

Notice to the profession from the Law Society of BC

COVID-19 update: May 6, 2020

Register now for virtual town hall with Law Society President Craig Ferris, QC

On Tuesday, May 12 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm, the Law Society is holding a virtual town hall for President Craig Ferris, QC to provide an update on the Law Society's pandemic response and recovery plans. He will be joined by Don Avison, QC, Executive Director and CEO, to answer your questions and receive your input on priorities and issues to consider as we continue to address the impacts of COVID-19. [Register for the town hall here.](#)

Mental Health Week video statement from LIF

Stress, anxiety and depression are common in the legal profession, and COVID-19 leaves lawyers even more vulnerable to mental health issues. There are resources available to help. [Watch Su Forbes, QC](#), COO of the Lawyers Indemnity Fund, share the story of one lawyer who suffered from depression and what lawyers can do to prioritize health and mental well-being.

Court of Appeal video recording of an appeal hearing

The Court of Appeal previously announced it would begin to conduct hearings using videoconferencing technology. Today, the court has made available a recording of the proceedings in *Trenchard v. Westsea Construction Ltd.*, which took place using Zoom on Tuesday, May 5. The recording and factums are available [here](#) and the terms of use are available [here](#). The court has invited feedback, which can be sent by email to Video.Conference.Appeals@bccourts.ca.

Supreme Court announcements on pre-trial conferences and insolvency proceedings

The Supreme Court of British Columbia has issued a [notice](#) on holding pre-trial conferences by telephone for criminal cases and a [notice](#) to remove the requirement to submit draft materials for urgent insolvency matters. Visit the court's [website](#) for a list of all notices relating to COVID-19.