

2024 PERSONAL INJURY CONFERENCE

Committee Chair: Anna Szczurko



Anna Szczurko (pronounced 'Stir-Co') is a civil litigator who focuses on insurance litigation and personal injury law. I help individuals made vulnerable through accidents and other acts of negligence. My law practice has included motor vehicle collisions, slip and falls, boating collisions, homemade cannons and people getting hurt in ways sometimes hard to fathom.

I also handle long term disability claims, including the integration of work benefits, CPP disability and tort claims. I understand the integration between statutory accident benefits and tort, ensuring that my clients maximize their recovery, leverage their results, and are made as whole as our legal system permits. This

includes putting in place the best treatment team available to maximize results.

Anna studied law at Western University and was Called to the Bar in 2009.

Committee Chair: Nicole Rogers



Nicole is pleased to be returning to the Middlesex Law Association Board as a Trustee for the 2024 -2025 term after what can only be described as a *very long* hiatus (She was last a Trustee sometime around 2008). In that time, she's raised children, moved firms, moved homes, and generally been dedicated to surviving the practice of law through life's changes.

She is currently Associate Practice Counsel leading a group of young insurance defence litigators at Aviva Trial Lawyers, based in the London office. With older children now into adulthood and taking up far less of her time, she thought the moment was right to return to giving back to our profession.

What struck Nicole the most on returning to the Board was the level of enthusiasm and dedication with which the current trustees approach their roles. It is with good reason that the Middlesex Law Association is one of the strongest associations in the province.

Morning Presenters



Vicki Edgar was called to the Bar in 1990 and has been a Partner of Cohen Highley LLP since 1998. Vicki's area of Practice include Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice.

Vicki practises civil litigation with an emphasis on personal injury law. Vicki has courtroom experience at all levels including the Ontario Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada. She has also been involved extensively with the Licence Appeal Tribunal in Ontario. Vicki has participated in the Moot Court Program at Western University Law School, and she has given in-house seminars to clients on a variety of issues such as the arbitration process and insurance legislation. In

addition, Vicki is involved in the horse industry as a breeder and has written several articles in horse publications on sport and liability issues.

Vicki is a member of the Middlesex Law Association, the Ontario Bar Association, the Canadian Bar Association, and SARI Therapeutic Riding Facility (Former President of the Board of Directors and active fundraiser).





Alexa Duggan practices personal injury litigation with an emphasis on disability law and human rights. She is passionate about helping others, and personal injury and disability law allows her to advocate for people in what can be their most challenging times. Alexa completed her undergraduate degree at Western University and attended Osgoode Hall Law School where she obtained her Juris Doctor degree in 2018. Alexa is active in the local community and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection, and volunteers as a committee member for the Brain Injury Association of London and Region.

Through Alexa's work and life experiences, she has learned that kindness, compassion, and fairness are the foundation of a strong community, and she strives to instill those values in her practice. Alexa's practice areas include historic sexual abuse, motor vehicle collision litigation, and disability claims. She is a passionate animal advocate and vegan, and enjoys hiking, bird watching, kayaking, golfing, and softball.



Craig Wilkinson is a Director and Senior Engineer with MEA Forensic Engineers & Scientists and has 25 years of forensic engineering experience. Craig has performed more than 2500 investigations and over 1500 crash and vehicle dynamics tests. He has published 11 research papers on the accuracy of data from airbag control modules and frequently lectures on this and other collision reconstruction topics at conferences in Canada and the United States. Craig has been qualified to give expert evidence in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Supreme Court of British Columbia.



Mary-Anne Strong has been passionately advocating for those injured in motor vehicle collisions and slip and fall accidents, since she was called to the Ontario Bar in 2002. She also represents individuals in disputes with their own insurance companies, particularly for long-term disability benefits and Statutory Accident Benefits, through the motor vehicle insurance system. Mary-Anne has handled many fatality cases representing parents and siblings who have lost loved ones in motor vehicle collisions. While fearlessly advocating for compensation for wrongful deaths, she seeks to provide her clients with compassionate guidance through the litigation process.

Mary-Anne's experience and training extends beyond her degree in law — she also completed two executive training programs on negotiations and a mediator's training program, through Harvard Law School. She has been a guest lecturer at the University of Windsor Law School on insurance topics. She has provided several presentations for the Law Society of Ontario, Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, and the Middlesex Law Association on various insurance and litigation topics. Her cases have been reported in the Ontario Reports, Lawyers Weekly, and the Law Times.

In 2023, Mary-Anne was appointed to the Ontario Civil Rules Committee by the Honourable Chief Justice Morawetz. She is also a member of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association and has served on its Board of Directors since 2019. Most recently she serves on the Executive Committee of the Board and chairs the Practice Direction

Committee which regularly drafts submissions to the government to address concerns for victims of car collisions and civil litigants in Ontario. Mary-Anne is very honoured to have been recently named Vice- President Elect and to be able to serve as Vice – President of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association for 2024/ 2025, President – Elect for 2025/2026 and as President of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association in 2026/2027.

