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North York Civil Centre

Ontario Paralegal Association

Dear Colleagues,

Re: Paralegals, Advocacy & Arbitration

What I admire most about your choice of career is that the paralegal profession is advocacy-based. Every area of paralegal practice is grounded in advocacy. At the core of ADR, including arbitration, is advocacy.

While the LSUC has not yet authorised paralegals to represent clients before arbitral tribunals, arbitration is relevant to paralegals for the following reasons:

- Arbitration clauses are becoming more and more prevalent in contracts and it is important to understand the meaning of arbitration clauses;
- You can insert an arbitration clause into your own retainer agreements and represent yourself at arbitration; and
- Arbitration is growing in popularity and I predict that arbitration will become a core practice area for paralegals in the future.

Some arbitration resources for the Ontario Paralegal Association are available online here:

WWW.HASELLARBITRATION.CA/OPA

It is an honour to present to you on arbitration. Thank you for the opportunity.

Yours truly,

HASELL ARBITRATION



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