



30th EAST REGION SOLICITORS CONFERENCE 2024
FAIRMONT LE CHATEAU MONTEBELLO
FRIDAY, MAY 3rd – SATURDAY, MAY 4th, 2024

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9:00 - 9:10

Opening Remarks

Julia Heintzman, Alaina Spec, Harland Tanner, *Conference Co-Chairs*

Sean Bawden, *President, CCLA*

9:10 – 10:20

QUICK TIPS & CASE COMMENTS

MODERATOR:

LAWRENCE SILBER

I read it on Reddit! *Thorman v McGraw* and the High Bar for Dismissing a SLAAP Suit Against an Online Review

Jeffrey Ren *uOttawa Best Factum Winners*

Elizabeth van Vliet., *uOttawa Best Factum Winners*

Real Estate Quick Tips

Lynn Le Mesurier, *Vice & Hunter LLP*

Corporate/Commercial Quick Tips

Angela McLaughlin, *Low Murchison Radnoff LLP*

Employment Quick Tips

Julia Dales, *Dentons Canada LLP*

Estates Quick Tips

Douglas Buchmayer, *Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP*

10:20 – 11:20

REAL ESTATE – PART 1

MODERATOR:

HARLAND TANNER

Planning Act Mistakes That People Make That Drive Me Crazy

Sid Troister, *Torkin Manes LLP*

Failed Real Estate Closings and Recent Market Volatility

David Contant, *Contant Law*

Adverse Possession

Andrew Lenz, *Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall LLP*

11:20 – 11:30 NUTRITION BREAK (10 mins)

11:30 – 12:30 EMPLOYMENT

MODERATOR: PAUL WILLETTS

AI in the Workplace

Russell MacCrimmon, *Bird Richard LLP*

Terminations for Cause

Jim Anstey, *Nelligan Law LLP*

Advising Clients in Terms of Protecting Bad Employee Behaviour

Alexandra Wright-Mascotto, *Norton Rose Fulbright*

Advising Clients on Proactive Avoidance of Human Rights Claims – How to Stop it from Happening in your Workplace

Samara Belitzky, *Emond Harnden LLP*

12:30 - 1:40 LUNCH (70 mins)

1:40 – 2:45 ESTATES – PART 1

MODERATOR: KATRINA ANDERS

Pulling Back the Curtains: How Solicitors and Litigator Can Keep Clients (and themselves) Out of Trouble

Warren WhiteKnight, *Bergeron Clifford LLP*

Lawyers Acting as Attorneys for Property and Estate Trustees

Dylan McGuinty Jr., *McGuinty Law Offices*

MAID Legislation

Lia Milousis, *The Acacia Group*

2:45 – 3:55 PRACTICE PART 1 (Professionalism & EDI)

MODERATOR: JULIA HEINTZMAN

Navigating Addiction Issues in the Law Firm Setting

Kyle Van Schie, *Soloway Wright LLP*

Dr. Raj Bhatla, *The Royal*

Everyday Cultural Competency for Solicitors

Juliet Chang Knapton, *University of Ottawa*

Client Assessments of Accounts

Taisha Lewis, *Faskens*

Harnessing the Benefits and Managing the Risks of Artificial Intelligence in the Law Firm

Mark Fortier-Brynaert, *Canarie Inc.*

3:55 - 4:05 NUTRITION BREAK (10 mins)

4:05 – 5:05 CORPORATE/COMMERCIAL - PART 1

MODERATOR: BRIAN KELLS

" Why can't we all just get along? GST/HST & LTT Issues with Collaborating Tips and Tricks for Corporate & Real Estate Lawyers."
Braek Urquhart, *Deloitte LLP*

Once a "Fraud", Always a "Fraud"
Felix Poliquin-Boutin, *MBC Law Professional Corp*

Controversial Amendments to Signage and Packaging Laws re English Trademarks
Jonathan Roch, *MBM Law*

5:30 – 7:00 EXHIBITOR TRADE SHOW & HOSPITALITY SUITE -Province Room Mezzanine (Just off the main lobby)

**7:00 – 10:00 Dinner in Outaouais Room
Presentation of the 2024 Abe Feinstein Solicitor's Award to Lynn Le Mesurier**

**10:00 – 1:00 Hospitality Suite (Heritage Room)
Music with The Rellicks**

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

9:00 – 10:20

ESTATES – PART 2

MODERATOR: KATHLEEN ROBICHUAD

Estates and Family Law Considerations in Relation to Real Estate Transactions

Amanda Underhill, *Tierney Stauffer LLP*

Access to Digital Assets After Death – What A Solicitor Needs To Do

Leanne Storms, *Merovitz Potechin LLP*

Tips on How to Avoid Court

Justice Mary Fraser, *Superior Court of Justice*

Is this A Will ? - s 21.1 of the SLRA and Recent Case Law Concerning the Validation of Wills

Kristen Godwin-Stewart, *Horner & Pietersma*

Obligations to Disclose: Dealing with Non-client Requests for Wills and Estates Related Information

Kelsey Buchmayer, *Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP*

10:20 – 11:25

PRACTICE PART 2 (Professionalism & EDI)

MODERATOR: ALAINA SPEC

How to integrate a 4-day work week into your practice

Quinn Ross, *The Ross Firm Professional Corporation*

Identification Verification Best Practices

Ray Leclair, *LAWPRO*

Call to Reflection: What You Can do About The Reconciliation Gap

Gilbert Whiteduck, *Carleton University*

11:25 – 11:35

NUTRITION BREAK (10 minutes)

11:35 – 12:35

CORPORATE/COMMERCIAL - PART 2

MODERATOR: RUSSELL GIBSON

Mandatory Disclosure Rules

Adam Friedlan, *Friedlan Law*

Dispute Resolution Clauses – include Arbitration Act

Noémie Ducret, *Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall LLP*

Closing Financial Statements

Jeffrey Johnson, *BDO*

Controlling Shareholder Party and Piercing the Corporate Veil Revisited

Maggie Casey, *Mann Lawyers LLP*

Zach Murray, *Mann Lawyers LLP*

12:35 – 1:35

REAL ESTATE – PART 2

MODERATOR:

MERREDITH MACLENNAN

Fun Fraud Flags

Ray Leclair, *LawPro*

AML (Anti Money Laundering) Legislation

Matthew Wilson, *Siskinds Law Firm*

Clearing up Registrations on Title

Merredith MacLennan, *Merovitz Potechin LLP*

1:35 – 1:40

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Julia Heintzman, Alaina Spec, Harland Tanner, *Conference Co-Chairs*

Your 2024 Conference Planning Committee

Julia Heintzman, *Co-Chair*

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Katrina Anders

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Paul Willetts