



CIVIL LITIGATION UPDATED 2026

“MONTREMBELMARIE”*

(*MONT STE. MARIE @ MONTEBELLO @ MONT-TREMBLANT @ MONTRÉAL)

Friday, November 13 – Saturday, November 14, 2026

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

MODERATOR: Jeff Saikaley, *Caza Saikaley LLP*

9:00 – 9:10 **BIENVENUE! / WELCOME!**
Robin Brown, *President, County of Carleton Law Association*

9:10 – 9:40 **You Gotta Have (Good) Faith**
Justice Sally Gomery, *Court of Appeal for Ontario*

9:40 – 9:55 **A New Tort: [Ahluwalia v. Ahluwalia](#)**
Jennifer Jolly, *Law Office of Jennifer E Jolly*

9:55 – 10:10 **Pierringer Peril**
Laurie Tucker, *Burn Tucker Lachaine P.C.*

10:10 – 10:50 **SIX UNDER SIX**

1. **[Lower William Properties Ltd. v. Santaquida, 2026 ONCA 581 \(CanLII\)](#)**
Alexandre Faubert-Charlebois, *MBC Law*
2. **[Di Iorio v. MacNamara et al., 2026 ONSC 560](#)**
Logan Stack, *Conway Litigation*
3. **Settlement Privilege, A Primer**
Sara Arias Garcia, *Borden Ladner Gervais LLP*

4. [**Nigro v. Luciano 2026 ONCA 283**](#)
Babacar Faye, *Black & Associates*
5. [**Block Developments Inc. v. Brewers Retail Inc. 2026 ONCA 431**](#)
Briana Donnelly, *Gowling WLG*
6. [**Smith v. Nagy, 2026 ONCA 545 \(CanLII\)**](#)
Maggie MacDonald, *Cavanagh LLP*

10:50 - 11:05 BREAK

MODERATOR: Tina Hill, *Greenspon Granger Hill*

11:05 – 11:25 Service Validated Here!
Associate Justice André Ducas, *Superior Court of Justice*

11:25 – 11:40 Electric Avenue (Electronic Wills)
Magdalena Casey, *Mann Lawyers*

11:40 – 12:10 Incorporating Reconciliation In Everyday Practice

MODERATOR: David Taylor, *Conway Litigation*

Alyssa Flaherty-Spence, *Gowling WLG*
Rose Victoria Adams, *Dionne Schulze*

12:10 – 12:25 Don't Spoil It: [SS&C Technologies Canada Corp. v. The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation**](#)**
Jonathan Constable, *Nelligan Law*

12:25 – 1:40 LUNCH

1:40 – 3:25 BREAKOUT SESSION- OPTION 1- PERSONAL INJURY

MODERATOR: Éliane Lachaine, *Burn Tucker Lachaine P.C.*

1:40 – 1:55 This Isn't Fair! A Contingency Fee Update
Mary Simms, *Badre Law*

1:55 – 2:05 Unmasking The Assessor: [Plante v. Dynamic Functional Solutions**](#)**
Brenda Hollingsworth, *Auger Hollingsworth*

2:05 – 2:20 Legal Causation: [Hemmings v. Peng, Ibrahimova v. Cavanagh**](#)**
Tara Sweeney, *Soloway, Wright LLP*

- 2:20 – 2:30** **Drafts, Disputes and Deadlines:** [Zhou v. TD General](#)
Oliva Hajdas, *Intact Insurance*
- 2:30 – 2:40** **Cover Me! Or Not...** [Emond v. Trillium Mutual \(SCC version\)](#)
and [Carr Law v. Certas Home & Auto](#)
Sam Campbell, *Borden Ladner Gervais LLP*
- 2:40 – 3:25** **The Damages Panel**

MODERATORS: Stanford Cummings and Hamish Mills McEwan, *Nelligan Law*

Justice Marc Labrosse, *Superior Court of Justice*
Justice Jaye Hooper, *Superior Court of Justice*
Justice Kristin Muszynski, *Superior Court of Justice*

1:40 – 3:25 **BREAKOUT SESSION- OPTION 2- COMMERCIAL LITIGATION**

MODERATOR: David Elliott, *Dentons Canada LLP*

- 1:40 - 1:55** **Access Denied:** [Convocation Flowers Inc. v. Anisa Holdings Inc.](#)
Geoffrey Cullwick, *Brazeau Seller LLP*
- 1:55 – 2:10** **You Can't Do That Here:** [Hilmer Motorsport GmbH v. Mason](#)
Aaron King, *Dentons Canada LLP*
- 2:10 – 2:25** **Veil Piercing and Corporate Misconduct:** [Chanderpaul v. Caesars Convention Center](#)
Daniel Chomski, *Gowling WLG*
- 2:25 – 2:40** **Mareva Injunctions – The Aftermath – Now What? Careful What You Wish For!**
Albert Brunet, *Caza Saikaley LLP*
- 2:40 – 2:55** **It's A Matter of Trust... Or Is It?**
[Re Earth Boring Co. Limited et al.](#)
Justice Karen Perron, *Superior Court of Justice*
- 2:55 – 3:25** **Condo Conflicts: An Update**
Christy Allen, *Davidson Houle Allen LLP*
Rodrigue Escayola, *STACK Condo Law*
- 3:25 – 3:40** **BREAK**

