Law Society of Upper Canada. Among his other responsibilities, he initiated the Mortgage Fraud Team at the Law Society. He has frequently made presentations on behalf of the Law Society, in connection with many aspects of the investigation process, to stakeholders and various groups, including law enforcement, regulatory bodies, and financial institutions.

He has very frequently presented evidence at Law Society of Ontario, Discipline Hearings, as an acknowledged and accepted expert in the area of real estate fraud and mortgage fraud.

Learning Objectives

Through review of case scenarios and discussion, participants will learn about:

- Services and supports offered by the Law Society of Ontario.
- The process of submitting a legal complaint to the LSO.
- How LSO investigates lawyers accused of facilitating cases of financial abuse by Power of Attorney for Property.
- What is considered undue influence, and how LSO investigates lawyers who are accused of facilitating undue influence of older adults when preparing Wills and POA documents.
- How LSO investigates and regulates and possibly disciplines lawyers.
- Available claims against Lawyer's Errors and Omissions insurance and/or to the LSO Compensation Fund.
- Approaches to empowering older adults about their legal rights.
- Provincial legal resources/services for older adults.

Registration Fee: Complimentary

Register Now!

This webinar will be held via GoToTraining format. Once the registration process is completed, an email will be sent to the participant with a link to sign-up in to the Webinar.

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