

Straight From the Bench Conference 2025

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

PROGRAM AGENDA

7:45-8:45	Continental Breakfast
8:45-9:00	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Sponsor Introductions
9:00-10:00	EDI Panel: Trauma Informed Lawyering - The Honourable Justice Barbara MacFarlane, Teresa Donnelly, Anna Matas, Moderator: Rasha El-Tawil
10:00-10:30	Update: Canadian Tobacco Litigation – André Michael, Mike Peerless, Jim Virtue
10:30-10:45	BREAK
10:45-11:45	Panel: Considerations for Guardianships and Infant Settlements – The Honourable Justice Martha Cook, Adrien Cameron, Kaylie Handler, Barb Legate, John Morrissey, Moderator: Rasha El-Tawil
11:45-12:00	Case Comment (Anti-SLAPP Proceeding): Burjoski v. WRDSB – Katie Warwick
12:00-12:15	Case Comment: Jackson vs. Rosenberg – Josh Laplante
12:15-1:15	LUNCH
1:15-1:25	LEAP Presentation
1:25-1:30	Sponsor Introductions
1:30-2:00	Update: Appeal Proofing Your Trial – Debbie Boswell
2:00-2:45	Fireside Chat: Courtroom Advocacy Best Practices – The Honorable Justice M. Carnegie, The Honourable Justice E. ten Cate, Moderator: Johnathan Nicholson
2:45-3:00	BREAK
3:00-3:15	Update: Criminal Evidence Primer - Lower Your Expectations: Reasonable Expectation of Privacy in the Age of Attard – Carolynn Conron
3:15-3:30	Update: AI for Lawyers: It is All About the Prompts – Andrew Murray
3:30-3:45	Update: Employment Law – Jaime Rivera-Campos
3:45-4:00	BREAK/Sponsorship Draws
4:00-5:00	HOT TOPIC: Civil Rules Review – Phase 2 Proposals and Process. Q&A with the Civil Rules Review Committee Member Jacob Damstra
5:00	Acknowledgements & Closing Remarks