Mary-Anne was born and raised in Windsor, Ontario and attended the University of Windsor for her undergraduate degree. She obtained her Bachelor of Laws at the University of Western Ontario in London. Mary-Anne practices exclusively in personal injury civil matters on behalf of injured people throughout Ontario, with her main practice in London, Ontario.

Outside of the practice of law, Mary-Anne has been a strong supporter and fundraiser for the Terry Fox Foundation, which is a charity of particular importance to her and her family.



Eden Dales is a registered social worker, and the owner and director of Eden Dales Social Work(EDSW), a community- based, trauma-focused social work practice. EDSW is comprised of a dozen registered social workers who have expertise in trauma recovery, conduct assessments, prepare reports, and provide advocacy, brokerage, and counselling services to clients in various languages and regions across Ontario. Eden also maintains a private counselling practice in North York, where she lives, for individuals, couples, and families. Eden specializes in trauma, stress management, mood management, executive function challenges, concussions, and brain injuries.

Eden obtained her master’s degree in social work in 2001 from Yeshiva University and worked at Beth Israel Medical Center in NYC during 9/11. Prior to starting her private practice, Eden worked at Sick Kids in the NICU, where she supported families with complex trauma recovery.

Eden is trained in trauma-informed counselling modalities including cognitive behavioural therapy, dialectical behavioural therapy, mindfulness-based stress reduction and brief and narrative therapy. She is certified in couples therapy.

Eden has presented at national and international conferences, including the 2019 World Congress on Brain Injury, on topics including: Female Concussions, Healthy Boundaries and Self-Compassion for Professionals, Working with Challenging Clients, and Trauma Informed Care for Lawyers and Professionals. Eden developed a program on trauma informed care for the legal profession, accredited for professionalism and EDI credits by The Law Society of Ontario.

Eden won the Volunteer of the Year award in 2021 through The Brain Injury Society of Toronto, and was nominated for the Health Care Provider of the Year award through the Ontario Brain Injury Association in 2022.

Afternoon Presenters



Stephanie Greenwald is a partner in the Financial Investigations and Dispute Advisory Services group in the Toronto office, providing forensic accounting, investigation, and loss quantification services. She has over twenty years of experience in economic loss and damages quantification for personal injury matters, class actions, and forensic accounting matters. She worked initially at an international accounting firm before devoting her time to building up a boutique firm, specializing in litigation support. She has authored over 2,000 reports on economic losses and has been qualified to testify in courts in Ontario.

Stephanie has developed and presented lectures on developing the economic loss claim, loss of dependency income and housework, the impact of participation considerations on income losses, loss of pension income, and the discount of future income streams.

Stephanie's economic loss quantification and forensic accounting experiences have encompassed a diverse range of industries including manufacturing, energy, gaming, government, retail, professional practices, and service firms.

Stephanie holds a master's in forensic accounting from the University of Toronto and is a Certified Fraud Examiner.



Cala Mitra is a Director in the Litigation and Valuation Services group with a specialization in personal injury economic loss reports, and investigative and forensic accounting at RSM. Prior to joining the firm, she specialized in litigation and economic loss accounting for 14 years as a Senior Manager/Vice President of a boutique international forensic accounting firm. Cala has worked on numerous litigation support assignments for both plaintiff and defense counsel involving economic losses relating to personal injury, medical malpractice, and fatalities as well as business interruption, specializing in agriculture losses. She has authored over 1,000 reports on economic losses, costs of care, and dependency losses.

Cala has prepared and presented lectures on developing the economic loss claim, loss of dependency income, the impact of participation considerations on income losses, loss of pension income, the impact of collateral benefits, and the discount of future income streams. In addition, she has presented on and been published with regards to agricultural economic damage quantification.

Cala is a Chartered Professional Accountant in Ontario and holds her Certified in Financial Forensics designation through the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She holds a master's degree in forensic accounting from the University of Toronto.

Cala has been qualified as an expert witness in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.



Victoria Edwards is an associate in Siskinds' Personal Injury Group. She provides top-quality legal services to her clients in the Sarnia-London areas by prioritizing clarity and accessibility when explaining legal options to her clients. Victoria specializes in motor vehicle accidents, slip and falls, and disability claims.

Victoria attended Western Law, where she worked and volunteered in the legal clinic. In addition to her academics and advocacy, Victoria competed as a varsity fencer for the Western Fencing Team.

Outside of work, Victoria volunteers as the Co-President of the Brain Injury Association Sarnia Lambton and as a board member at Rebound Sarnia Lambton. She continues to enjoy athletics and plays volleyball and ultimate frisbee in the evenings.



Greg Willson is a plaintiff personal injury lawyer at Lerner's. His training in education helps him to communicate effectively with his clients. Greg is down-to-earth, yet up-front and straightforward. He takes pride in speaking with plain language so his clients are left without any questions. Greg's goal is to make his clients feel comfortable and confident in their road to recovery.

Outside of his work, Greg is active in the community. He enjoys coaching football and he is the chair of the London Helmets on Kids Committee.
