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The Honourable Mr. Justice David M. Brown
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Re: OSCAR System

Your Honour and Ms. Merritt,

We write to you on behalf of the Ontario Bar Association and our Trusts and Estates Section.

We take this opportunity to provide you with a brief summary of our experiences with the OSCAR system currently in place on the Estates List in Toronto.

The vast majority of members of the Trusts and Estates Section that we have canvassed on this issue are strongly in favour of OSCAR and use it on a regular basis. We find that it is very useful in obtaining dates, checking when a matter will be returnable, in what court room the matter will be heard and learning what judges will be sitting in Court the next day. In our experience, OSCAR has proven reliable and valuable to us as practitioners. The current fee for its use is value well spent.

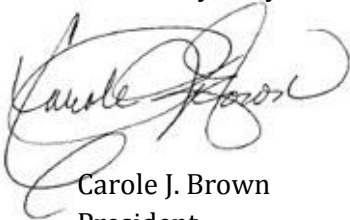
In our collective view, the services currently provided by OSCAR are a great “first step”. It eliminates the previous need to personally attend at the Estates List and it provides much needed efficiency and predictability to the process.

As a group, we are in favour of an expansion of OSCAR’s services so that we could “complete the process”, so to speak. Specifically, we believe it would be beneficial if it were possible, in addition to securing a return date for a matter, to be able to finalize that process by filing the requisite documentation electronically and making the requisite payment electronically as well. This would again eliminate the need to attend at the Estates List and allow us to service our clients more efficiently and cost-effectively.

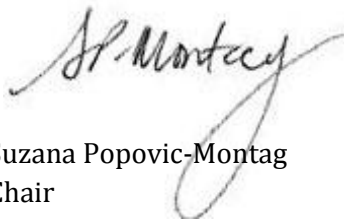
Our members would also strongly be in favour of any other electronic enhancement of the services now provided to us by the staff servicing the Estates List. For example, electronic record filing, and access via the internet to Estate List computer records, would make all of us much more efficient and would help to bring down the cost to our clients. We understand that there is currently a mechanism by which a search for Certificates of Appointment of Estate Trustee can be made and we believe it would be beneficial if this could be expanded so that the search could be made from our individual offices electronically.

We would be pleased to discuss any of these comments or suggestions in greater detail with you at your convenience.

Yours very truly,



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