



LAW COMMISSION OF ONTARIO
COMMISSION DU DROIT DE L'ONTARIO



An Invitation to all
Citizens of Ontario - Become
a part of the LCO

Located at Osgoode Hall Law School, the Law Commission of Ontario (LCO) is a partnership among the Ministry of the Attorney General; Osgoode Hall Law School, York University; the Law Deans of Ontario's law schools – the Faculties of Law of: the University of Windsor, University of Western Ontario, University of Toronto, Queen's University and University of Ottawa (Common Law and Civil Law sections); the Law Foundation of Ontario, and the Law Society of Upper Canada. The LCO is governed by a Board of Governors.

Our purpose is to recommend law reform measures to: (i) enhance the legal system's relevance, effectiveness and accessibility (ii) improve the administration of justice through the clarification and simplification of the law (iii) consider the effectiveness and use of technology as a means to enhance access to justice (iv) stimulate critical debate about law and promote scholarly legal research, and (v) develop priority areas for study which are underserved by other research, determine ways to disseminate the information to those who need it and foster links with communities, groups and agencies.

Our Activities:

Initial Projects: in November, 2007, the Board of Governors approved the following projects for research:

- Charging fees for cashing government cheques: directed at the fees charged for cashing cheques that have a disproportionate impact on persons in poverty and in communities that lack access to banks.
- How to structure pension division on marital breakdown: current approaches to addressing this issue are not satisfactory, and it would be helpful to have greater guidance for the parties in determining how to value the pension and when to divide it.
- Development of a coherent approach to the law relating to elderly people: it addresses an area that is of ever increasing importance that will involve multidisciplinary research and gender and culture-based analysis.
- Development of a coherent approach to the law relating to persons with disabilities: this would involve a comprehensive assessment of ways in which the interaction of persons with disabilities with the legal system results in disadvantage.

How can I become involved with the LCO?

We will retain contract researchers.

We will also offer research opportunities every term to students from our partner law schools.

Check our website for research opportunities.

How do I make a proposal to the LCO?

Submit your 2 page proposal to the LCO stating the nature of your proposal, the mischief you believe it will address, and why it is appropriate for the LCO's mandate.

Where do I find more information about the LCO?

Please see our website: www.lco-cdo.org

Send us your comments

We would like to hear from you. We welcome your views on any aspect of our programme of law reform and invite you to suggest areas of the law which we should be investigating in order to make recommendations for improvement. Consultation is a vital element of our work.

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