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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The LCO is branching out! In a twist on our usual projects, we're developing [law school curriculum modules](#) designed to introduce all law students to issues around violence against women. We're looking to law school pros, judges, service providers, students and others to make sure we're responsive to today's pluralist Ontario. See more inside.

Our research always "branches out" to other jurisdictions. As [Stefan Kok](#) says in our [story on the family law project](#), the problems facing Ontario are not unique. We're lucky to have in-person comparative



knowledge in Stefan, our family law project head, familiar with the European context, as well as summer graduate student [Julia Rendell](#), who did a four-year stint at the [New Zealand Law Commission](#).

We won't be resting over the summer. I can't say enough about our LCO staff members who are remarkable in their commitment to producing high quality work and in their dedication to hearing from those affected by our projects. You'll see the results in the many documents we'll be releasing this summer and fall in all our projects. Learn more at www.lco-cdo.org.

You can also keep track of LCO activities [@phugheslco](#). I'm particularly looking forward to tweeting from Hong Kong when I present at a law reform conference there in September — more on that “branching out” experience in our fall issue!

Have a terrific summer, everyone!

in this issue . . .

- **New year, new mandate**
- **Student eyes wide open**
- **Media law and ethics conference**

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[Law reform for journalists](#)

LCO scholar-in-residence Jamie Cameron is “strongly committed to the rights of journalists and their sources.” Does the law have her back? Liaison Online introduces Canada’s first in-depth study of news gathering and the Charter. ([more](#))

[Can diversity be legalized?](#)

The role of law in corporate governance is the focus of a new research study set to launch in July under the leadership of incoming LCO scholar-in-residence Aaron Dhir. ([more](#))

NEWS STORIES

[Thinking globally](#)

New research lawyer Stefan Kok is drawing on his international experiences to help the LCO

advance law reform and improve access to justice for Ontario families. ([more](#))

From New Zealand with love

Four years with the New Zealand Law Commission is a winning prerequisite for U of T graduate law student Julia Rendell, one of four students to embark on a summer work term with the LCO. ([more](#))

Leadership potential

The LCO's vulnerable workers project "is a great opportunity for Ontario to be a leader" says the LCO's new Counsel-in-Residence Mohan Sharma. ([more](#))

Lessons on violence against women

Funding from the Ontario Women's Directorate is helping the LCO develop a series of law school curriculum modules on violence against women — part of the LCO's efforts to make the practise of law more effective. ([more](#))

IN BRIEF





Congratulations to **LCO Board** member **Ian Holloway**! Dean of the **University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Law** since 2000, Holloway is riding the tide west as incoming dean of law at the **University of Calgary**. Watch soon for news of his successor as law deans' representative on the LCO Board.