MODERATOR: **Jennifer Arrigo, *Arrigo Legal Services***

3:40 – 3:50 **Wassup? The RSJ Update**
RSJ Julie Audet, *Superior Court of Justice*

3:50 – 4:05 **Stops and Starts: Stays of Proceedings**
Charles Daoust, *Daoust Avocats / Lawyers*

4:05 – 4:35 **Mentally Speaking**
Jason Ward, *Mentally Speaking*

4:35 – 4:45 **AJ (Super) Powers [Grovum v. Kouznetsov](#)**
Justice Karen Perron, *Superior Court of Justice*

4:45 – 5:30 **The Professionalism Panel**

MODERATOR: **Tina Hill, *Greenspon Hill Granger***

Sonia Ouellet, *Bencher, Law Society of Ontario*
Robin Brown, *President, County of Carleton Law Association*
Jennifer Rooke, *President, Federation of Ontario Law Associations*
Mariam Moktar, *President, Ontario Bar Association*
Anne McConville, *Director, The Advocates' Society*

5:30 – 7:30 **RECEPTION (Exhibit Hall & Square Victoria – 2nd floor)**

7:30 – 9:30 **DINNER (Agora + Centre-Ville – 1st floor)**

9:30 – 1:00 **HOSPITALITY SUITE (Square Victoria – 2nd floor)**



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9:00 – 9:15 **Can I Add My Two Cents: Intervenors**
Claire Boychuk, *Raven Law*

9:15 – 9:30 **That Ship Has Sailed: [Patrick Street Holdings Ltd. v. 11368 NL Inc.](#)**
Jamie MacDonald, *Norton Rose Fulbright*

9:30 – 9:55 **Civility Amongst Counsel**
Justice Mary Moreau, *Supreme Court of Canada*

Pose your questions to Her Honour via the conference app!

9:55 – 10:55 **Employment Law Panel**

MODERATOR: Sean Bawden, *Kelly Santini LLP*

PANEL: Mario Torres, *Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation*
Courtney March, *Hicks Morley*
Jim Anstey, *Anchored Law*

[Pringle v. Zenova Group PLC, 2026 ONCA 549 \(CanLII\)](#)
[Baker v. Van Dolder's Home Team Inc., 2026 ONCA 568 \(CanLII\)](#)
[Wigdor v. Facebook Canada Ltd., 2026 ONCA 572 \(CanLII\)](#)

10:55 – 11:15 **BREAK (20 Min)**

MODERATOR: **Margot Pomerleau, *MBC Law***

11:15 – 11:45 **Speak To The Room: Diversity, Inclusion And The Courtroom Strategy**

Justice Karen Jensen, *Superior Court of Justice*
Justice Michelle Flaherty, *Superior Court of Justice*

11:45 – 12:00 **Lessons Learned – The Perils Of Litigation Strategies**
Natalia Rodriguez, *Conway Litigation*

12:00 – 12:50 **Curious Minds Want to Know: Q&A With the Judges**

Pose your questions to the judges ANONYMOUSLY via the conference app!

MODERATOR: **Justice Marc Labrosse, *Superior Court of Justice***

PANEL: Justice Alexandre Kaufman, *Superior Court of Justice*
Justice Pierre Roger, *Superior Court of Justice*
Justice Marc Smith, *Superior Court of Justice*
Justice Narissa Somji, *Superior Court of Justice*
Justice Maria Sirivar, *Superior Court of Justice*

12:50 – 2:00 **LUNCH (70 minutes)**

2:00 – 4:00 **May It Please The Algorithm: AI In Legal Practice**

MODERATORS: **Jennifer Arrigo, *Arrigo Legal Services***
Andrew McKenna, *Gowling WLG*

2:00 – 2:30 **Big Law, Small Law, Smart Tools: A Legal AI Primer**
“What is out there and how is it being used?”

AI Hounsell, *Gowling WLG*
Kanon Clifford, *Bergeron Clifford LLP*

2:30 – 2:45 **Say What You Mean: Prompting AI Effectively**
“How do I get useful work out of it?”

Brenda Lauritzen, *County of Carleton Law Association*

2:45 – 3:00

Trust, But Verify: AI and Practice Risk

“What professional risks do I assume when I use it?”

Ray Leclair, *LAWPRO*

3:00 – 3:30

Seeing Shouldn’t Be Believing: AI-Generated Evidence

“What happens when AI becomes part of the evidence?”

Justice Peter Lauwers, *Court of Appeal for Ontario*

3:30 – 4:00

With Great (Computing) Power Comes Great (Professional) Responsibility

“What does good AI-enabled lawyering and judging actually look like?”

Justice Alexandre Kaufman, *Superior Court of Justice of Ontario*
George Wray, *Border Ladner Gervais LLP / Queen’s University*
Hamish Mills-McEwan, *Nelligan Law*