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THE 2022 OTTAWA REGION *Charity & Not-for-Profit Law Webinar* *Continues Virtually* Thursday, February 17th, 2022

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2022 Ottawa Region *Charity & Not-for-Profit Law Webinar*, which is designed to assist charities and not-for-profits in understanding developing trends in the law in order to reduce unnecessary exposure to legal liability. This year marks the 15th Anniversary of the Ottawa Region *Charity & Not-for-Profit Law Webinar*. For legal and accounting professionals, this Webinar is eligible for 3 substantive hours of **Law Society of Ontario** Continuing Professional Development credits and **Chartered Professional Accountants** Professional Development requirements.

The Ottawa Region *Charity & Not-for-Profit Law Seminar*, with its related *Church & Charity Law*[™] Seminar held annually in Toronto since 1994, is being presented again this year as a Webinar due to COVID-19. The Webinar is presented by **Carters Professional Corporation** (Carters), a law firm with offices in Ottawa, Toronto and Orangeville with experience in advising charities and not-for-profits in Ontario, across Canada, as well as internationally.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

We gratefully acknowledge and thank The Honourable Ratna Omidvar, C.M., O.Ont., Senator for Ontario and Melissa Shaughnessy, Director of the Compliance Division of the CRA for their contributions as our guest speakers at this year's Webinar, as well as the lawyers at Carters who have volunteered their time in preparing for this Webinar.

FORMAT OF THE WEBINAR

Presentations will be 20 minutes in length. The special presentations by our guest speakers, Senator Omidvar and Melissa Shaughnessy will be 30 minutes in length, including Q&A. Questions for the other speakers will be answered during a question period at the end of the Webinar. Questions can be entered in the Question Box feature of the Webinar. Unfortunately, not all questions can be answered due to time constraints.

CARTERS RESOURCE MATERIALS

Today's electronic handout package, including the PowerPoint presentations and various resource materials, are available online during the Webinar and can be downloaded for your use. These materials, along with numerous other articles, Webinar materials, and newsletters of interest to charities and not-for-profits, including back issues of *Charity Law Bulletins*, *Church Law Bulletins*, and *Charity & NFP Law Updates* are available free of charge at our websites at www.carters.ca, www.charitylaw.ca, www.churchlaw.ca and www.antiterrorism.ca. As well, a link is being provided to the recently updated version of the Legal Risk Management Checklist for Ontario-Based Charities and Legal Risk Management Checklist for Ontario-Based Not-for-Profits that includes a new section on COVID-19.

CHARITY & NFP LAW UPDATE

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- **Canada Revenue Agency, Charities Directorate**
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| • Charitable Incorporation & Registration | • International Trademark Licensing |
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SAVE THE DATE 2023

The **Ottawa Region 2022 Charity & Not-for-Profit Law Seminar** will tentatively be held on **Thursday, February 16, 2023**. More details will be available in the New Year at www.carters.ca.

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[Melissa Shaughnessy](#). Melissa joined the Charities Directorate with the Canada Revenue Agency in April 2005. Since then, she has held several different positions within the Directorate, as an applications examiner, policy advisor, audit manager and strategic advisor to the Director General. Melissa was appointed to her current position as the Director of the Compliance Division in 2021. Prior to joining the CRA, Melissa worked in the field of psychometrics at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, and as a Special Advisor at the House of Commons. Melissa holds a Bachelors degree with a major in Psychology from Queen's University.



[The Honourable Ratna Omidvar](#), C.M., O.Ont.. In 2016, Ratna Omidvar was appointed to the Senate of Canada as an independent Senator representing Ontario. From 2018 – 2019, Senator Omidvar served as the Deputy Chair of the Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector. Senator Omidvar has over 30 years of experience working in the charitable sector at senior levels of management as well as serving as a board director and a volunteer with over 35 organizations. For over 16 years she transformed a small, private foundation – Maytree – into a champion for anti-poverty, diversity and inclusion and immigrant and refugee policy issues. She is the co-editor of *Five Good Ideas: Practical Strategies for Non-Profit Success* (2011).



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