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To: All appointees and registrants under the Bailiffs Act

Registrar's Bulletin – December 2025

Recently it has come to our attention that several Bailiffs, Bailiff corporations and Assistant Bailiffs have been using Ontario provincial symbols in their marketing and advertising materials, identification and correspondence, including, but not limited to, their:

- Company letterhead;
- Business cards;
- Identification cards; and
- Websites.

We have also recently learned that some Bailiffs and Assistant Bailiffs have been using badges, or are wearing uniforms, that imply they are either law enforcement officers or that they represent the Government of Ontario.

Use of Provincial Symbols

The Government of Ontario holds registered trademarks and/or claims trademarks over its official symbols, which may not be reproduced, whether for commercial or non-commercial purposes, without the prior written authorization of the Crown. Symbols and images that are trademarked by the Province of Ontario include, but are not limited to:

- Ontario's Red Ensign flag;
- The Trillium logo;
- Ontario's coat of arms; and
- The crests of the Ontario Court of Justice, the Superior Court of Justice, and the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

Paragraph 9(1)(e) of Canada's Trademarks Act also prohibits the adoption of any mark

consisting of, or so nearly resembling as to be likely mistaken for the arms, crest or flag adopted and used at any time by Canada or by any province or municipal corporation in Canada.

Bailiffs, Bailiff corporations and Assistant Bailiffs are reminded that, although you are appointed or registered by the Province, you are not representatives of the Province of Ontario. **You are prohibited from using any provincial symbols (or any element thereof) in your correspondence, communications, marketing or advertising materials, or in your identification.**

Use of Law Enforcement Symbols

Section 130 of the Criminal Code of Canada makes it an offence to impersonate a peace officer or a public officer, including using a badge or article of uniform or equipment in a manner that is likely to cause persons to believe that they are a peace officer or a public officer.

Bailiffs and Assistant Bailiffs are reminded that you are not law enforcement officers. You are strictly prohibited from carrying or using metal badges, or any other identifiers that may imply that you are a law enforcement officer or in any other way representing the Government of Ontario.

I encourage you all to carefully review all correspondence, communications (including websites) and means of identifications that you are using to ensure that you are not using any trademarked provincial symbols, nor anything that may imply or suggest that you are a law enforcement officer or are in any way representing the Government of Ontario. If you identify any non-compliant items, please remove or update them immediately.

If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact our office at
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Sincerely,



Chris Pittens
Registrar of Bailiffs