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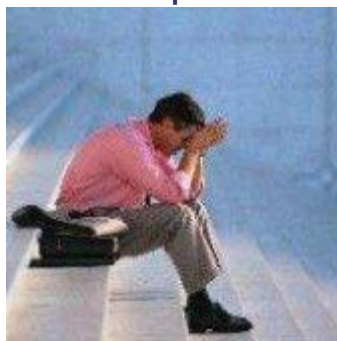
At LAWPRO we recognize that keeping up with the demands of a busy criminal practice can be a challenge. In this webzine you will find articles that will help you serve your clients, and reduce the risk of a malpractice claim.

Criminal Claims Malpractice Fact Sheet

If you want to steer clear of malpractice claims, you need to know about the claim trends in YOUR practice area. What kinds of mistakes get *criminal lawyers* in trouble? What can you do to stay safe? LAWPRO's [Criminal Claims Fact Sheet](#) provides a succinct analysis of criminal claims trends, and examples of real fact scenarios that have landed lawyers in hot water. [more](#)

Could a serious conviction get your client deported?

If your client is a non-citizen of Canada and is hoping to obtain resident status, recent changes to the [Immigration and Refugee Protection Act \(IRPA\)](#) make it clear that a serious criminal conviction will lead to an inadmissibility report. These legislative changes raise special plea and sentencing considerations for criminal lawyers. [more](#)



Clear communication your best defence against allegations of ineffective assistance

A substantial proportion of professional liability claims against criminal defence counsel are based on allegations of "ineffective assistance". The jurisprudence makes it clear that poor lawyer-client communication is at the root of many of these claims. [more](#)

Informed, documented plea instructions protect you from claims

Though the rate of malpractice claims flowing from criminal cases is lower than in other areas of law, the number of claims in this area is on the rise of late, and for many of the same reasons we see in other areas. The most important cause? Issues with lawyer-client communication. An area of particular vulnerability to error is the plea conversation. [more](#)

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