

# THE ADVOCATES' SOCIETY

## SCAP CHAT

The Advocates' Society's Standing Committee on Advocacy and Practice ("SCAP") contributes to the improvement of access to justice and the legal profession. Tell us what you think about SCAP's work on twitter using #SCAPCHAT.



### Ontario MAG Consultation: Family Legal Services Review

The Advocates' Society made submissions to The Honourable Annemarie Bonkalo on the potential expansion of legal services options for Ontario families. The Advocates' Society's submissions stress that paralegals should only be permitted to provide family law services under the supervision of a family lawyer. Read the submissions [here](#).



### Interventions: Trinity Western University Appeals

Bruce MacIntosh, Q.C. (*MacIntosh MacDonnell & MacDonald*, New Glasgow) represented The Advocates' Society as an intervener before the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal in the appeal of *Nova Scotia Barristers' Society v. Trinity Western University*. The appeal was heard from April 6-8 and the Court has reserved its decision. Read The Advocates' Society's factum [here](#).

Monique Pongracic-Speier (*Ethos Law Group LLP*, Vancouver) is representing The Advocates' Society as an intervener before the Court of Appeal for British Columbia in the appeal of *Law Society of British Columbia v. Trinity Western University*. The appeal is being heard from June 1-3. Read The Advocates' Society's factum [here](#).

Chris Paliare and Emily Lawrence (*Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP*, Toronto) and Joanna Radbord (*Martha McCarthy & Company LLP*, Toronto) will represent The Advocates' Society as an intervener before the Court of Appeal for Ontario in the appeal of *Trinity Western University v. Law Society of Upper Canada*. The appeal will be heard from June 6-8. Read The Advocates' Society's factum [here](#).

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- advance the quality and efficiency of the system of justice at all levels of the courts and administrative tribunals;
- initiate, promote or respond to changes in legislation and regulation;
- promote the fairest and most accessible determination of litigants' rights;
- work to enhance the ability of advocates to act effectively on behalf of their clients, through liaison with the judiciary, government and other stakeholders;
- promote the independence of the bar and judiciary; and
- consider and recommend interventions, in accordance with the Interventions Policy, to the Board of Directors.

SCAP welcomes comments from Society members on current SCAP issues, and suggestions for new issues that fall within SCAP's mandate. Please send your comments or suggestions to [scapchat@advocates.ca](mailto:scapchat@advocates.ca).