

Based on feedback from the 2021 Virtual Conference Series, SALI is launching a quarterly email newsletter to keep you informed about new legal information resources and initiatives in Saskatchewan.

Virtual Conference Update

Feedback from our Virtual Conference Series

From our March 31st Session

"The attendee information sheet alone made it worth attending ... This document will be an invaluable quick reference sheet the next time we get a request for legal information, and if it could live somewhere on the internet and be updated regularly (without the link changing, or with some way of notifying folks that there is a new version available), that would be great."

From our May 5th Session

"I didn't realize how much Publications was responsible for - the presentation covered a lot. I wish it covered the resources for SRLs a bit more."

From our June 23rd Session

"It was recommended for us to attend and as a lifelong learner and new in Canada, I'm able and willing to gain more knowledge for myself and to serve the public better." Throughout 2021, SALI has presented a free virtual conference series designed to connect with information providers who work with the public and provide them with the skills and knowledge to provide timely and credible legal information and referrals.

To date, over 200 attendees have participated in our three sessions, comprised of a unique mix of librarians, practicing lawyers, court staff, newcomer centre staff, tribunal adjudicators, justice stakeholders, and employment centre staff:

Expanding Legal Information Access Through Saskatchewan's Libraries	March 31, 2021	Session Recording (1:16:41) Agenda Attendee Resource Sheet PowerPoint Slides	87 Attendees
Navigating Government Publications, Legislation, and Information	May 5, 2021	Session Recording (57:51) PowerPoint Slides	66 Attendees
Guiding the Guiders: Introducing Saskatchewan's Legal Information Guidelines	June 23, 2021	Agenda & Attendee Resource Sheet PowerPoint Slides	67 Attendees

Resource Spotlight

The <u>Family Law Saskatchewan</u> website is a resource for people who are going through a separation or divorce, and who are representing themselves without a lawyer. The site offers comprehensive family law legal information, a Form Wizard utilizing interview-style questions to direct users to their applicable court forms which are automatically filled out, a Step-by-Step guide, and an Agreement Maker feature. This resource is available from the <u>Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan</u>.

We're Listening

We received 55 responses to the surveys from our first 3 sessions (25 responses from our March 31st session, 13 from our May 5th session, and 17 from our June 23rd session). Overall, only 3 attendees ranked their session as fair or poor due to technical issues. All other respondents ranked the sessions as good to excellent.

We identified a few themes from the information provided:

- Newcomer/Immigration Groups Several representatives from newcomer and immigration organizations came to the June session and expressed interest. This is a potential group to include in SALI membership.
- Self-Represented Litigants Attendees from the May and June sessions asked for more information about resources geared towards selfrepresented litigants.
- Central Repository for Resources Attendees from the March and June sessions identified the need to have a central document or website to find legal information resources and information about SALI.

Upcoming Events



Our next exciting virtual conference session is taking place on **September 29th from 1:30pm - 2:30pm**. SALI partners Melanie Hodges Neufeld and Alyssa McIntyre will present a session on Saskatchewan's Legal Information Portal project. The portal will be a userfocused, centralized, and accessible online resource aimed at Saskatchewan citizens. Register here!

Additional SALI Conference sessions are planned for Fall 2021. Please be sure to watch for further information.



Seeking Your Feedback

SALI is seeking your feedback on how we can best assist you in your mission to connect members of the public with legal information. What resources, guides, or assistance would you find most helpful? You can find the latest resources at the Law Society website. Please contact us if you have any thoughts.