
Deadline reminders

Please note the following deadlines:

Transaction filings:

- Real estate and civil litigation transaction levy surcharge payments for the final quarter of the year ending December 31, 2004, are due on January 31, 2005.
- Real estate and civil litigation transaction levy surcharge payments for the third quarter of the year ending September 30, 2004, were due on October 31, 2004.

2005 insurance application filings:

- The deadline for filing applications for the 2005 insurance program was November 5, 2004. Applications not yet filed and received by LAWPRO will now be subject to a surcharge equal to 30 per cent of the base premium.

Board member named to Order of Canada

Vern Krishna, a member of the LAWPRO Board of Directors and past treasurer of the Law Society, was awarded both an Honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) and the Order of Canada this fall. The awards recognize Professor Krishna's extensive contributions to the legal profession as both an educator and legal scholar, and the leadership role he has played in advancing the cause of justice.

While treasurer of the Law Society, Professor Krishna was instrumental in negotiating a national mobility agreement that enables lawyers to practise inter-provincially; he also contributed to reform of the bar admission process. He is also widely respected as one of Canada's leading tax scholars, and teaches tax law at the University of Ottawa.

Professor Krishna joins LAWPRO Board members George Anderson and Frederick Gorbet as recipients of the Order of Canada.

LAWPRO sponsors successful 2004 Technology for Lawyers Conference

More than 250 lawyers and 30 legal technology vendors participated in this year's Technology for Lawyers 2004 Conference and Vendor Expo, sponsored in part by LAWPRO. The mid-November event was organized jointly by the Ontario Bar Association and the Law Society.

Among the hot topics were:

- **E-Discovery:** Litigators especially were interested in the evolution of American and Canadian law in this area. They were also looking for practical advice and checklists for dealing with e-discoveries, as well as a review of computer forensics, and some demonstrations of the tools for manipulating and presenting electronic evidence.
- **Practice management software:** Canadian lawyers are now recognizing that programs such as Amicus Attorney and TimeMatters are very powerful tools for putting an entire practice at your fingertips. The 109-page paper from the face-off session contains a detailed side-by-side comparison of these two products, including extensive screenshots, and is available at www.practicepro.ca/tfl2004.
- **Using technology to work more efficiently,** more profitably and to avoid malpractice claims were recurring themes in several sessions. The hands-on teaching sessions in the Tech University and Better Faster Cheaper

track proved to be very popular with attendees.

LAWPRO Information Systems Director David Reid collaborated on a presentation on *Security in a Wired and Wireless World*, and practicePRO Director Dan Pinnington co-presented on how to produce more effective presentations. These presentations, as well as the 60 Tips presentation are available on the practicePRO Web site at www.practicepro.ca/tfl2004

practicePRO has limited quantities of the exhibitor promotional materials package that were distributed to all attendees. If you are interested in receiving this package, please contact practicePRO coordinator Susan Carter at 416-596-4623, 1-800-410-1013 or susan.carter@lawpro.ca.

Major lenders sign on to TitlePLUS nationally

Three major financial institutions – Bank of Montreal, HSBC Bank Canada and The Bank of Nova Scotia – have signed agreements with LAWPRO to accept TitlePLUS policies on a national basis. All three institutions have been accepting TitlePLUS policies on Ontario real estate transactions, but had been in discussions with LAWPRO on the details of a national agreement. The TitlePLUS program already had national agreements with TD Canada Trust, CIBC Mortgages Inc. and The Royal Bank of Canada.

These agreements enable lawyers in all jurisdictions to offer the TitlePLUS option to more of their clients and strengthen the ability of the TitlePLUS program to compete against other title insurers nationally. (Note: TitlePLUS insurance is presently not available in Quebec.)

Events calendar

2004

The following is a listing of events at which LawPRO representatives, including staff from TitlePLUS and practicePRO, will be presenting and/or participating in the coming months.



2004

December 8
Gowlings

Risk Management and Claims Prevention

Dan Pinnington, practicePRO
Gowlings Office, Ottawa

December 8
Prudential/Sadie Moranis

Real Estate Fraud

Tim Clarke, LawPRO
Toronto

December 9
Essex County Law Association CLE

Tips for Working Better, Faster and Cheaper

Dan Pinnington, practicePRO
Windsor Hilton Hotel, Windsor

December 17
York Region Real Estate Board
General Meeting

TitlePLUS exhibiting

2005

January 13
9th Annual Intellectual Property Law –
The Year in Review

*Claims Prevention for the IP Law
Practitioner*

Dan Pinnington, practicePRO
LSUC, Toronto

January 14
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The Year in Review

*Claims Prevention for the IP Law
Practitioner*

Dan Pinnington, practicePRO
LSUC, Ottawa

January 19
Winnipeg Real Estate Board
TitlePLUS presenting
Alberta

January 19
Law Society of Upper Canada
Title and Off-Title Searching

TitlePLUS sponsoring
Toronto

January 21
practicePRO Technology Breakfast
*Practical Pointers for Powerful and
Persuasive PowerPoint Presentations*

Dan Pinnington, LawPRO
Simon Chester, Heenan Blaikie
LawPRO, Toronto

January 27 – 29
Western Provinces Conference
TitlePLUS exhibiting
Fairmont Hotel, Banff, Alberta

February 3 – 4
OBA Institute 2005
Back to the Future
LawPRO/practicePRO/TitlePLUS sponsoring
practicePRO/TitlePLUS exhibiting
Metro Toronto Convention Centre-South,
Toronto

February 25
practicePRO Technology Breakfast
*Managing The Security And Privacy Of
Electronic Data In A Law Office*
David Reid, LawPRO
LawPRO, Toronto

March 30 – April 2
ABA TechShow 2005
60 Tips in 60 Minutes
Practice Management Software Faceoff
*Powerful and Persuasive PowerPoint
Presentations*
Dan Pinnington, practicePRO
Chicago, IL

April 1
practicePRO Technology Breakfast
*Documents and Precedents – Big Firm
Knowledge Management on a Small
Firm Budget*
Hugh G. Laurence, Barrister and Solicitor
LawPRO, Toronto

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ABOUT PRACTICEPRO TECHNOLOGY BREAKFASTS

These presentations focus on legal technology; some sessions feature product comparisons; others are practical discussions and demonstrations of specific products by actual users; others review practical technology skills at a basic level.

Written summaries and online versions of past breakfasts, including handouts if available, are available for download at www.practicepro.ca/techbreakfasts.

Online versions of some breakfasts are also available for only \$29.95 at the BAR-eX Communications Web site at www.bar-ex.com. These online versions provide screen captures and audio of the actual presentation.

One example of a recent Technology breakfast:

Quicklaw – Not Just for Caselaw Anymore!

This session focused on how to get the most out of your Quicklaw service, including using current awareness sources, drill down indexes, textbooks and point-in-time statutes.