

Straight From the Bench Conference 2024

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: Rasha El-Tawil, Leslie Ibouily, Dara Lambe, John Nicholson

PROGRAM AGENDA

8:00–8:45	Registration & Breakfast
8:45–9:00	Opening Remarks & Gold Sponsor Introductions
9:00–9:30	State of the Region Update: Local Administrative Justice Alissa K. Mitchell
9:30–10:15	Panel: “Mechanics of a Post-COVID Trial – Reflections on McCurdy et al., v. Maille et al., 2024 ONSC 1222 (CanLII)” with Justice Spencer S. Nicholson, Vicki Edgar & Alexa Duggan, Cohen Highley LLP, and Brian Sunohara, Rogers Partners LLP. Moderated by: Jim Virtue, Siskinds LLP
10:15–10:30	Class Action Case Summary: Cavanaugh v. Grenville Christian College, 2022 ONSC 5405 (CanLII) with Sabrina Lombardi, McKenzie Lake Lawyers
10:30–10:50	BREAK & Exhibitor Showcase
10:50–10:55	Silver Sponsor Introductions
10:55–11:30	Fireside Chat: “Advocacy at the Court of Appeal”. Justice Grant Huscroft, Court of Appeal for Ontario, in conversation with Dara Lambe, Leners LLP
11:30–12:15	Panel: “Cultural Competency in the Legal Profession” with Sunil Gurmukh, Western University Faculty of Law, Mahwash Khan, Siskinds LLP, and Deedre Turner, Leners LLP. Moderated by: Rasha El-Tawil, Siskinds LLP
12:15–12:30	Publication Bans/Sealing Orders with Luke Kilroy, Legate Injury Lawyers
12:30–1:15	LUNCH – Hot Buffet Service & Exhibitor Showcase
1:15–2:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The Honourable Michael H. Tulloch, Chief Justice of Ontario. Introduction by Justice Lynne C. Leitch
2:00–2:30	Fireside Chat: Chief Justice Tulloch in conversation with Justice Lynne C. Leitch
2:30–2:45	BREAK & Exhibitor Showcase
2:45–2:50	Bronze Sponsor Introductions
2:50–3:05	A Criminal Law Update with Sam Puchala, Velox Law
3:05–3:50	Panel: “Evolution of Summary Judgment Motions since Hryniak” with Justice Martha A. Cook, David Williams, Harrison Pensa LLP, Brian Whitwham, Miller Thomson LLP. Moderated by: John Nicholson, Cohen Highley LLP
3:50–4:05	Anti-SLAPP Proceedings with Sean Miller, Wallace Smith LLP
4:05–4:20	Partial Settlement Agreements with Samantha Gordon, Lawyer
4:20–4:30	Closing Remarks